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**Triton College Education Department Hosted Education Symposium**  
*Students Interested in Education Were in Attendance*

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College’s Education Department hosted an Education Symposium on Friday, April 14, in the Auditorium (R Building). “The symposium was geared towards current and prospective students who are interested in the education field,” said Angela Staunton, the Education Department chairperson.

The symposium began with keynote speaker Dr. Rebecca Pruitt of Lewis University, who debunked many current myths plaguing the education field. She discussed teacher burnout and statistics regarding teaching positions in Illinois.

“There are a booming number of teachers that are not leaving the teaching field,” Dr. Pruitt explained.

After remarks from Dr. Pruitt, there were breakout sessions from Dr. JoLynn McCray, a Triton Early Childhood Education faculty member, and Dr. Melissa Smith, an assistant professor coordinator of Early Childhood Education from Concordia University, among others.

The breakout sessions taught students how to incorporate “self-care” into their lives along with incorporating reading and social emotional learning techniques.

“Approximately 40 high schoolers from East and West Leyden, and Proviso West were in attendance, as well as many current Triton students,” said Staunton.

“Triton has a variety of programs within the Education Department that prepare students to be teachers in the education field,” she said. “Triton education students are better prepared because we offer smaller class sizes, hands-on approaches and we have built-in experiences in our very own Child Care Center.”

To learn more about Triton’s Early Childhood Education (birth through second grade) or education programming (first through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) please visit

<https://www.triton.edu/about/dept/academic/arts-and-sciences/education/> or  
<https://www.triton.edu/about/dept/academic/arts-and-sciences/education/early-childhood-education/>

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://www.triton.edu/>.