They're leading the field—infield, outfield, as well as the teaching field—and their performance is superb, on the stage or in the classroom. For these CUAI students, exciting extracurricular activities fit hand in glove with a rewarding academic life. For designated hitter Caleb Longely, a graduating senior with one remaining year of baseball eligibility, the one-year MAT program will put him in perfect position to score-runs for the Buccaneers next year and a dream job as a coach in just 12 months. The MAT was also attractive to Chelsea Wood, who plans to combine her hands-on skills in theatre design with her undergrad degree in theatre and an MAT in Theatre Arts for a career teaching high school theatre arts. CUAI undergraduates Emma Martindale and Leah Decker are pursuing their long-held dreams of becoming K-6 teachers, enjoying team support across the board, and with the year-long residency program helping them feel as confident in front of the classroom as they are in front of a crowd. And for experienced actors Catherine Squibb and Austin Wingate, command of the stage at Jonesborough Little Theatre is translating into compelling classroom performance. The curtain rises on options well played, and careers well begun, in CUAI!

Headline photo above: Martindale at bat. Theatre stage photos by Keith Dixon.

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Teacher-candidates Kendra Edgall (left) and Hannah Haworth (right), and Dr. Aimee Govett (center), CUAI Professor and Graduate Coordinator.