Literacy Award

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WKU receives national recognition for a literacy program that bolsters reading strategies for students.

Amy Bingham finds out why this reading intervention course works so well in this week’s View from the Hill.

Reading is key to success in college and for students who are underprepared for college reading, Literacy 199 has been in a life saver.

Ashley Vaughn \ WKU Sophomore

Dr. Pam Petty \ Dir., WKU Center for Literacy

Dr. Barbara Burch \ Provost Emeritus

Kristy Cartwright \ Literacy Instructor

Rachel Leer \ Literacy Instructor

 “It was a really eye opening class because everything I’ve learned in his class I’ve used in all the other ones.”

Literacy 199 helps students reach their full potential in college.

 “In high school we didn’t have that much reading and we didn’t have to write as much but when I got here the class made it a lot easier to manage all that work.”

The for-credit course was developed in 2009 the same year Senate Bill one was passed which addressed increasing the number of students who are college ready.

 “I knew we had too many student were weren’t being as successful as they could be. At the same time, the state of Kentucky decided they wanted more students to get help, an opening happened for these students who scored 18 & 19 in reading.”

 “We have so many students that are in that 18/19 ACT range where ACT people say that’s not college material but you know they are. They are. Pam and David have proven that.”

Now other universities are taking note. Last weekend WKU’s reading program was honored with the Excellence and Innovation Award.

 “We make data driven decisions to ensure students success so we are constantly reflecting and looking back at what students have done and what we can do better the following semester.”

 “It’s an incredible thing when they come back as sophomores, juniors or even seniors about to graduate and say I owe a lot to literacy 199, thank you.”

WKU was honored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities at the opening session of AASCU’s annual meeting in Austin Texas.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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