

Early Enrollment Program Newsletter

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Happy, Healthy Holidays

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Last spring the Early Enrollment Program staff decided that we wanted our own logo, our own graphic identity apart from the RIC symbol and tagline. Because we have enjoyed previous design success with **Jennifer Twining, Graphic Communications Specialist in the RIC Office of News and Public Relations**, we asked her to create a logo for us. Jennifer has also designed our 2008 and 2010 color brochures.

Jennifer stated that her goal “was to create a strong and distinct symbol that reflects the qualities of communication, integration, partnership and the depth of the EEP.” Once again, we are quite pleased with her creation. Thank you, Jennifer!

A Promising and Distinguished American History Teacher

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Last June Ms. Grace Small was recognized as the Rhode Island’s 2010 Preserve America History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, a nonprofit organization supporting the study of American history. Small, an EEP instructor at Lincoln High School, was nominated by her principal, Mr. Kevin McNamara.

In 2009, Grace was also recognized as a James Madison Fellow by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C. which honors promising and distinguished teachers of American history. At a fall school committee meeting, Grace also received accolades from the RI Historical Society and citations from the Rhode Island Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission presented by Vice –chair Sue Stenhouse, as well as Lincoln town officials.

Grace graduated from Tolman High School and earned a BA in Political Science from Bridgewater State College.

Following her graduation from American University where she earned a master’s degree in International Development, she did missionary work in Italy and the United States. Her experience teaching adult education at Progresso Latino in Central Falls prompted her to obtain teacher’s certification in secondary education/history at Rhode Island College in 2006.

The Rhode Island College Early Enrollment Program is honored to have Grace Small as an EEP instructor in American history.



Jessica Hanch/SR/
North Providence HS/
Renaissance Painting

Art 201: Visual Arts in Society

If American novelist and painter Henry Miller were accurate when he noted that, “Art teaches nothing except the significance of life”, then there are quite a few high school students learning some valuable insights into life through Art 201.

When Art 201: Visual Arts in Society became an EEP offering nearly twenty years ago, only two high schools offered the course. Appeal and interest in the course have grown in the last ten years, and this year there are six high schools offering students the opportunity to “learn the significance of life.” Students have embraced the opportunity to work with their hands, as well as their minds. Oftentimes, the course offering has lured students who, initially, had no specific desire or talent in art; students just wanted to earn three college credits and fulfill their high school fine arts requirement. But teachers and students alike have been excited by the passion which the course has tapped.

Students have said that this course is “challenging....an awesome experience...engaging because of exposure to all types of media...fast paced.” One student claims that the course “...is helping me to learn about myself, what I like and don’t like, what I already know and what I need to learn.”

We hope that more high school art instructors, especially in schools where EEP courses already exist in other departments, investigate the possibility of bringing Art 201 to their high school.

Equally as exciting is that RI voters approved a \$17M bond issue to help support the renovation and the expansion of the Art Center on campus. Here is a rendering of the center, scheduled for completion in 2012:



**South Kingstown HS/
Art 201 Student**

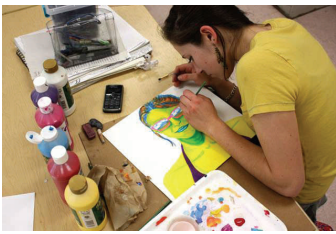


“Art washes from the soul the dust of every-day life.”

Pablo Picasso



Dania Hammad/SR/
North Providence HS/
Renaissance Painting



**South Kingstown HS/Art
210 Student**



Kim Mailloux/SR/
North Providence HS/
Mosaic

C o n g r a t u l a t i o n s !!!

We are pleased to announce that the following teachers are among the newest EEP Instructors:

April Backman/Mount Hope HS/Math 212

William Bowers/ North Providence HS/ Physics 101, Physics 102

Christie Cykert/Rogers HS/ Biology 111

Esther Eberly/South Kingstown HS/Math 212

Oluwatomi Falaye/ ClassicalHS/ Chemistry 103, Chemistry 104

Benjamin Fillo/Barrington HS/Economics 200

William Goodwin/St. Mary Bay View/Physics 101, Physics 102

John Horton/ Blackstone Academy Charter School/ Biology 111

Jack Hurley/Smithfield HS/ Physics 101

Scott McNulty/North Providence HS/Economics 200, History 201

Robert Thurston/ Cumberland HS/English 117

New On-site Coordinators:

Kayleen Carpenter/ Blackstone Academy Charter School

Kim Magnelli/Cranston West HS

LaVonne Davis-Schenck/Cumberland HS

Robert Shuman/ Narragansett HS

RETIREMENTS

We extend our deepest appreciation to the following EEP instructors who have retired. Their contributions to the EEP have been invaluable, and we wish them warmest congratulations!

