

Road Scholars Tour 2014 Testimonials

“The Road Scholars Tour provided an opportunity to dialogue with colleagues about proficiencies our students need and how our preparation program can be responsive to the community. It was wonderful to have focused time with employers, regulators, my Clarion colleagues, and alums! The focus was on how we can best prepare our students to be successful in the world of education!”

-Dr. Peggy Apple

“The 2014 Road Scholar Tour was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the issues facing the schools. Although the districts visited varied considerably as we traveled from Pittsburgh to Butler to Clarion, common themes were heard from the personnel across the school districts and the themes were important when looking at Clarion’s teacher preparation programs. The information that I found to be most helpful related to what the school administrators reported to be important in the qualifications for hiring new professionals to work in the schools as this impacts our curriculum and professional preparation of the students. The people we met with were appreciative that we took the time to visit, to hear what they had to say and they also had positive comments about teacher preparation at Clarion University.

I found that the time I devoted to the trip was professionally and personally rewarding and very useful. It was nice to spend the time with my Clarion colleagues or fellow Road Scholars, all of whom I knew before the trip, but got to know even better as we spent three days together.”

-Dr. Colleen McAleer

“The 2014 Road Scholar Tour was a great experience for several reasons. One was being able to hear from so many different school districts and Intermediate Units to find out what issues are important to them and how we can try to meet these needs. Another benefit was being able to interact with others in our related departments and discuss informally the issues brought up by the various places we visited. Being able to attend an alumni event was an added bonus and a nice touch!”

-Dr. Karl Sprenger