

SCHOOL CALENDAR

For athletic events, visit www.amandaclearcreekathletics.com/teams/events to confirm location and potential schedule changes.

APR 15	Boys & Girls Middle School Track @ Hamilton Township • 4:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Baseball & Girls Varsity Softball @ Teays Valley • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball & Girls JV Softball vs. Teays Valley • 5:15 p.m. FFA Meeting in the 3-12 Cafetorium • 7 p.m.	APR 30	Boys & Girls Varsity Track @ Fairfield Union • 4:30 p.m. Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball vs. Liberty Union • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball vs. Liberty Union • 5:15 p.m.
APR 16	Boys & Girls Varsity Track vs. Alexander • 4:30 p.m. Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball vs. Circleville • 5:15 p.m. Boys 7th Baseball @ Circleville • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 1	Boys Varsity Baseball & Girls Varsity Softball vs. Circleville • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball & Girls JV Softball @ Circleville • 5:15 p.m.
APR 17	Boys & Girls Middle School Track vs. Fairfield Christian • 4:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Baseball & Girls Varsity Softball vs. Bloom Carroll • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball @ Bloom Carroll • 5:15 p.m. Athletic Booster Club Meeting • 7 p.m.	MAY 2	Boys & Girls Middle School Track vs. Circleville • 4:30 p.m. Girls Varsity Softball @ Johnstown-Monroe • 5 p.m. Girls JV Softball vs. Johnstown-Monroe • 5 p.m. Spring Band Concert • 7 p.m.
APR 18	NO SCHOOL for students Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball vs. Teays Valley • 5:15 p.m. Boys 7th Baseball @ Teays Valley • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 3	Girls Varsity Track @ Circleville • 4:30 p.m. Girls Varsity Softball @ Chillicothe • 5 p.m. Girls JV Softball vs. Chillicothe • 5 p.m. Ag Breakfast • 6:15 a.m. Boys JV Baseball @ Berne Union • 5:15 p.m. Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball @ Circleville • 5:15 p.m. Boys 7th Baseball vs. Circleville • 5:15 p.m.
APR 19	NO SCHOOL: Spring Break	MAY 4	Boys Varsity Baseball @ North Union High • 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Boys JV Baseball vs. North Union High • 11 a.m., 1 p.m.
APR 20	Boys & Girls Varsity Track @ Bloom Carroll • 10 a.m. Boys Varsity Baseball @ Pleasant High School • 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball @ Bloom Carroll • 11 a.m. Boys 7th Baseball vs. Bloom Carroll • 11 a.m.	MAY 6	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development Day for Staff
APR 22	NO SCHOOL: Spring Break Boys & Girls Middle School Track @ Fairfield Union • 4:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Baseball & Girls Varsity Softball @ Logan Elm • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball & Girls JV Softball vs. Logan Elm • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 7	NO SCHOOL Boys & Girls Varsity Track @ Hamilton Township • 4:30 p.m.
APR 23	Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball vs. G.D. McDowell Exchange • 5:15 p.m. Boys 7th Baseball @ G.D. McDowell Exchange • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 8	Choir Spring Concert • 7 p.m. Boys Varsity Baseball @ Piketon High School • 5:15 p.m.
APR 24	Boys Varsity Baseball & Girls Varsity Softball vs. Hamilton Township • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball & Girls JV Softball @ Hamilton Township • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 9	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Johnstown-Monroe • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball vs. Johnstown-Monroe • 5:15 p.m.
APR 25	Boys & Girls Middle School Track @ G.D. McDowell Exchange • 4:30 p.m. Girls Varsity Softball vs. Berne Union • 5:15 p.m. Girls JV Softball @ Berne Union • 5:15 p.m. Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball @ Hamilton Township • 5:15 p.m. Boys 7th Baseball vs. Hamilton Township • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 10	Boys & Girls Varsity Track @ Hamilton Township • 6 p.m.
APR 26	Boys & Girls Varsity Track @ Logan Elm • 4:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Baseball & Girls Varsity Softball @ Fairfield Union • 5:15 p.m. Boys JV Baseball & Girls JV Softball vs. Fairfield Union • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 11	A-C FFA Awards Banquet • 4 p.m.
APR 27	Boys 8th Baseball & Girls 8th Softball vs. Fairfield Union • 11 a.m. PTO Mother's Day Vendor/Craft Show • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. PROM • 8 – 11 p.m.	MAY 13	Band Booster Meeting/Banquet • 6 p.m.
APR 29	Boys & Girls Middle School Track @ Circleville • 4:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Baseball & Girls Varsity Softball @ Liberty Union • 5:15 p.m. Girls JV Softball vs. Liberty Union • 5:15 p.m.	MAY 19	High School Graduation • 3 p.m.
		MAY 20	FFA Meeting in the Ag Center • 7 p.m.
		MAY 21	Ag Day
		MAY 23	Last Day for Students
		MAY 24	Teacher Work Day

