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Kappa Delta Pi Convocation Reflection

Attending the 2007 Kappa Delta Pi Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky was a great experience that I can take with me into my teacher career. As a preservice teacher the Kappa Delta Pi conference was the first conference that I have got to go to and learned so much from it. The set-up of the convocation was way different than I had ever expected it to be. There were so many different workshops to go to and great guest speakers that had great information to talk about. I got to attend sessions on getting a job, second language learners, differentiation, and bring technology into your classroom. From going to Louisville I got to meet new people from all over the United States and a couple from Canada, and some other places. I think that one of the most important things that I learned through this experience would be building relationships with the children in your classrooms.

Going to Louisville was one of the greatest experiences I have had at Southeast Missouri State so far. Meeting different people from different places that want to do the same thing I want to do. I got to sit and talk to other people from other school and see how their teaching program is different than the one we have here at Southeast. Then I also got to meet some people from Murray that have just started their Kappa Delta Pi chapter, they only have seven members, and they were wanting our help to get them up and on their feet. So now we exchanged e-mail addresses and phone numbers and we are going to try and help them out a little bit.

I got to go to a lot of workshops talking about many different things. With the entire workshop that I went to I noticed that here at Southeast the professors' are teaching us the same terms as everywhere else. All of the workshops that I attended all of the

terms were the same as the terms that we use here. This was very helpful because I already had a little background knowledge about what they were going to be talking about.

In almost all of the sessions and the guest speakers they all talked about how important it is to build relationships with the children in your classroom and finding out what makes them unique and what their interests are. By finding out this information the students will know that you care about them and really want them to make something out of themselves. When the students think that you care they will do anything for you. Then one of the guest speakers that we heard from was very motivational and I think that he could motivate a lot of other students. I am now trying to get him to come and talk here at Southeast.

Through this experience I have learned so much that I could not even begin to measure in anyway. I learned so much from the presenters, the guest speakers, and even the other preservice teachers. I think that the education that I am receiving here at Southeast is great because we are learning not only things that will help me in my teaching career that is prone to Cape Girardeau but also if I go to California, New York, Georgia, and even Missouri.