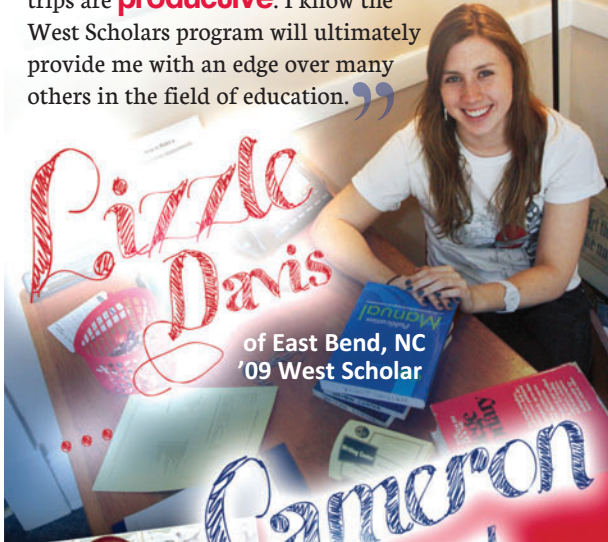
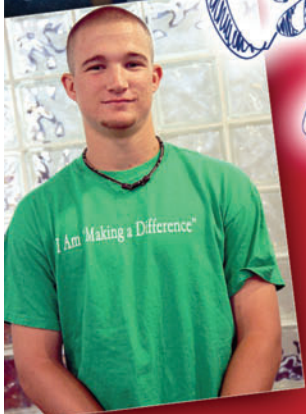


The West Scholars program has been key in helping me establish a **sense of community** with education majors here at Catawba College.

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Lizzle Davis
of East Bend, NC
'09 West Scholar



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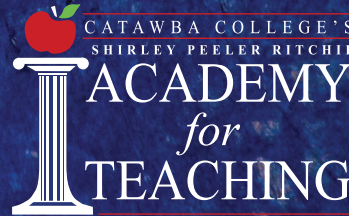


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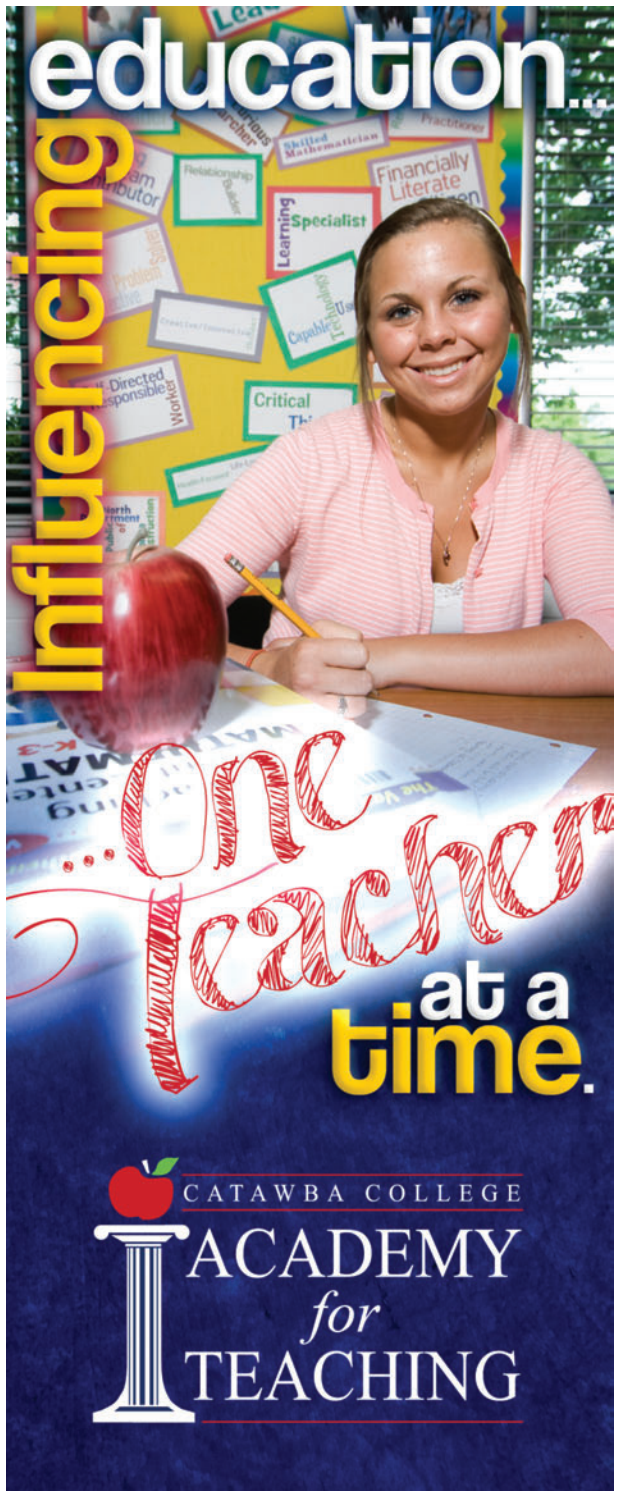
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