

Early Enrollment Program Newsletter

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Professional Development at Adams Library

THIS IS NOT YOUR MOTHER'S LIBRARY

We sent out an email invitation in February asking all EEP instructors to join our first Professional Development Workshop. On March 14, 2012, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, EEP instructors attended a professional development workshop entitled "Beyond Google and Wikipedia" at the James P. Adams Library. Conducted by Library Director Hedi BenAicha and his staff, this orientation provided EEP teachers with a tour of the Adams library and a hands-on introduction to the many electronic resources available to all EEP teachers and their EEP students.

All attendees obtained an RIC ID card prior to the orientation which provided them with full online access to all resources during the library workshop as well as at home. Teachers who attended thoroughly appreciated the experience. The day after the workshop Patricia Lucciola, Art 201 instructor at North Providence High, requested printed materials which the library provides; she planned to distribute them among her students. Patty claimed that she was pleasantly surprised to see all the art resources available in the library and online. Angela Cunard, on-site coordinator and Biology 111 and 112 instructor at Seekonk High School shared her thoughts with the EEP staff after the workshop: "It stimulated so many ideas and allowed us to see all of the wonderful resources available to us. I have never taken advantage of getting my library card/ID before. Could we do something similar in September to ensure that I renew my ID? I envision that many more might take advantage of the opportunity in September." The EEP staff is seriously considering Angela's suggestion.



Hedi BenAicha welcomes
the EEP instructors

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Lunching with the Liaisons

On Wednesday April 11 the EEP staff, the RIC faculty liaisons and their department chairs shared a hearty lunch and discussed many pertinent EEP issues.

Jay DiSandro shared statistics which demonstrate that the EEP continues to be a viable and credible program for high school students in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts. Accomplishments and on-going projects include the updated EEP website, our new FaceBook page and the publication of our electronic newsletters. Mari-
anne Gianfrancesco explained that she has investigated the availability of grant money to support financially needy students, while Susan Poor spoke of forming partnerships with public and private statewide organizations, educating more Rhode Islanders about our successful concurrent enrollment program. Susan also pointed out that Dr. Geloin, our French liaison, had suggested the idea for our informative March library workshop, held exclusively for our high school EEP instructors.

Since Spencer Hall and Jim Kittredge, our English Department liaisons, successfully share their responsibilities, we asked them to comment on their experiences. Dr. Hall stated that, for a variety of reasons, working with the EEP is a “very rewarding, productive and wonderful experience.”

At our meeting, the liaisons also provided us with ideas for revising the Payment/Visitation Form. News of EEP students and faculty who have won awards, achieved great success and/or received press coverage this year was also shared.

Our program attracts the brightest students and the finest staff ; the dedication and professionalism of our liaisons help to make EEP so successful. We extend our deepest appreciation and thanks for all that they do!



Chemistry Teacher of the Year

Each year the RI Section of the American Chemical Society honors a teacher for dedication to Chemical Education and for excellence in the art of teaching chemistry. This year the awards ceremony was held at Providence College on April 30, with a dinner followed by presentations. The recipient of this year’s prestigious award was **Michael Ciccerone**, EEP Chemistry teacher at North Providence High School. Michael received a commemorative plaque, a photo-essay book entitled ***The Elements*** by Thoedore Gray, and a wall sized Periodic Table of Elements. Kathy Siok, EEP Chemistry liaison, presented the award to Michael. Mary Christian-Madden, Michael’s chemistry teacher when he was a student at North Providence High School, presented him with the Periodic Table, and noted her receipt of the same award 31 years ago; she encouraged him to continue to “Pay it forward” with his students. Michael enjoys teaching chemistry at his alma mater and working as the Science Department Chair. A graduate of the University of RI, Michael resides in North Smithfield with his wife, Cheryl, a middle school teacher and his children.



Our deepest congratulations to Michael for achieving this honor!

HER LOVE FOR MUSIC



Listening to her records on a turntable and playing music on a child's keyboard are a far cry from Rebecca Hudon's February, 2012 performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City, but it is how her passion for music began. Rebecca, the daughter of Roland and Barbara Hudon of Harrisville, RI, is an EEP history student and junior at Burrillville High School. She is the clarinets' first chair and section leader in her high school band and is also the senior drum major for her school marching band. In addition Rebecca has stepped into supporting roles in percussion with the timpani drums, the chimes, and the claves; she has also played in the bell choir.