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NEEDED DOCUMENTS

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Social Security Card
- Child's Record of Immunizations
- Parent Proof of District Residency
- Custody Papers or Legal Guardianship
- Child Physical – Please contact the school for a form

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Children who will be five years old by July 31, 2019, are eligible for the 2019-2020 school year. To register, contact the A-C Primary Office at 740-969-7354.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



A-C FFA MEMBERS EXCEL AT STATE COMPETITIONS

TWO A-C FFA SPEAKERS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

The A-C FFA chapter is proud to announce members for all five Career Development Event speaking categories placed in the state competition, and two individuals – Aaron and Sara Sharp – won their respective state public speaking contests. The brother and sister will advance to represent Ohio at the national CDE contest this fall.

Aaron Sharp placed first in the state in the Extemporaneous category, Sara Sharp placed first in the Creed-Speaking category, Kiley Holbrook placed second in the Advanced Creed category, Allie Poston finished in the top six in the Senior Prepared Speaking category and Morgan Anderson finished in the top 10 in the Beginning Prepared Speaking category.

TEAM SETS A-C FFA RECORD FOR AG SALES CONTEST

Congratulations to our A-C FFA Ag Sales team for placing second in the state of Ohio! Our team consisted of Noah Smith, Jullian Scott, Paige Hinton and Ellie Sahr. Also, congratulations to Noah for placing fourth in the state and Jullian for placing sixth in the state individually.

Congratulations to all of these students on a great job representing A-C FFA, our district and our community!

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT



As we near the final months of the school year, we are proud of our students for working diligently to achieve their 2019 goals. Guiding our students as they strive for greatness both in and out of the classroom continues to bring pride to our entire staff.

I wanted to share a friendly reminder that, in addition to these quarterly newsletters, we publish electronic newsletters twice per month. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to visit the Resources section of the A-C website to sign up for the e-news.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find information about the traditional income tax, like what you'll see on the upcoming ballot. You will also read about a mentorship program launched this spring by two high school students, as well as other stories about the remarkable accomplishments of our students. We have also provided some helpful information about what can be done at home to calm and prepare students during state testing. These are just a few of the articles you'll find in this edition – please keep reading to see all of the wonderful news from our district.

I hope you will enjoy the information we have included, and please remember, I am always available if you have questions or thoughts regarding our district.

A few items of note:

TRADITIONAL INCOME TAX LEVY

At the school board meeting on Feb. 4, our Board of Education approved placing a five-year, 1-percent traditional income tax on the May 7 ballot. This is a different type of levy, so please don't hesitate to contact me or Jill Bradford, our district treasurer, with any questions.

SAFETY

In our last newsletter, you read about important safety updates that we have made to ensure our schools are well-protected. Safety of our students, staff and community has always been and will continue to be the number-one priority each and every day. To further enhance our preparedness of an adverse safety event, our staff will soon undergo an active shooter emergency drill with the Fairfield County Sheriff Department, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, local fire departments and other first responders.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Please share this information with anyone you know registering a kindergartener in our district.



