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In the News at EEP

Thank You

The EEP staff wants to express our appreciation to EEP instructors and On-site Coordinators for rising to the occasion during this challenging period. Change is the norm in education, but this sudden and unprecedented change required a special effort and dedication. We thank you for maintaining the rigor and integrity of instruction in your EEP classes and preparing your students for the challenges of their college classes. We also want to thank the RIC faculty liaisons. In addition to advising current EEP teachers, liaisons have approved 25 new or returning EEP teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Note on EEP Grading Format

For Spring 2020, letter grades are being posted for grades of C or higher. We need to use CR (credit) instead of the P (pass) for grades D- to C- and NCR (no credit) instead of the NP (not passing) for an F. CR/NCR, like P and NP, will not be calculated for GPA.

EEP Welcomes Susan Friendson as Associate Director

Susan Friendson, who earned **both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees** at RIC, joined the EEP staff in September 2019. She is a retired Providence educator who thoroughly enjoyed teaching the Early Enrollment course English 118 – Introduction to the Literary Experience – at Central High. She served as adjunct professor a few times at the college as well, and tutored in the OASIS office while working on her MEd. After retiring in 2014, Susan and two friends bought a yoga studio, which drove her to learn the kinds of organizational and management skills she brings now to her position at RIC. Since retiring she has also helped to evaluate the progress of pre-service educators as they experienced student teaching in middle schools and high schools around the state. These days, Susan spends her free time communing with nature, reading, and dreaming about creating a multigenerational intentional community, because along with its inevitable heartbreak, she believes this Covid age also brings us opportunities for harmonious reinvention.

Congratulations to 2020 EEP Scholarship Winners

Each year scholarships are awarded to EEP students who will be attending Rhode Island College in the fall. We received 13 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:



Mia Jackvony, Smithfield High School

Iliany Garcia Martinez, Providence Career and Technical Academy

Jacob Medeiros, North Providence High School

Fiona Mitchell, South Kingstown High School

North Kingstown Senior Honored by RI General Treasurer

Cecelia Macina, a North Kingstown High School senior and three time EEP student received the Young Leader Award from Rhode Island General Treasurer Seth Magaziner in May of last year. Mia Toro, EEP On-site Coordinator at North Kingstown High School, reported that Cece, as she is called, earned the award based on her academic achievements and volunteerism to the community. Cece has completed a number of EEP courses at the high school, with honors, including Personal Finance (FIN 230), Business Management (MGT 100), and is currently enrolled in the high school's newest EEP course, Introduction to Economics (ECON 200), a course that teaches students about the world of international business through the lens of a global economy.

North Providence Student is “Distinguished Young Woman of Rhode Island”

On January 26, 2020, Alexis Carrasco, an EEP student at North Providence High School, was awarded the honor of Distinguished Young Woman of Rhode Island for 2020. Distinguished Young Women is the largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. North Providence On-site Coordinator Lisa Leaheey reported that Alexis performed in the final showcase on Sunday night in the areas of Fitness, Talent, Self-expression, Scholastics, and Interview. Alexis was also awarded the Spirit Award and the Fitness Award and ultimately the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Rhode Island. Along with \$2,600 in cash scholarships, Alexis has opportunities to take full rides at multiple institutions across the country including The University of Alabama. Alexis also receives an all expenses paid two week trip to Mobile, Alabama, where she will compete with 49 other young women for the title of Distinguished Young Woman of America for 2020 with the opportunity to win nearly \$100,000 in scholarships for college.

Smithfield Teacher Pursues Another Dream

Janet McGinnis, On-site Coordinator at Smithfield High School, reports that Jack Hurley, who served as the EEP Physics teacher in the past, has retired from Smithfield High School. He has left a profession he loves to pursue a dream. For years, Jack has been making three trips a year to Haiti to help people in need there. He saw that he could do more for the Haitians by learning medicine, so after his many years as a dedicated and inspirational teacher, he is now a student in a Physicians Assistant Program at Bryant University. We wish Jack all the best in this new chapter of his life!