This Burrillville high school junior has competed with some of the most talented high school musicians throughout the United States, Canada and select international schools in order to participate in the 2012 American High School Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. She was one of ninety students selected for this honors band. According to their website, The Honors Performance Series, which has been in existence for over thirty years, "challenges elite students to perform at their very best. Students rehearse and perform under master conductors and have the opportunity to perform before invited representatives from collegiate and professional music programs." Participation is through nomination and audition only. Burrillville High School music teacher, Mrs. Dalen Favali, nominated Rebecca, who humbly stated that she, "was honored to be selected but also slightly overwhelmed by the thought of it all." In addition to rehearsing and performing, student musicians toured New York City.

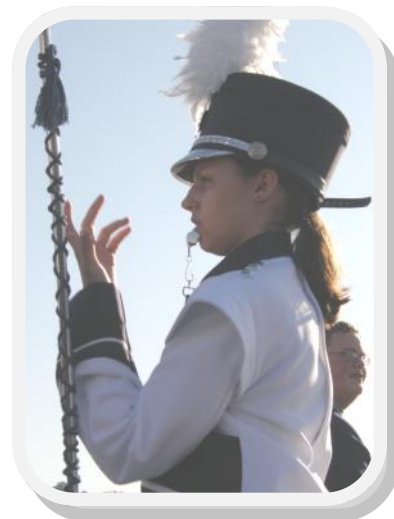
Rebecca completed her Honors Performance Series application and audition by June, 2011, prior to her European tour with the John Philip Sousa International Collegiate Honors Band that summer. She traveled with a group of sixty musicians to eight European countries and performed in ten concerts. "Not only did I get to tour Europe, I also met some great musicians from across the United States and Costa Rica and got to play beautiful music under the direction of interesting conductors."

Rebecca's impressive list of musical accomplishments, and there are so many more than noted here, attests to the fact that she loves the concept and practice of music.

We are very proud to have her as a student in the Early Enrollment Program.

"We need music to restore the human spirit."

**Leonard Slatken,
Director of the National Symphony**



Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that the following teachers are among the newest EEP instructors for 2012-2013:

Julie Braga, East Providence HS, Spanish 114

Dan Coyne, Ponaganset HS, Music 201

Greg Kortik, West Warwick HS, Economics 200

Christopher Lambert, Mt. Hope HS, Music 150: Advanced Digital Audio Recording

Dennis Soares, Tiverton HS, Portuguese 113

More Honors for Julie Lima Boyle

Professionally, this has been a banner year for Julie Lima Boyle, EEP English instructor at Coventry HS. She was named RI's Teacher of the Year last fall (see the EEP Newsletter Issue #7, Fall 2011). In May she was presented with a 2012 Alumni Honor Roll Award from Rhode Island College. Julie completed her undergraduate work at RIC in 1994 and her MA in English in 2006. She shares a passion for reading and writing and enjoys teaching her students how to communicate effectively about literature and their lives. Julie notes that students today can get two types of education: one to prepare to earn a living and the second to prepare for a thoughtful meaningful life. In her acceptance speech at the May 10 ceremony, Julie credited members of the English Department at RIC, as well as other faculty members at the college, for preparing her for the successful career and life she now leads.

BRAVO, Julie, on a sterling job!



EEP Student News



2012 EEP Scholarship Winners

Every year we are impressed by the talent of our EEP students from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts. This year we selected four recipients, instead of the usual three, because some students' qualifications were so impressive. The recipients are:

Emily Fisher, Coventry High School

Patricia Lima, Smithfield High School

Thomas Palleschi, North Providence High School

Kristen Treganowan, Woonsocket 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 four scholarship winners, their teachers, and their on-site coordinators.

Early Enrollment Program presents...



SEPTEMBER 2012

- ◆ English **100** replaces English 117; exciting opportunity for teachers to craft a course to accommodate the tastes of their students.
- ◆ EEP foreign language courses satisfy the new RIC second language requirement.
- ◆ **Online payments** enable students to pay for EEP credits in a variety of ways.
- ◆ Updated EEP Website <http://www.ric.edu/eep/>
- ◆ Facebook Page expands.



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2012-2013 are
due by June 30;
email to
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Thank you for all
that you do for the
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Kick back and enjoy
your summer
YOU DESERVE IT



Please keep your camera handy! Email us
photos (in jpg. format) of your students
and yourself at any time during the year.
We will need parental permission to use
the photo of an EEP student.

How to Request RIC Transcripts



www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/pdf/transcriptrequestform.pdf

- ◆ **DOWNLOAD** the request form.
- ◆ **Circle** EEP student, so you don't need to know your EMPLID (student ID)
- ◆ Specify a person or office at the attending college or university
- ◆ **Mail** Completed form

NOTE: In July the Records office will mail each student a personal copy of their transcript.