**INSIDE!
SEE HOW WE'RE
PREPARING OUR
STUDENTS FOR
THE FUTURE**

WHAT'S NEW

STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM



Juniors Kiley Holbrook and Aaron Sharp have formed the A-C Student Mentor Program to facilitate opportunities for routine guidance and encouragement from a high school mentor to an elementary student partner. Kiley and Aaron were inspired to implement service learning after attending the Ohio Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar last summer.

They are hopeful that elementary students will not only benefit from quality time with a positive role model, but will also be inspired to give back to others throughout their lives. The program launched with 16 pairs of students that meet for 30-minute sessions twice per week during free periods. High school volunteers help their elementary student with an individualized folder of schoolwork or activities. Due to the overwhelming response from high school students willing to serve as mentors, the program's leaders hope to expand the effort in the future to impact as many children as possible.

Great work, Aces, for leading a life-changing effort within our community!

THE AMANDA-CLEARCREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT STRIVES TO ...

- Provide a world-class education in an intimate classroom setting that fosters strong relationships with teachers and passion for life-long learning.
- Provide an unprecedented learning environment in which students feel comfortable, safe, respected and valued.
- Foster a learning environment in which the student, staff, caretakers and community all play an active role in the success of the student.
- Instill a pride for our community in all students and staff members.
- Provide transparency in everything we do.
- Be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars to ensure financial stability for the district.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Our district has a rich history, dating back more than 120 years. This feature was developed to pay tribute to our history, and to remember some of the unique stories of our district's past.

This edition will focus on Clearcreek Township, but stay tuned for Amanda, Madison and Hocking Township information in upcoming editions.



THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP

By Carolyn Tilley

Through the great Ordinance of 1787, land was set aside in each township for educational purposes. Although an early township, Clearcreek's boundaries were not established until 1854 following the settlement of the Pickaway-Fairfield County border dispute.

The county record of land transfer shows 11 schools in Clearcreek Township. Since Zane's Trace passed through the township, there may have been schools as early as the first settlers – with sources dating back to 1810.

At the turn of the century (1900) no school child was more than 1.5 miles in direct line from a school. This may account for the location of several of these early schools some distance from roads.

Stoutsville became home to the first two-story school in the county in 1900, and it began to incorporate other township districts. All one-room schools closed by 1922.

The problem of transporting students to this high school was solved by the purchase of the first bus in Fairfield County. The first class of the high school was graduated in 1903 with one member, Geraldine Price. This building, the K of P today, was condemned as a school in 1919 and classes were held in Oakland until 1921 while the new building was constructed. The "new" building graduated its first class in 1922. This Stoutsville School building was one of the first school buildings constructed from stressed concrete.

To read more about Clearcreek Township, including which families transferred land for educational sites, please sign up for our electronic newsletter. Visit our website and click "E-Newsletter Sign-Up" under Resources.

NAVIGATING A SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY THROUGH STATE TESTING

A-C's students and teachers have worked hard to prepare for state testing. Follow these simple strategies at home to help students feel confident during state testing.

1. BUILD A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

Reassure your child their classmates, family and friends are supportive of them, and remind them their fellow classmates are all going through this challenge at the same time.

2. TALK TO THE TEACHER.

If your student struggles with test-taking, talk to his/her teacher for helpful tips, study techniques and resources specific to your child's learning style.

3. EAT NUTRITIOUS, FILLING FOODS.

Preparing nutritious breakfasts and snacks ahead for the week will ensure your student is full and focused, even on busy mornings. Students should stay hydrated and should avoid sugary, caffeinated beverages that can spike nervous energy.

