

The UMBC Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Program Presents

EPIK Panel: Former vs. Current Teacher Insights

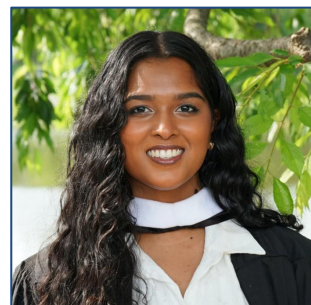
A virtual session in
celebration of
International
Education Week

Friday
November 21
5:00-6:00 pm
Eastern US Time

Free registration by
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Laura Fawcett, MA



Aksha Matharu, MA

Think about teaching English in South Korea? Since 1995, EPIK (English Program in Korea) has been the gateway for passionate native English speakers to make a meaningful impact in English education at Korean public schools. UMBC is now partnering with EPIK for teaching opportunities!

Join our virtual info panel featuring two UMBC alumni who will share their firsthand experiences teaching in Korea. Panelist will discuss the application process, day-to-day teaching responsibilities, and challenges and rewards of living and teaching in Korea.

Format: Live Zoom session

Registration: [Pre-registration is required](#)

Featured panelists

Lauren Fawcett earned a master's degree in TESOL from UMBC in 2022 and currently teaches ESL courses to adult learners at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California. She taught at three public middle schools in Gwangju, South Korea between 2016-2020, and at an elementary school in Jinju during the 2023-2024 school year, applying through EPIK both times.

Aksha Matharu recently received her Masters in TESOL at UMBC. While completing her Masters, she taught ESL to adults at Frederick Community College. In August 2025, she joined the EPIK program where she has been teaching English at two schools, Bullo Middle School and Sangyeok Middle School.

International Education Week (IEW) is a joint initiative by the U.S. Departments of State and Education celebrated in November each year.