Jean Esposito/Scituate HS/ Math 212

Jean Hall/Shea HS/History 150

Carol Hoyle/Cumberland HS/ English 117

Jean Mollicone/Mount Hope HS/Math 212

JoAnn Phillips/Pilgrim HS/ Music 201

EEP Notes for Instructors and On-sites

Graduate Studies Open House Scheduled

Thinking of beginning or continuing graduate work? Register online at <http://www.ric.edu/academics/graduateopenhouse.php> for RIC's Graduate Studies Open House on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Meet faculty and students, talk to representatives from financial aid and career development, and register for spring classes. The college's \$50 graduate application fee will be waived for all applicants who attend this Open House. The Open House runs from 4:00pm – 7:00pm in the Student Union Ballroom.

Registration for Spring EEP Courses

Registration for any courses running in the Spring 2011 semester should take place at the close of the first semester. At most schools this means at the end of January or the beginning of February. Students will need to follow the same process they did when they registered for a Fall 2010 course. Associate Directors, Marianne Gianfrancesco and Susan Poor, are available to make a school visit, if the On-site requests one; on-sites should call (401-456-8857) or email (eep@ric.edu) to make an appointment. Finally, **students must remember to include an accurate social security number and birthdate (not 2010!) on a registration form.**

Tuition Assistance for Spring 2010 Courses

GREAT NEWS! Students who were eligible for tuition assistance for a Fall 2010 course will continue to qualify for assistance for any Spring 2011 course. Registration forms are still required and checks for the registration fee should be attached to the form. Letters of support are not required for students who were eligible in the fall. Any other students registering for Spring 2011 courses and seeking financial assistance must submit **three** letters of support.

EEP at North Providence High School Speeds up College for 2008 Graduate

*****This article is condensed from a two page piece written by Erin Redihan correspondent for the Valley Breeze, August 25-31 edition, with permission from its editor, Marsha Greene.***

Roger Williams University student, Sarah Beron, is doing something that few college students achieve: graduating early. Beron will receive her diploma a full year ahead of schedule, thanks to the Early Enrollment Program offered through Rhode Island College and North Providence High School.

"I took a political science class, which was the same one at RIC with the same syllabus, only it was taught by a high school teacher." Through her experiences in this class, Beron became interested in public relations, the field she is studying at Roger Williams. "The political science class really sparked my interest...my first internship was at the State House where I learned about the political aspect of it. I learned that I don't really like politics, but I really like PR. I was definitely prepared for college". Sarah noted that "the teacher doesn't always remind you when work is due; it's on the syllabus, and you're responsible for it."

The 35 credits Beron earned at NPHS are the equivalent of more than a year's study at Roger Williams. In addition to getting a jump start on her career, she will only have to pay tuition for three years. "I'm saving so much money. I don't know why anyone would not take these classes. They are honors classes on the college prep track; so many students are eligible for them."

For Beron, the decision was easy, partly because she knew exactly where she wanted to go to school following her high school graduation. "I've loved Roger Williams ever since I was little," she said. "I had my heart set on it, and in my senior year, I handed the guidance department my application and didn't apply anywhere else because I knew that's where I wanted to go." And two years later, Beron is reaping the benefits of the EEP program and her experiences at Rogers Williams. She attributes much of her success at college to the Early Enrollment Program and the support she received at North Providence High School. She says of EEP, "It's the same material being taught (at RIC) in a more comfortable environment. I knew everyone in the class, and I wasn't nervous about asking questions...definitely great preparation for college."

Our best wishes to Sarah Beron! If you know of a student who has benefitted from EEP, please contact us with the details.

An EEP First

The EEP staff is delighted to announce that the ***Blackstone Academy Charter School (BACS)*** is the first Rhode Island charter school to participate in the Early Enrollment Program.

Located in Pawtucket, BACS opened its doors to high school students from Pawtucket and Central Falls in September 2002. Admission is by lottery and there is no cost to attend the academy.

The idea for BACS evolved from the SPIRIT Program, a year round educational enrichment program for middle and high school students in the Providence area. Leaders of SPIRIT saw the need for a college preparatory high school for students in the communities of Pawtucket and Central Falls and submitted a charter to the Rhode Island Department of Education in the fall of 2000. **

We welcome to the Early Enrollment Program John Horton, Biology 111 instructor; his students; and On-site Coordinator Kyleen E. Carpenter, Head of School.

** Information from BACS website