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Former EEP Students Earn RIC Honor

To recognize exceptional academic performance by Rhode Island College freshmen, the 3.5 Society was established in 2013 as part of the college's first year experience program, "Rhode Map to RIC." This year 53 of the 216 honorees were EEP students when they were in high school which is nearly 25%! Those students represented 21 EEP high schools, 50% of the high schools currently offering RIC courses.

The students were asked about their EEP experience; it made no difference if they took one or many EEP courses, if they attended public or parochial high schools, or if their class rank was among the top of their class. Students unanimously agreed that there were numerous benefits to taking EEP courses. **Meaghan Feeny, East Providence HS**, said, "I feel as though EEP prepared me for what was ahead and gave me the confidence that I would be able to handle college courses and do well in them." This attitude was shared by many of the inductees. Meaghan referred to this honor and noted, "I suppose it's fair to say that I did well my first semester, and I think the EEP courses I took deserve some credit for that!" Students expressed strong sentiment about the preparation they received for college by taking EEP courses. **Mary Arnold, Ponaganset HS**, wrote that, "EEP did help me to be more prepared...I had a syllabus with specific readings...the fast pace helped me to practice jotting down notes from lectures instead of just copying them from the board...teachers were strict about deadlines and quizzed constantly. These classes made me feel more confident..." **Brian Elliott, Smithfield HS**, commented, "EEP courses brought me some of my best academic experiences in high school and were indispensable in preparing me for college."

Students also expressed strong sentiments when they spoke of their EEP instructors. They called their high school teachers "so well prepared...passionate...having high expectations like my college instructors." **Robert Beaven, North Smithfield HS**, put it so well; "The goal of educators on BOTH levels (high school and college) is the same; they want the student to do well and to be able to use the knowledge they gain toward their professions and their lives...instructors at both levels will help students if asked." Citing very specific examples of teacher intent and purpose, **Meika Matook, Cranston West**, said that "similar to my instructors at RIC, my EEP instructors expected a serious amount of effort and a focused mind during class."

Without question the 3.5 honorees felt strongly that younger peers at their former high schools should be aware of EEP opportunities and seek them out. **Meghan Godbout, Scituate HS**, put it simply..."Do it! It's a good idea to have college credits tucked away if you need them." **Central HS grad, Sandy Saenbounny**, would wisely advise underclassmen, "Enroll in EEP courses because not only will you be attaining college credits but you will receive a taste of what college work is like...you will also gain more self discipline and develop a good work ethic—both of which are essential in college."

It is evident that EEP experiences were worthwhile for these students and their peers. Students are well prepared both academically and emotionally for their work on campus as a result of their commitment to succeed and the sterling work of their EEP instructors.

"I took classes through the EEP because they were not as expensive as they would have been at RIC, and I felt that I was able to handle the college load of classes. I felt confident knowing that I had taken college courses prior to actually coming to RIC." Jaclyn Pringle, North Providence HS