"Spring testing is an important time for many students at A-C. Staff and students have worked extremely hard to best prepare students for success. We want to wish our students the **BEST OF LUCK!**"

~ Mr. Hinton
High School Principal

5. PRACTICE ACTIVE RELAXATION TECHNIQUES.

Avoid telling a student to "just relax." Instead, provide tactics to calm anxious feelings like deep breathing, peaceful thinking and listening to soothing sounds.

For a comprehensive state testing schedule, visit the district website or contact the district office at 740-969-7250.

"I AM SO PROUD OF YOU!

I know how hard each and every one of you have worked. I believe in you, and I know you are going to 'Ace' these tests! Doing your absolute best is all that matters!"

~ Mrs. Pinkstock
Elementary School Principal

4. PROVIDE ENCOURAGING REINFORCEMENT.

Remind your student he/she is well-prepared from weeks of hard work and is capable of success. Avoid anxiety-triggering comments like, "I always got so nervous before tests." Eliminate threats on performance-based punishment.

"I believe in your **HARD WORK**. I believe in your **DEDICATION** to your academics. I believe that you are **PREPARED** for these assessments. I believe that you will take your time and do your **BEST**. I believe that you will achieve **SUCCESS**. **I BELIEVE IN YOU!**"

~ Mrs. Haughn
Middle School Principal



A-C ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS

The Amanda-Clearcreek School District would like to applaud the dedicated athletic volunteers who helped make our programs a continued success this year. Each and every volunteer role is critical to the success of our student athletes. We are grateful for our volunteer coaches, chain crew, ticket-takers, time-keepers, announcers, meal-makers, and every other person who has shown devotion to the Aces.

It is undeniable at every game, match and meet that our volunteers dedicate their time because they love our students and they love A-C. We would not be able to provide the same level of experience for our students if it wasn't for each of you. On behalf of all the Aces who admire your outstanding leadership and example of giving back, we thank you. Community members interested in volunteering through A-C Athletics, or any other area within the district, are encouraged to contact Sheryl Pontius at spontius@amanda.k12.oh.us or 740-969-7250 to complete an application.

FINANCES IN A FLASH

If you're wondering what the traditional income tax on the May ballot entails, here are the basic facts to help you feel prepared to make an informed decision. Please refer to the winter edition of the newsletter for expansive information on funding needs for the A-C School District. If you would like a copy of this information, please contact the district secretary at 740-969-7250.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX?

An income tax separate from federal, state and municipal income taxes that is designated specifically to support school districts. It must be voter-approved by residents of the school district. There are two types of income tax: traditional and earned. The type on the May 7 ballot is traditional (the past several ballots have included earned income tax).

WHO PAYS THE TAX?

Any individual residing in the state of Ohio who lives in a school district that levies the tax during all or part of the year. A part-time resident must pay the school district income tax based upon income received during the portion of the taxable year that he/she is a resident of the school district.

For an estate of a decedent who resided in the school district at the time of death, the traditional tax is collected on the income earned by the estate after the time of death. Estates are not subject to the earned income-based tax, as on previous ballots.

WHAT INCOME IS TAXED?

To the right, we have included a general list of income that is and is not taxed through a traditional income tax. Please consult your tax consultant or review the 2018 Guide to Ohio's School District Income Tax prepared by the Ohio Department of Taxation for more in-depth descriptions of the traditional tax base.

HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE TRADITIONAL INCOME TAX GENERATE?

The 1-percent traditional income tax will bring in \$2,045,026 according to the State Department of Taxation.

WHEN IS REVENUE FROM THE INCOME TAX RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?

