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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

When I received a call from the "Department of Education," recognizing Pattison's Academy as a program of excellence, my jaw dropped...and that was even before I learned it was the United States Department of Education, not the State. On November 2, The USDE's Director of Special Education Programs, Laurie VanderPloeg hosted a virtual showcase of Pattison's Academy, highlighting our excellence in special education programming and reopening amidst COVID-19. The 132 attendees from the Dept of Education and legislative offices attended a virtual tour to gain insight into Pattison's Interdisciplinary Model, and learn about the specialized curricula we use directly from our teachers and therapists. We hosted three panels, covering Pattison's Academy's model and impact, our advocacy efforts on behalf of students with disabilities, and our reopening planning process amidst COVID-19. It isn't easy to fit the scope and scale of Pattison's Academy into 75 minutes, but our stakeholders beautifully conveyed the strength of our programs and community. Together, we showed that with dedicated staff and uniquely tailored programming, the sky's the limit for students with severe disabilities. All children should have the right to an individualized, challenging education. Our students are capable of progress, and at Pattison's Academy, they are shattering their glass ceilings.

Daige Kwisem

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MEET ZAHRIAH

Zahriah is a very energetic and happy girl. She enjoys all sensory activities in the classroom and loves helping others by cheering them on during instruction time. She enjoys swinging and playing outside along with ALL the sensory activities. Her favorite sensory activity was making apple floam in September while learning about the life cycle of apples!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEET MADISON

Madison graduated from Ohio University's speech pathology program in 2018. She joined our team to work one on one with students to find the right form of communication for them, whether it's using switches, devices or communicating with picture symbols. Everyone desires a voice and she truly loves helping our children find theirs.



Do you have a child age 3 or under and want to ensure they are reaching their developmental milestones? Email our team at mason.duffy@pattisonsacademy.org to schedule your virtual screening today!

Will you make a difference for a child this holiday season?

- Your gift of \$25 will provide a student with an individualized instruction kit
- Your gift of \$50 will provide a student's transportation for one month
- Your gift of \$250 will cover a week of therapy for a student
- Your gift of \$1,000 will cover the cost of COVID-19 safety supplies for one month

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