

# Early Enrollment Program Newsletter

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## In the News at EEP

### Times 2 Teacher Brings Science Fair into the 21st Century

If you haven't been to a science fair since you were in high school, you would still recognize the traditional trifold display boards and earnest students talking to judges holding clipboards, but some of the topics might seem esoteric. Dr. Mark Fontaine, director of the R.I. Science and Engineering Fair (RISEF), said that the science fair evolves as science does. "It's no longer about making volcanoes in the basement," said Fontaine.



An EEP teacher at Times 2 STEM Academy in Providence, Fontaine has directed the fair for 24 years. In addition to long-standing categories such as Animal Sciences and Microbiology, students now compete in 22 categories, including Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Embedded Systems, and Robotics and Intelligent Machines.

When Fontaine became involved in RISEF, the fair was languishing due to lack of funding and low participation. This year, 35 middle and high schools participated, with 250 projects displayed at CCRI-Warwick on March 17-18. Judges are secondary and college teachers as well as volunteers from private industry, including 30 engineers from Raytheon this year.

"We would love to be back to 500 projects," said Fontaine. He assures teachers who are interested in becoming involved but reluctant to add to their workload that involving students in science fair is "a lot of work but not overwhelming."

This year Times 2 students were mentored by a Brown professor through the Society for Science and the Public, which works to involve underrepresented students in scientific competitions and STEM careers.

Dr. Fontaine is eager to invite new "contact teachers" and judges to check out the Rhode Island Science Teachers Association (RISTA) website or to email him at [risef@mindless.com](mailto:risef@mindless.com).

### North Kingstown Teacher Awarded Golden Apple

Ms. Paula Schiavone, EEP Portuguese teacher at North Kingstown High School and RIC alumna, received the NBC 10 "Golden Apple" award on January 25, 2018. Paula was nominated by four students who emphasized her positive influence on their lives and devotion to sharing her Portuguese culture. In the award presentation broadcast on WJAR news, RI Commissioner of Education Ken Wagner thanked Paula for her dedication to her students.

**Congratulations, Paula!**

## ***Congratulations to 2018 EEP Scholarship Winners***

Each year three scholarships are awarded to EEP students who will be attending Rhode Island College in the fall. We received 14 applications this year and decided on four winners from a field of outstanding nominees! 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. The winners are:



***Dylan Bowden, Pilgrim High School***

***Reilly Clancey, Narragansett High School***

***Isabella Ferreira, East Providence High School***

***Thomas Yakey, Cranston High School East***

## ***Susan Poor to Retire***

**Susan Poor**, Associate Director in the Early Enrollment Program since 2006, is retiring from the EEP at the end of this school year. Susan graduated from RIC in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in History and earned an MAT in Secondary English from RIC in 1992.

Susan has enjoyed a multifaceted career in education. Her first teaching position was at North Providence High School, then she moved on to Hampshire Regional High School in western Massachusetts, and then to Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Susan returned to RI in 1984 to begin a 20-year position at Ponaganset High School, where she served as English Department Chair for many years and also began her association with the EEP.



Susan's teaching career also included positions beyond her high school classroom. She taught English in the RIC Upward Bound program, supervised student teachers at Johnson and Wales University, and was a GED instructor at Dorcas Place Adult and Family Learning Center. Susan is currently an instructor in the Rhode Island Write on Sports program and she has volunteered for numerous committees and boards to further the cause of high quality education for all students. Susan received the "Educators Make a Difference" award from the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society of Providence College and the "EEP Adjunct Faculty Award" in 1998.

During her 12 years at the EEP Susan has been at the forefront of the growth and evolution of the program. She has been an enthusiastic communicator of the benefits of the EEP, and when a difficult question needed answering or a problem resolved, Susan was there. We in the EEP office and the many students, teachers, and administrators she served will miss her.

**Good luck Susan, thank you, and enjoy the next ride.**

## Congratulations

### **Retirement: Thank you for your outstanding service to the EEP.**

**Patricia Lucciola**, Art 201, North Providence High School

**Otilia Nobrega**, French 113, Spanish 113, and On-site Coordinator

### **New EEP instructors 2018—2019:**

**Gregory Arsenault**, Music 203 and 223, Cranston High School East

**Fritz Benz**, Music 203, South Kingstown High School

**Matthew Blaser**, English 118, North Kingstown High School

**Teresa Coppa**, HPE 115, Cranston Career and Technical School

**Gregory Costa**, Accounting 201, Lincoln High School

**Elsie Coutu Lanzi**, Management 100 & Accounting 201, Tolman High School

**Jason Goffe**, Biology 111, Scituate High School

**Lara Haggerty**, Biology 111, The Greene School

**Keely Heidtman**, Chemistry 103 & 104, Chariho Regional High School

**Ian Hillman**, Art 201, North Providence High School

**John Knasas**, Music 117, North Smithfield High School

**Sarah Krous**, Chemistry 103, Narragansett High School

**Philip Lachance**, Music 203, Cranston High School West

**Dean Lancellotti**, Management 100 & Accounting 201, Tolman High School

**Regina McAdam**, Music 117, North Smithfield High School

**Kendra McVay**, French 114, La Salle Academy

**Nancy Richardson**, Music 223, Cranston High School West

**Sandra Shaw**, French 113, Middletown High School

### **Welcome to EEP: Providence Career and Technical Academy**

**Shannon McLoud**, English 118

### **Welcome back to EEP: Westerly High School**

**Stephen Servidio**, History 118

**Dora Vasquez-Hellner**, Spanish 113

### **Returning to EEP:**

**Cecilia Bernardo**, Portuguese 113, Shea High School

### **Expanded Offerings:**

**Robert D'Arezzo**, Accounting 201, Tolman High School

**Elizabeth Saucó**, Latin 102, East Providence High School

### **New On-site Coordinators:**

**Lisa Leaheey**, North Providence High School

**John Pecoraro**, Chariho Regional High School

**Sarah Steverman**, Westerly High School

### **Courses no longer offered for EEP credit:**

**CIS 251**, Computers in Management (no longer offered at RIC)



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*Email us at [eep@ric.edu](mailto:eep@ric.edu)*

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## *Important Messages*

**UPDATED SYLLABI AND RESUMES ARE DUE BY JUNE 29. Please send as a Word document.**

**No Google docs. please!**

**The EEP office has moved to Forman 200.**



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### **How your students may request a RIC transcript**

Go to <http://www.ric.edu/eep>

**Complete the online form and be sure to check the box marked "EEP."**

**Students may send the transcript to as many schools as they wish. We also recommend that they have one sent to themselves.**

*Thank you for all you do for the EEP and your students!  
Have a wonderful, restful summer!*

*Our office is open limited hours during the summer, but if we can be of any assistance, leave a message and we will get back to you.*