EEP by the Numbers

Again this year, EEP high school students will earn thousands of college credits, reducing the number of credits and time needed to graduate from college and lessening the financial burden on students and families. **Depending on the college and the student’s major, EEP credits may count towards a specific major, as specific college course credit, general education requirements or elective credit.** The EEP is pleased to report that as of the 2020-2021 school year English 118 and Art 201 will count towards general education requirements at RIC.

- 52 public and private schools in RI and MA
- Over 3,000 students
- 45 RIC courses offered
- Credits accepted at over 160 colleges



If On-site Coordinators, teachers or school counselors know of colleges that have accepted EEP credits but are not listed in the brochure, please contact the EEP office. It is important that we update the list for future EEP students.

Congratulations

Retirement: Thank you for your outstanding service to the EEP:

Jack Hurley, Physics, Smithfield High School

Judith McNulty, History 118 and 119, East Providence High School

Kurt Van Dexter, Art 201, The Greene School

Glenn Weidner, Spanish 113 and 114, Attleboro High School

Welcome back to the EEP:

Kathryn Amendola, Spanish 113 and 114, Cumberland High School

Carmen Faria, Spanish 113, Pilgrim High School

Cheryl Murray, Management 100 and Finance 230, Lincoln High School

New EEP instructors 2020–2021:

Lisa Almeida, Portuguese 113 and 114, Seekonk High School

Andrew Benn, Economics 200, Providence Career and Technical Academy

Timothy Brown, Chemistry 103, Lincoln High School

Ryan Burns, English 113 and 118, Smithfield High School

Jennifer Cameron, Chemistry 103, Lincoln High School

Denise Collins, Chemistry 103, Lincoln High School

Scott Dickinson, Biology 111, Rogers High School

Dominic DiDonato, Finance 230, Providence Career and Technical Academy

Marta Dougal, Spanish 113, La Salle Academy

Ronald Dunn, Chemistry 103 and 104, LaSalle Academy

Veronica Flaherty, Spanish 113, La Salle Academy

Kathy Good, Art 201, Mt. Pleasant High School

Leslie Graham, English 118, Cumberland High School

Jessica Mayette, English 113, East Providence High School

Stacey O'Donnell, Biology 111, Pilgrim High School

Lisa Pacitto, History 117 and 118, Providence Career and Technical Academy

Leeanne Soprano, Spanish 113 and 114, Bishop Hendricken High School

Katie Trusoski, Art 201, The Greene School

John Turbitt, History 119, East Providence High School

Mark Watson, Biology 111, LaSalle Academy

Brenda Young-Runner, Music 201, North Kingstown High School

Expanded Offerings:

Gregory Costa, Management 100, Lincoln High School



Approved EEP teachers are encouraged to expand their course offerings in areas in which they may be qualified. Also, colleagues may be unaware of the opportunities to offer college credits in their courses through the EEP.

[Go to ric.edu/eep](http://ric.edu/eep) for information on courses and teacher qualifications.

Important Notice: Federal regulations require students to furnish their social security number for federal reporting requirements related to 1098T forms. This form is completed each year, for each student, and is reported to the Internal Revenue Service using a social security number. Federal regulations also require the college to notify students that their social security number has been provided to the college for reporting purposes. Failure of the college to obtain this information has led to fines imposed on the college by the IRS. For this reason, the Early Enrollment Program will no longer accept registrations for students who have a social security number but choose not to supply it. There is a space on the registration form to indicate if a student does not have a social security number.

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Important Messages



UPDATED SYLLABI AND RESUMES ARE DUE BY JUNE 26. Please send as a Word document.

No Google docs. please!

The EEP office has moved to Forman 200.

Please send us information regarding special projects, awards, or achievements by EEP students or teachers for publication in the EEP newsletter.

Email us at eep@ric.edu

How your students may request a RIC transcript

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

Complete the online form and be sure to check the box marked **“EEP.”** Use your RIC ID# or the last four digits of your social security number to complete the form.

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, send an email to eep@ric.edu.