If passed this May, the tax becomes effective on January 1, 2020. The first payment (paid quarterly) will be received by the school district in April of 2020. It will take approximately 1.5 years (six quarters) for districts to receive the full amount of the levy due to how taxes are collected. The first year of full collection is the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Income Taxed

- Self-Employment Income (to the extent included in Ohio Adjusted Gross Income)
- Wages
- Salaries
- Tips
- Interest
- Dividends
- Unemployment Compensation
- Taxable Scholarships & Fellowships
- Pensions
- Annuities
- IRA Distributions
- Capital Gains
- Alimony Received
- State & Local Bond Interest*
- Federal Bond Interest*
- Leasing & Royalty Revenue from Mineral Rights
- All Other Sources

*Potential exemptions. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

Income NOT Taxed

- Social Security Benefits
- Disability & Survivor's Benefits
- Railroad Retirement Benefits
- Welfare Benefits
- Child Support
- Property Received as a Gift
- Bequest or Inheritance
- Workers' Compensation Benefits

ACES DIGITAL ACADEMY

The Aces Digital Academy launched in the 2018-2019 school year to provide students in grades 9-12 an option for online schooling counting toward graduation from A-C. The academy offers online courses at school or at home with face-to-face assistance available. Enrolled students are also eligible for all A-C events and extracurricular activities.

In addition to the benefits for students, the Aces Digital Academy supports the district's financial health by preventing funding dollars from leaving our schools. This year, the academy retained \$72,076 of state share funding for the 22 students enrolled. Had the students completed online schooling outside of the district, A-C would have given \$132,440 to those schools (the full funding for those students*). In addition to our local students, the academy will bring in \$12,040 in funding through open enrollments as students enroll from other districts.

Students interested in enrolling in the Aces Digital Academy should contact Steve Daulton, academy coordinator, at sdaulton@amanda.k12.oh.us or 740-969-7251. Students who reside in the district can join the Academy throughout the school year. Students who reside outside the district should check the website for open enrollment information.

*For more information about the funding a district receives vs. pays for students, please review the Winter 2019 edition of the A-C Communicator (available by contacting the district office).

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

At A-C, we pride ourselves in helping prepare all students for life after high school, whether that involves continued education or entering the workforce. We strive to provide knowledge and skills to help young men and women leave with real-life skills to help them build a strong, productive future. We'd like to highlight a recent skill-building achievement here.

16 SENIORS BECOME CAREER-READY WITH WELDING CERTIFICATIONS

Sixteen A-C seniors have earned their professional welding certification through the American Welding Society. Students prepared for testing throughout A-C's Ag Power class instructed by Scott Sharp and completed certification exams at Columbus State Community College under the instruction of Scott Laslo, CSCC assistant professor and faculty program coordinator.

Congratulations to Haylee Abel, Schuyler Boyer, Curtis Butterbaugh, Zachary Collins, James Drake, Owen Dunlap, Miranda Fowler, Madison Friesner, Chrystal Harvey, Derek Lutz, Lance Marshall, William Riffle, Alexander Smith, Noah Smith, Seth Turner and Matthew Whitehead.

As professionally certified welders, the group is among the first A-C students to achieve this credentialing test and have a distinct advantage in the hiring process. The certifications are proving beneficial for many Ag Power seniors who have started their job search process.

