

Early Enrollment Program Newsletter



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EEP

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Thursday
November 4**

**EEP Birthday Party
4:00 pm**

Celebrating 30 Years: A Brief History of RIC's Early Enrollment Program
by Jay DiSandro
Director, Early Enrollment Program

*"We are not simply selling credits to high school students;
first and foremost the Early Enrollment Program must be credible.
Without credibility, the program is nothing."
– John Nazarian, President Emeritus*

For those of you who may not be aware, the fall of 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of the Rhode Island College Early Enrollment Program. And while we will mark the occasion with a special celebration on November 4, I thought you might enjoy a short journey on the history of the program. The EEP has gone through many changes over the past 30 years, from being a new "pilot" program in RI in 1979 to gaining international recognition as one of the founding members of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP).

I recently drove out to the Cape to visit Charlie Lawton, the EEP's first director (and retired Lincoln High School English teacher), for his recollections of the people and events that helped shape RIC's program. In 1979, James Turley was chair of the secondary education department at RIC. He had heard about the concurrent enrollment concept which Syracuse University was running and thought it would be a good program to bring to RIC. He recruited Charlie Lawton to explore the possibility. Syracuse was developing an organization for maintaining the integrity of concurrent enrollment programs and it was Charlie who helped come up with the NACEP name. Today NACEP is a national organization.

Initial funding was secured by then Vice President of Academic Affairs Eleanor McMahon. The EEP was up and running in the fall of 1980 with six schools piloting the program and only four subject areas offered (English, foreign languages, history and math).

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Molly Shepherd
Lincoln High
Class of 2011

Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Times, A Man For All Times"

By Molly Shepherd

This year marked the end of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Lincoln High School has celebrated the famous president's birthday in a unique way. Instead of throwing Abe a birthday party, Mrs. Small's 11th grade U.S. history classes made books.

The AP/EEP U.S. History course at Lincoln High School is one of the classes that participates in the Early Enrollment Program (EEP) through Rhode Island College (RIC). When students complete an EEP course they receive credits that may count toward a college degree. The student's grade not only appears on their high school transcript, but also on an official RIC transcript. Students can then carry the credits over to RIC or transfer them to a college or universities that participate in this program. The EEP is designed to motivate students to seek a rigorous academic challenge.

Eighty students from both AP/EEP and CP classes participated in making historical narratives on Abraham Lincoln and published individual books. Each student in the classes picked a different topic on an event having to do with Abraham Lincoln. The students researched and wrote an historical narrative on their topic. In November, the history classes worked collaboratively with 4th and 5th grade classes from Northern Elementary school. The elementary students drew pictures and wrote captions to complement the primary sources in each book of the high school authors. As part of the EEP requirement for the US history classes, students wrote research papers using Chicago style citation as required by the History Department at RIC.

On February 24, all the students from both Lincoln High School and Northern Elementary went to the State House for the Bicentennial Celebration of Abraham Lincoln. Rhode Island's Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission set up a display of memorable moments from Lincoln's life and presidency from the Gilder Lehrman Institute in New York. The books made by the students were also set up on display for everyone to see. "It was a pleasure to see our students demonstrate their best work at the R.I. State House," commented Mrs. Small.

Sue Stenhouse, the Vice Chair of the Rhode Island Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Lincoln Historian and RI Chief Justice Frank Williams, Governor Donald L. Carcieri and Commissioner Deborah A. Gist all made inspiring remarks about the greatness and legacy of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln High School's Phillip Litmanovich represented Abraham Lincoln and made a speech in his honor.

Many had something to contribute to this bicentennial celebration. Gianna Jasinski and Sabrina Fowler, both from LaSalle Academy, read a section of their winning essays from the 2010 Hildene-Brown Essay Contest. The Northern Elementary 5th Grade Reader's Theater sang "The Ballad of Abraham Lincoln" while the 4th graders read "The Poem of Emily Hanks." The 11th Grade AP/EEP U.S. History class created a role play called "Who Freed the Slaves" where different historical figures presented their unique perspectives about how they freed the slaves. The role play concluded with the consensus that Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves because he saved the Union. The ceremony ended with everyone singing the "Battle Cry of Freedom." It was the perfect way to end the ceremony honoring one of the greatest presidents of all time.



**REACH
INSPIRE
CONNECT**

Congratulations

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

Maria Branco / North Providence HS / Math 212

Leonard Cambra/Woonsocket HS/ Spanish 113

Lydia Haile Fassett/ The Wheeler School/ Latin 101, Latin 102

** In addition to having Lydia Haile Fassett as an EEP Instructor, we are thrilled to have The Wheeler School and two Latin courses as the newest additions to EEP.

