

School of Education Video Transcript

For those called to teach, the Edmund J. Gleazer School of Education at Graceland University is a lesson in excellence. Here in a close, caring community, relationships are not only taught, they are modeled each and every day. Here theory is learned. It is immediately applied, in the classroom and in the field. As part of the School of Education, you will be prepared in every way - to share, to inspire, to lead. It is for all who are called to teach "The Power of Together."

I think what the School of Ed has is this broad understanding that the world is rapidly changing, so we don't teach to the here and now. We understand we have a great appreciation that we are preparing students for a world we will never know. So we are preparing adaptable thinkers, collaborators. We are preparing people who can critically examine what's happening out there and make it relevant to their students. We are a place that truly is the threshold of social change. We have students that come from all over. I mean all over the United States, and they come here and are transformed, and they learn about who they are and how they can take that and change the world. They find their voice. Then they go home to where they break cycles of ignorance and poverty and abuse with this new courage and conviction they have found and this new identity of a teacher. If there is a student who's sixteen years old and they're contemplating what they are going to do with their life, and they've been challenged with the idea that service is a means for making the world better. That education is truly a

natural fit for them because teaching is a place where you truly can impact every aspect of our culture, every aspect of our society. That teachers are uniquely prepared to prepare you for whoever you're going to be, whether you're going to go into education, you're going to be a doctor, you're going to be a lawyer, you're going to be a businessman, you're going to be a welder. We prepare you to be that job. You own it, and to accept that you are responsible for social change.