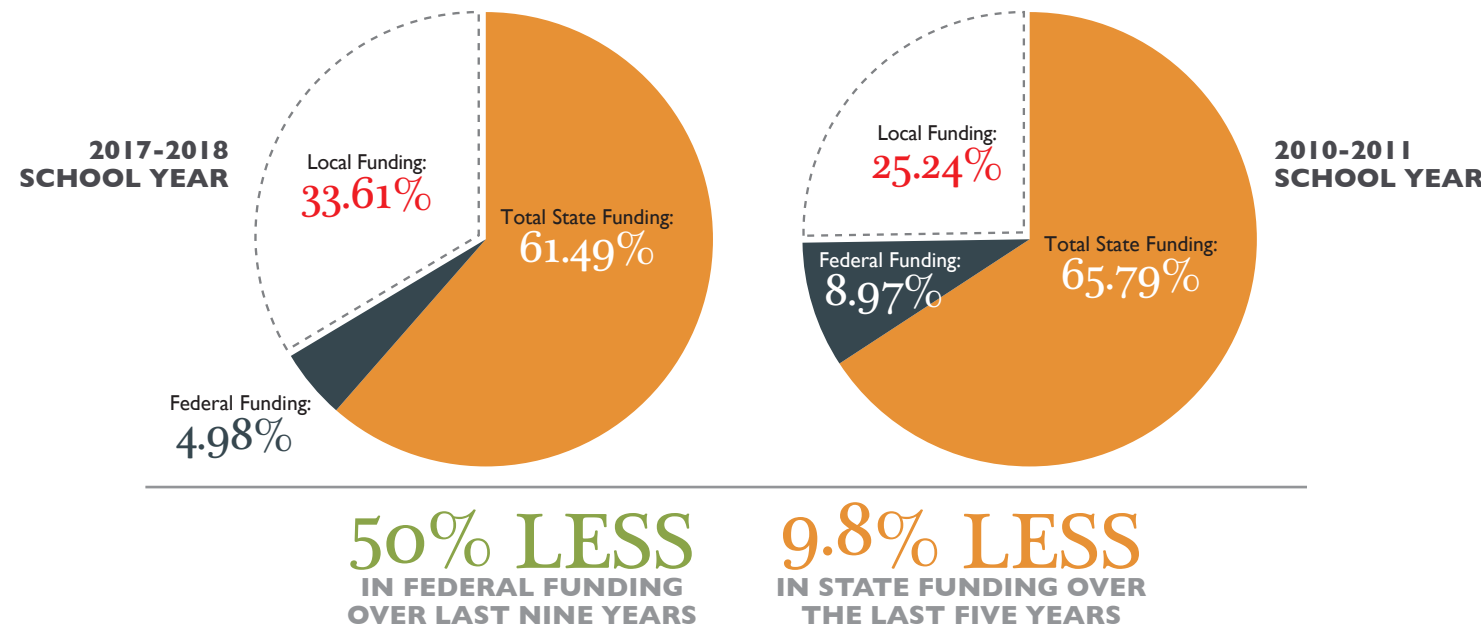
A few newly-certified students reflected on how the opportunity impacted them:

- "The certification has given me the skills to pursue a career in welding. I have interviews scheduled and even received a job offer before graduating, which wouldn't have been possible without this opportunity."
- Zachary Collins
- "This process was exciting but also had its challenges. Every time we began to feel discouraged, Mr. Sharp would help us reset and stay on the right path."
- Haylee Abel
- "I am thankful for this class because without it, I would have never known how much I enjoyed welding or been able to obtain my certification."
- William Riffle

Students interested in learning more about the Ag Power class are encouraged to speak with Mr. Sharp or their guidance counselor.

FOR MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT OUR DISTRICT FUNDING, PLEASE REFER TO THE WINTER 2019 EDITION OF THE A-C COMMUNICATOR.

Please contact the district office for a copy if you don't already have one.



A-C PRIDE: COMMUNITY & GIVING BACK

We're proud of our students and staff members for not only their community pride, but also their continued dedication to giving back to this community, and those around us in need.



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS BRING KINDNESS

Article Contributed by Hannah Saum, Eighth-Grade Student

On Feb. 23, six middle school students attended a leadership summit in Upper Arlington. Students listened to Roy Hall, co-founder of the Driven Foundation, where they learned that to succeed in life you must be able to rely on other people. Students were put into groups where they had different stations and team building activities. One of the favorites was called "The Amazing Race" where students had to make it across the gym floor without letting their feet touch. This taught them how to communicate with others and how to work as a team. By the end of the summit, the students learned many ways to bring kindness back to A-C Middle School, as well gain some ideas for how to solve problems throughout the school.



ELEMENTARY HOSTS DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

This winter, A-C Elementary students participated in a disability awareness presentation. Mr. Scott Campbell, disability resource coordinator at Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living, helped empower students to develop positive attitudes and values relating to inclusion and valuing difference. Students were equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to take personal and collective action to enhance the inclusion of people with disabilities in everyday life.