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**Department of Education at Davis & Elkins College Hosts Visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation**

**Elkins –** Davis & Elkins College’s Department of Education is set to host an accreditation visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) from April 28 – 30. The Department of Teacher Education is soliciting third party comments.

The Davis & Elkins Teacher Education Department is hosting an accreditation visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) on April 28-30. Interested parties are invited to submit third-party comments to the evaluation team. Please note that comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered and should specify the party's relationship to the provider (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates).

We invite you to submit written testimony to:

CAEP  
1140 19th Street NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20036  
Or by email to: [callforcomments@caepnet.org](mailto:callforcomments@caepnet.org)

Such comments must be within the specified period and based on the core tenets of CAEP accreditation standards of excellence, which recognize that:

In CAEP's performance-based system, accreditation is based on evidence that demonstrates that teacher candidates know the subject matter and can teach it effectively so that students learn. In the CAEP system, EPPs must prove that candidates can connect theory to practice and be effective in an actual P-12 classroom.

A professional education provider that is accredited by CAEP is expected to be involved in ongoing planning and evaluation; engaged in continuous assessment and development; ensure that faculty and programs reflect new knowledge, practice, and technologies; and be involved in continuous development in response to the evolving world of education and educational reform.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to the university for comment prior to the review.

**Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Davis & Elkins College is located in Elkins, 2 hours east of**

**Charleston, 3 hours south of Pittsburgh and 4 hours west of Washington, D.C. For more information,**

please visit the College website at www.dewv.edu or call 304-637-1243.

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