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In the News at EEP

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

Bailey Campbell, an EEP student at NPHS, was awarded the title “Distinguished Young Woman of Rhode Island” at a pageant on January 6, 2019. She won the talent and fitness portions of the pageant after being nominated by an NPHS teacher. EEP On-site Coordinator Lisa Leaheey said that Bailey received an award of \$2,600 and will compete in the Distinguished Young Women of America national competition in June with the opportunity to win nearly \$100,000 in scholarships for college. Bailey will attend Sacred Heart College in the fall and major in pre-physical therapy. Lisa added that “... we are beyond proud of her, and we know she will be an amazing representative of RI and NPHS.”



Congratulations to Bailey from the EEP staff.

Lincoln High School History Students Explore Freedom Trail

Anne-Marie VanNieuwenhuize, EEP On-site Coordinator at Lincoln High School, reported that students in Gracieta Small’s EEP History 119 class went on a walking tour of the Freedom Trail in Boston and created a Google slide presentation of the monuments that impressed them the most. Students re-enacted the Constitutional Convention and the Jefferson/Hamilton debates. They also wrote a Civil War role play to the question, “Who Freed the Slaves,” using primary sources. Ann-Marie said, “it has been a full and engaging semester of authentic learning.”

Congratulations to 2019 EEP Scholarship Winners

Each year scholarships are awarded to EEP students who will be attending Rhode Island College in the fall. We received 17 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:

Summer Brito, Mount Pleasant High School

Juliana Karbonik, Cumberland High School

Carleigh Killea, Coventry High School

Madelyn Pineda, Central Falls High School



EEP Teachers and Students Advocate for Financial Education

Research completed in 2016 by LendEDU revealed that graduates of Rhode Island colleges have the second highest student loan debt in the nation. Much has been written about the twenty-something generation's postponement of buying homes because of heavy student loan obligations. In this context, General Treasurer Seth Magaziner has proposed that proficiency in personal finance become a graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2022.

Early Enrollment Program teachers have been addressing financial literacy in the course FIN 230: Personal Finance since 2012, and this year several EEP instructors and their students voiced their support for House Bill 5033, introduced in January 2019. Magaziner's report "Fallen Behind: RI's Personal Finance Crisis & the Urgent Need for Stronger Personal Finance Education in Public Schools" is available online and includes links to numerous resources for teachers.

Richard Garland at North Kingstown High School was the first high school instructor to teach FIN 230 in the Early Enrollment Program. In 2018-19, six high schools offered the course: Cranston East, Cranston West, East Greenwich, North Kingstown, Chariho and Woonsocket. Personal finance is already a graduation requirement in Barrington, Cranston, Cumberland, Exeter-West Greenwich, Johnston, Smithfield and Warwick. All but five Rhode Island high schools offer at least an elective course in personal finance.

EEP teachers Cheryl Murray (Lincoln), Erica Valentine (Smithfield), Richard Garland (North Kingstown), Robert D'Arezzo (Tolman), Suzanne Walker (Woonsocket) and Patricia Page (East Greenwich) contributed to the General Treasurer's report. In early March, several of Patricia Page's students testified before the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare about the practical application of what they have learned in their Personal Finance EEP courses. Nick Sanzi stated that "basic financial terms are another language to the average high school student." Page's class was also recently featured in RI PBS's "RI Classroom."

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.

- 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 guidance 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:

Richard Bernardo, Physics,
Tiverton High School

Welcome back to the EEP:

Central High School

Anthony Fascia, Chemistry 103

New EEP instructors 2019–2020:

Steven Apostolov, French 113,
Rogers High School

Peter Buonfiglio, History
118/119, Cranston West High
School

Paul Danesi, Accounting 201,
Bishop Hendricken High School

New Instructors, cont'd:

Lauren Gueli, Art 201, North
Kingstown High School

Leslie Langlais, Spanish 113,
Scituate High School

Ellys Mattos, Spanish 113,
E-Cubed

John Onysko, History 119, West
Warwick High School

Janice Strain, Art 201, North Kings-
town High School

Stefanie Vantine, Music 201/203,
Scituate High School

Elmer Vargas, Spanish 113/114, La
Salle Academy

Expanded Offerings:

Catherine Botsford-Milne,
Chemistry 104, Attleboro High
School

Julie Boyle, FNED 100,
Coventry High School

Norma Caizza, Music 201,
North Kingstown High School

Richard Garland,
Economics 200, North Kings-
town High School

Lara Haggerty, Biology 1112,
The Greene School

Scott Maynard, History
118/119, Cranston East High
School

Stephen Sevidio, History
119, Westerly High School

Toni Silveira, Music 201,
North Kingstown High School

New On-site Coordinators:

Mary Ellen Olsen,
Portsmouth High School

Eric Simonelli, La Salle
Academy

Returning to EEP:

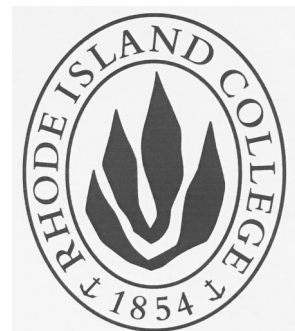
Maria DiMascio, Spanish
113/114, La Salle Academy

Exciting News for Music Students

Beginning in Fall 2019, RIC will offer a new minor in Digital Music Production. For the first time, a minor has been created with the deliberate inclusion of two EEP courses, MUS 117 and 118. Students who complete both of these courses in high school and plan to attend RIC will need only four additional courses at RIC to complete this minor. The courses are being renumbered and each will be four credits:

- MUS 117, Electronic Music, will become MUS 207.
- MUS 118, Digital Audio Production I, will be cross-listed as MUS/COMM 220. Students can select whether they wish the credit to be posted as a communication course or a music course.

MUS 119, Digital Audio Production II, will be discontinued as an EEP course and has been redesigned as an on-campus course.



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 if a student **does not have** a social security number.

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Important Messages



UPDATED SYLLABI AND RESUMES ARE DUE BY JUNE 28. 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/eep>

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.

