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Family-Part of UCTE magic

Student trainees, faculty and alums often describe Unity College of Teacher Education (UCTE) as a family. My own experience certainly shows that to be true. From students to alumni, and everyone in between, there is a real and tangible sense of connection between people and the institution. Those connections are part of the magic, a tenacity of spirits and ideas that powers the UCTE through thick and thin.

Relationships are built and nurtured here over time ... I realized how important the work of all men and women in the college is. UCTE not only trains academic instructions based on the three strong pillars: research, teaching and extension, but also values: support, concern and stewardship. This year, 98 trainees are being nurtured and molded in the field of teaching.

For the whole academic year, the teacher trainees explore learning not only theoretically inside the classroom but also with the college programmes which are academically rigorous, additional professional and personal growth results from the experiences outside the classrooms like internships, various competitions, community work etc.



Watching my co- trainees embrace academic life and hearing them talk about their experiences outside and inside the classrooms were the unexpected perks of being editor of the "Vibrant". For this whole academic year, I have interacted with many as they work through their academic lives and are almost ready to move on as trained teachers. While paths may diverge in wildly different ways, one constant remains: the college's commitments to their personal and professional growth, which helps every UCTE trainees polished and refined that makes one effective teacher.

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