Former EEP Students...Current 3.5 Society Members

Archambault, Emily/Smithfield

Arnold, Mary/Ponaganset

Arnold, Julia/Scituate

Baker, Christina/Ponaganset

Beaven, Robert/ North Smithfield

Bebeau, Brittney/Burrillville

Boisvert, Alexandra/Burrillville

Bowker, Stephanie/Ponaganset

Bruno, Kaitlyn/Smithfield

Bushee, Frederick/Smithfield

Buttrick, Sarah/North Attleboro

Caldwell, Mariah/Tiverton

Callahan, Lindsey/Warwick Vets

Campopiano, Jamie/Johnston

Carney, Chelsea/Pilgrim

Cenedella, Richard/North Smithfield

Chippo, Jacob/Woonsocket

Christie, Sarah/East Providence

Colombo, Amanda/Johnston

Costa, Christopher/East Providence

Couto, Ian/Tiverton

Dandurand, Abigail/Chariho

Donnelly, Katharine/Scituate

Dumont, Daniel/Tiverton

Elliott, Brian/Smithfield

Faria, Brian/East Providence

Feeney, Meaghan/East Providence

Gagne, Lindsay/Coventry

Godbout, Meghan/Scituate **** EEP Scholarship winner**

Huber, Monica/Johnston ****EEP Scholarship winner**

Hurd, Patrick/Johnston

Irwin, Amanda/Blackstone Academy

Kerfoot, Alexandra/Cranston West

Lambert, Tayla/East Providence

Lambert, Sydney/North Attleboro

Loeb, Samantha/Toll Gate

MacDonald, Miranda/North Smithfield

Mariotti, Kaitlin/North Smithfield

Mascena, Ava/Mount Hope

Matook, Meika/Cranston West

Mourato, Richie/East Providence

Nov, Jessica/Central

Nunes, Haley/Scituate

Papineau, Brittany/North Smithfield

Pringle, Jaclyn/North Providence

Prisco, Emily/East Providence

Ratcliffe, Lindsay/Cranston West

Reddy, Julie/Smithfield

Round, Bryan/Burrillville

Saenbounmy, Sandy/Central ****EEP Scholarship winner**

Spavold, Danielle/Burrillville

St Jacques, Macie/Burrillville

Taggart, Brett/North Kingstown

Tiberi, Noelle/Smithfield

Tsangarouli, Zoe/North Providence

Walsh, Nicole/East Providence

CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to announce that the following teachers are among the newest EEP Instructors for 2014-2015:

Michael Bilodeau/Central HS/Math 240

Meredith Bizragane/Pilgrim HS/Chemistry 103 & 104

Brenda Coutu/Cranston Area Career & Tech Center/Health 115 (*First time offering in EEP!*)

Diana Daniels/Smithfield HS/Spanish 113

Jeanne Dyer/Attleboro HS/Spanish 114

Anne Lagace/Shea HS/Music 201

Steven Gardiner/Exeter-West Greenwich HS/English 118E (returning after hiatus)

Richard Marchetti/West Warwick HS/Music 201

Natalia Medeiros/Attleboro HS/Spanish 113

Stephanie Morrison/E-Cubed Academy/English 118E

Alan Mitchell/Paul Cuffee School/Math 117E

Alana Nelson/East Providence HS/Chemistry 103

Patricia Page/East Greenwich HS/CIS 215, Accounting 201 and Finance 230

Gina Poulos/West Warwick HS/Biology 111-112

Kevin Raponi/Central HS/Math 247

Bree Schebel/Shea HS/Math 247

Mayra Tavares/Shea HS/Spanish 113

Welcome to the new EEP on-sites at the following high schools:

Attleboro HS/**Peter Pereira** *new EEP school

Paul Cuffee School/**Genevieve Schultz** *new EEP school

East Greenwich HS/**Patricia Page**

E-Cubed Academy/**Peter Breen** *new EEP school

LaSalle/**Edmund "Eddy" Heroux**

Ponaganset HS/**Margaret Papineau**

Smithfield HS/**Janet McGinnis**

RETIREMENTS

We extend our deepest appreciation to **Eileen Spring** who is retiring from Ponaganset High School in June. As an EEP Instructor and On-site Coordinator, she was an invaluable advocate and resource for EEP and for her students. We offer our sincerest congratulations to Eileen for a relaxing and exciting retirement!

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to **Brian Asher** of Chariho High School who will retire this month. Brian began teaching at Chariho in 1992 and became involved in teaching EEP Spanish in 1999. Thank you for all of your work, Brian!

Best wishes to **Coleen Griffith** of Pilgrim High School on her retirement. The On-site Coordinator and instructor of EEP French and Spanish has been a long standing champion of the program, working tirelessly to increase enrollment and course offerings at Pilgrim. Thank you, Coleen; we wish you a retirement rich with new adventures!

We are very pleased to announce that **East Greenwich HS** will be returning to the EEP in September 2014. Award winning teacher, **Patricia Page**, will be teaching three courses offered by the college's Finance and Management departments. **WELCOME BACK, AVENGERS!**

Best wishes to **Susan Dillon**, Central HS, who has accepted a position as a LEAD TEACHER for the Providence school department. She will be sadly missed in the EEP!