Jane Yacovone/Milford HS, Milford, MA/Art 210

** Milford joins the ranks of MA schools participating in EEP!

Annual Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to announce the 2010 EEP scholarship winners. Chosen from a field of outstanding nominees, the four EEP students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to Rhode Island College renewable for three additional years provided they maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic year.

David J. Antonelli, North Providence High School

Kristen L. Campanelli, Johnston High School

Syed M. Menebhi, Smithfield High School

Cameron P. Richer, Woonsocket High School

Our congratulations are extended to the four scholarship winners, their families and their teachers.

WANTED: Professional Development Ideas

The EEP Staff would like to know what types of professional development might enhance your classroom instruction. Ideas might include guest speakers, technology issues, online and/or distance learning, classroom management issues or writing across the curriculum.

We welcome any and all suggestions to help us plan for EEP instructor workshops during the 2010-2011 school year. Please email your ideas to eep@ric.edu.

TEACHERS APPROVED TO EXPAND EEP OFFERINGS:

Suzanne Walker/ Woonsocket HS / Math 240

We extend our deepest appreciate to the following EEP instructors who are retiring effective June 2010. Their contributions to EEP have been invaluable and we wish them warmest congratulations!

John Cerra/North Providence HS/ Physics 101 & 102

Thomas Hines/Smithfield HS/English 113 & 117

Dominique Jacques/North Attleboro HS/ Chemistry 103 & 104

Domenic Quadrini/South Kingstown HS/Math 212



Jillian Maine/Senior/North Providence HS/Art 201/ Greek Olympic Vessel



Jamie Ascioffa/Senior/ North Providence HS/Art 201/Tile Mosaic



Todd Paschoal/Senior/North Providence HS/Art 201/ Greek Olympic Vessel and Egyptian Figurine



Graciano Naseminto/SR/ North Providence HS/Art 201/Olympic Vessel & Prehistoric Carving

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With a combination of sabbaticals and then his retirement from Lincoln, Charlie served as the EEP Director for a total of 13 years. The EEP was growing in leaps and bounds. Charlie invited me to serve on the EEP Advisory Committee in 1995 because I had created a curriculum at Smithfield High for Spanish 4 and 5 which became EEP courses. By 1998, he had hired Bob Mickle as his associate director. When Charlie retired as the EEP Director in 1999, he offered me the position, first full time with a sabbatical, and then part-time for the past 10 years.

Along the way, the EEP had several other directors, including RIC's Ken Walker and Bob Hogan. We continued to grow and in 2000, Marianne Gianfrancesco, a retired North Providence High English EEP teacher and on-site, joined us as a second associate director. In 2004, Judith Humphrey became our first "official" secretary. Bob Mickle was actively involved with NACEP, as a Board member and eventually as President. When he retired from the EEP in 2006, Susan Poor, a retired Ponaganset EEP English teacher and on-site, joined us. In 2009, Jane Lindberg took over Judith Humphrey's role as our primary support staff.

In just 30 short years, the EEP has 50 high schools, runs approximately 340 classes per year in RI and nearby MA, and serves nearly 2000 students annually. There is an On-site Coordinator for every school and over 150 high school EEP Instructors. There are over 40 EEP courses offered each year with at least one RIC Departmental Liaison to oversee each one.

John Nazarian captured the essence of the EEP with his opening quotation about credibility. For 30 years now, the EEP has been one of the most significant bridges in RI that connects high schools with the college community. It has promoted higher education, provided a head start on college for thousands of students and saved hundreds of thousands of college tuition dollars for families. I am grateful to Charlie Lawton for his role in creating the EEP.

I am proud to be a part of the Rhode Island College Early Enrollment Program and what it represents. I thank each and every one of you for your participation and support. I hope you enjoyed the journey.....I still am!

Early Enrollment Program Benefits

- **For the high school students:** obtain college credit that is recognized by colleges and universities from coast to coast; experience increased academic rigor and develop skills for college success; demonstrate learning over an entire semester or year, not just on a single, high stakes test
- **For the high school teachers:** participate in discipline-specific, college based professional development; build collegial relationships with Rhode Island College faculty and with other motivated high school teachers
- **For the high school administrators:** provide a high quality, dual enrollment option for students

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**GRADES
DUE
JUNE 25th**

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**Thursday
November
4th**



**DETAILS TO
FOLLOW!**

Updated syllabus
For 2010-2011
REQUIRED
Send
ELECTRONICALLY
TO
eep@ric.edu
BY
July 16

**NEW for
FALL 2010**

Class rosters will be sent after all students have registered. Please check to be sure **all** your EEP students appear on your class roster.

WANTED!

Ideas for EEP Professional
Development Workshops
Email suggestions to: eep@ric.edu