TEACHER COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

All students who are completing their programs leading to teacher certification through Calvin's teacher education program are invited to the Teacher Commissioning Ceremony. Candidates are called forward to receive our congratulations and a memento. The Teacher Commissioning Ceremony is held on the Friday evening preceding Calvin's commencement ceremony in May. Parents, relatives, and friends of teacher certification recipients and scholarship recipients are invited to attend this ceremony to join with us in praising God for what He has allowed these students to accomplish.

OFF-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES

Interim Abroad: The Education Department occasionally offers an international experience during Interim. Consult the Education section of the Interim catalog for opportunities. For example, "International Teaching in Honduras" has been offered for students who wanted to explore the possibility of international teaching and consider what it means to be a foreigner involved in the education system of a developing country. Students learned about poverty and development work and the strong connection between development and education. They also gained understanding of the history and culture of Honduras.

Off-Site Student Teaching: Students interested in student teaching outside of West Michigan may apply for off-site student teaching. Locations vary by semester. Contact Mary Jo Louters in the Education Department if interested. Enrollment is limited.

Chicago Semester: The Chicago Semester program is sponsored by Calvin together with Central, Dordt, Hope, Northwestern, and Trinity colleges. The program challenges students to integrate their personal, professional and public lives through urban exposure, academic seminars and a wide range of internships. For education students, this semester is offered to those in the elementary program who wish to do their student teaching in Chicago Public Schools. A visit day is scheduled the semester prior to student teaching to give you an opportunity to visit potential placements. You must be approved by the Education Department and indicate your interest on your student teaching application. For any questions regarding the program, see Ms. Mary Jo Louters in the Education Department. Students must apply for this program. Enrollment is limited.