Welcome Back LaSalle Rams

September 2014 starts an exciting school year at LaSalle Academy for EEP. After a long hiatus, LaSalle will once again be an EEP school! The following teachers will be part of our program:

Brian Brouillard/Music 203

Maria DiMascio/Spanish 113

Roberto DiMascio/Italian 113 & 114

Joanna Doyle/Spanish 113

Mary Misiaszek/Math 117

Kendra McVay/French 113

Jerry Papitto/Italian 113 & 114

Amy Sanga/Math 118

Cheryl Williams / Biology 111

EEP Scholarship Winners for 2014

Every year, when reviewing the scholarship applications, we are impressed with the talent of our EEP students from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts. This year we selected three recipients from among a list of academically strong applicants. Students' qualifications were impressive, both in and out of the classroom! And that passion for excellence continues as the scholarship recipients continue their studies at Rhode Island College.

We are proud to announce this year's winners:

Ashley R. Ise/*William E. Tolman High School*

Alexandra L. Krause/*St. Mary Academy/Bay View*

Stephanie L. Lemoi/*Johnston Senior High School*

These students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship renewable for three additional years provided they maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic year.

We commend and thank all EEP instructors for challenging their students with academically demanding courses and for providing them with the opportunity to earn college credits while concurrently fulfilling their high school graduation requirements.

Congratulations to the three scholarship winners, their teachers, and on-site coordinators.

"EEP courses helped me with my ability to write; numerous times throughout the year we were asked to write in depth papers... some on demand tasks, others were take home. Each time I wrote about a topic, I learned better ways to improve my writing skills. I also greatly improved my research abilities...how to investigate a topic using reliable resources, books, scientific journals, and other sources, rather than just the Internet. In class tests improved my studying abilities and memorization techniques which are extremely helpful in the science class I am taking now." Monica Huber, Johnston HS

EEP Instructor from Central Falls High School is Honored

David I. Upegui, a Central Falls High School EEP instructor and an adjunct professor of biology at RIC, has been selected by the RIC Faculty of Arts and Science as an Honor Roll Recipient for the 2014 Alumni Awards. The college presents these awards to exceptional graduates who are chosen on the basis of professional achievement and service to the college. David earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees with honors from RIC. David was honored at the Annual Alumni Awards Banquet on May 14.

Congratulations, David. Another award in a very impressive list of honors for this outstanding teacher!



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“Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better! “

Sydney J. Harris, American Journalist for the Chicago Dailey News, 1917 - 1986

Changes in the Early Enrollment Program Effective September 2014

There will no longer be a billing option for payment of EEP courses. Students will be required to pay in full for courses with a check or money order when they submit their registration forms.

The changes in the courses noted below should be reflected on teachers' syllabi; the changes will also appear in the college catalog and on transcripts.

1. Economics 200: Introduction to Economics (4 credits)
2. English 118 is officially titled *English 118E: Introduction to the Literary Experience* (4 credits)
3. Math 247 is officially numbered *Math 117E: Calculus: A Short Course* (3 credits)
4. Math 240 is officially titled & numbered *Math 118E: Statistics in the Everyday World* (4 credits)
5. A course number of 150 is the college's designation for a topics course (in EEP and on campus). A disadvantage is that 150 courses are never listed in the college catalog because of their very nature as a topics course (topics may change). Course descriptions are often needed when seeking transfer credit. To solve this issue, departments with 150 EEP topics courses were asked to consider creating a specific course number so that the course description could be accessible to EEP students through the college's official catalog. All "150" courses will now have a specific course number:

Anthropology 118E: Anthropology (3 credits)

History 117E: Special Topics (4 credits)
(this includes History of the Holocaust, European History, and Western History)

History 118E: Topics in US History to 1877 (4 credits)

History 119E: Topics in US History from 1877 to Present (4 credits)

Music 117E: Electronic Music (3 credits)

Music 118E: Digital Audio Production I (3 credits)

Music 119E: Digital Audio Production II (3 credits)

Physics 118E: Fundamentals of Physics I (4 credits)

Physics 119E: Fundamentals of Physics II (4 credits)