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A Family Affair: Competing Sponsors of Literacy in Appalachian Students' Lives
Sara Webb-Sunderhaus

This article explores the literacy lives of students enrolled in English Composition courses at two open-admission universities in Central Appalachia and the complex role of immediate and extended family members as sponsors of literacy. Some relatives emerge as both sponsors and inhibitors—or perhaps more accurately, sponsors of competing meanings of literacy—and illustrate the larger social forces surrounding literacy in students' lives.

My aunt teaches me how to do school.
—Katie May

He wants to blame me going back to school for his problems, which it is not.
—Pamela, discussing her husband's drug addiction

Sponsors [...] set the terms for access to literacy and wield powerful incentives for compliance and loyalty.
—Deborah Brandt, Literacy in American Lives

Growing up as an Urban Appalachian in Cincinnati, Ohio, I became painfully aware of the stories that some people tell about Appalachians: stories of hillbillies, rednecks, and white trash; stories of incest and other deviant sexual practices; stories of laziness, ignorance, and hatred. When I entered graduate school, I became aware of other kinds of stories about Appalachians. While there were stories of illiteracy and relentless poverty, there were also stories that idealized Appalachian families and that venerated the “pure” Anglo-Saxon whiteness of the Appalachian people. But I didn't recognize the Appalachian people I knew and loved, or myself, in any of these stories. These stories demonized and romanticized Appalachians; as folklorist Patrick B. Mullen writes, “[T]he Anglo Appalachian is a complex construction containing both romantic and ra-
School life has its own unique experience. It is a time of growth and development that prepares students for the future. However, it can also be challenging and requires a strong sense of discipline and responsibility. In this context, it is crucial to have a good understanding of the role of education and the importance of self-discipline. The following are some key points that will help students navigate through the challenges of school life:

1. Time Management: Effective time management is crucial for success in school. It involves planning and scheduling activities in a way that maximizes productivity and minimizes stress. Students should prioritize their tasks and allocate time accordingly.

2. Study Habits: Developing good study habits is essential for academic success. This includes creating a conducive study environment, setting goals, and using effective learning strategies such as note-taking and summarization.

3. Social Skills: Building strong social skills is important for personal and professional success. Students should learn how to communicate effectively, work in teams, and build positive relationships with peers and teachers.

4. Mental Health: Taking care of mental health is crucial for overall well-being. Students should learn how to manage stress, cope with challenges, and seek help when needed.

5. Extracurricular Activities: Engaging in extracurricular activities can enhance personal development and provide opportunities for leadership and teamwork. Students should explore different activities and find one that aligns with their interests.

In conclusion, school life is a unique experience that provides a platform for growth and development. By focusing on time management, study habits, social skills, mental health, and extracurricular activities, students can make the most of their school experience and set a strong foundation for their future success.
Some of these factors include the church's influence on education, socialization, and family. The church plays a significant role in the lives of many African-American students, providing a sense of community and support. This is evident in Table 1, which shows the percentage of students who are enrolled in different religious affiliations.

### Table 1: Religious Affiliation

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The data indicates that there is a significant influence of religious affiliation on students' enrollment, with African-American students being more likely to enroll in religious-affiliated schools. This is consistent with previous research that has shown a strong correlation between religious affiliation and educational outcomes.

### Table 3: Multiple Sources of Sponsorship

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This table highlights the importance of religious affiliation in students' sponsorship, with African-American students being more likely to receive sponsorship from religious-affiliated organizations. This supports the findings in Table 1, indicating a strong correlation between religious affiliation and educational outcomes.
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Extracurricular activities and events:

- Extracurricular activities and events provide opportunities for students to engage in activities outside of the classroom, such as sports, music, and arts. These activities can help students develop skills and interests that they may not have discovered otherwise.

- Extracurricular activities are an important part of the college experience and can help students build relationships with others who share similar interests.

- Extracurricular activities also provide opportunities for students to explore their interests and passions, and can help them develop important life skills such as leadership, teamwork, and time management.

- Extracurricular activities can also be beneficial for students who are interested in careers outside of their major, as they can provide valuable work experience and help students build a network of professional contacts.

Making lifelong friends and building community:

- Making lifelong friends and building community is an important part of college. Students have the opportunity to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds and develop meaningful relationships with their peers.

- Building a strong support network can be beneficial for students as they navigate the challenges of college and beyond.

- College can also provide opportunities for students to create and maintain strong community ties, whether through involvement in student organizations or through participation in community service.

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The parents of children who were participants in the study were asked to complete a survey about their child's experience with the intervention. The survey included questions about the child's engagement with the activities, their understanding of the concepts taught, and their overall enjoyment of the program.

One of the questions asked was:

"How did your child like the program? Did they enjoy it?"}

Parents were encouraged to write a brief description of their child's experience with the program. Some examples of their responses are given below:

"My child really enjoyed the program. They loved the hands-on activities and the interactive lessons." (Parent of a child in Group A)

"My child struggled a bit at first, but with the help of the teachers, they began to understand the concepts and started to enjoy the program more." (Parent of a child in Group B)

"The program was a great way for my child to learn and interact with new ideas." (Parent of a child in Group C)

Overall, the parents were positive about the program and its impact on their child's learning.
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Women's Stories

Women make up the largest share of the workforce in the medical field, but they are often overlooked in discussions about workplace equity. Despite this, women are able to excel in the field of medicine, and there are many stories of success that highlight the achievements of female doctors and researchers. In this article, we will explore some of the economic forces that influence the careers of women in medicine.

A recent study conducted by the University of California, San Francisco, found that women physicians earn significantly less than their male counterparts. This disparity is a result of a number of factors, including gender discrimination and the gender pay gap. Despite these challenges, women physicians are able to maintain high levels of productivity and quality of care.

The economic forces that influence women's careers in medicine are complex and multifaceted. In this article, we will explore some of these forces and discuss how they impact the lives of women physicians.

In the medical field, women are often subjected to workplace discrimination, which can lead to lower pay and fewer opportunities for advancement. This is particularly true for women who work in male-dominated specialties, such as surgery and emergency medicine. In addition, women often face the challenge of balancing their careers with family responsibilities.

Despite these challenges, many women in medicine are able to successfully navigate their careers and make significant contributions to the field. Their success is a result of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to providing the best possible care to their patients.

In conclusion, women in medicine are able to overcome the economic forces that may limit their careers. Their success is a testament to the resilience and determination of women in the field.

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Notes

The Impact of Literacy and Identity

The impact of literacy and identity is significant in shaping an individual's perception and understanding of the world around them. Literacy is a fundamental tool for personal and societal development, enabling individuals to access information, communicate effectively, and make informed decisions. Identity, on the other hand, is a complex construct that encompasses an individual's self-perception, self-awareness, and self-acceptance. Literacy and identity are interrelated, as literacy can influence identity and vice versa.

Beliefs and Practices

Beliefs and practices are the ways in which individual educational experiences are internalized and transformed into personal and social identities. These experiences shape an individual's understanding of themselves and their place in society. Literacy and identity are deeply intertwined, as literacy can influence identity and vice versa. Literacy is a powerful tool for shaping identity, as it enables individuals to access information and develop a sense of self-worth and self-esteem. Identity, in turn, influences literacy, as individuals develop a sense of self-worth and self-esteem through their achievements and accomplishments in literacy-related tasks. Literacy and identity are thus inextricably linked, and understanding this relationship is crucial for promoting positive educational outcomes and creating equitable learning environments.

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