

# Early Enrollment Program Newsletter

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## In the News at EEP

### Cumberland Teacher Receives Presidential Award

Last September in Washington D.C. Kristen Jahnz, EEP calculus teacher at Cumberland High School, received a Presidential Award for Excellence in the teaching of mathematics, the highest recognition given to teachers of mathematics and science in the United States.

Kristen was commended for practicing rigorous standards in her teaching and for serving as a role model for her colleagues and as a mentor to her students. She is advisor to the school's award winning math team and the content leader for the Math Department. "She is an inspiration to her colleagues and students," said school counselor Julie Butler, "and a true leader who leads by example."



While in Washington, Jahnz and fellow awardees attended STEM-related professional development seminars and each received a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

Kristen received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Rhode Island College and has been teaching math for 20 years.

Congratulations, Kristen!

### Smithfield Teacher Receives Golden Apple Award

Ms. Lora Calise, EEP Spanish teacher at Smithfield High School, received the Golden Apple Award on Thursday, September 29, 2016, in a presentation broadcast on WJAR 10 news. Lora was nominated by Nicole Boyle, a former student. Boyle wrote that Ms. Calise is "funny, brilliant, and genuinely caring. (She) deserves the Golden Apple Award for the time, effort and money she puts into her students' education." The award was presented by RI Commissioner of Education Ken Wagner who thanked Lora for her dedication to her students.



Lora earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Rhode Island College and has been involved with the EEP for 15 years.

Congratulations, Lora!

**New Associate Directors**

**Alfred Pannone** graduated from Providence College with a BA in Secondary Education/ Spanish/Italian, and from URI with a Master’s degree in Comparative Literature (French, Italian and Spanish). Al recently retired after 37 years of teaching all 3 languages at the high school level, first at Bishop Hendricken High School for 10 years, 4 years at Pilgrim High School, 1 year at Norwood High School in Massachusetts, and the rest of his career in Cranston Public Schools at Western Hills, Cranston High School East and Cranston High School West. From 2000 – 2016, Al was the department chair of World Languages at Cranston High School West. Al got to know the EEP staff over the years while teaching Italian 113 at West, and he is extremely grateful to have been asked to come on board with the EEP staff upon retirement. He looks forward to working at RIC in this new capacity of associate director of EEP while still being involved with students, who were always the most inspiring part of his teaching career.

**Peter Forrest** graduated from Rhode Island College with a BA in Secondary Education/ English and taught grades 9 through 12 at Tiverton High School for 20 years before retiring in June 2016. Peter had been involved with EEP for 15 years, teaching English 113 and 118 and serving as the EEP on-site coordinator. During that time he was also the English Department Chair and Senior Project Coordinator at Tiverton. He was honored and excited when offered the opportunity to continue his association with EEP as an Associate Director. While at Tiverton he witnessed the benefits to his students from participating in EEP classes and earning college credits, and he looks forward to “spreading the word” to students throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts.



**Also in the News**

Thanks to the efforts of **Melissa Caffrey**, an EEP history instructor since 2009, forty-one high school students from Fuji Ichiritsu Senior High School (Japan) visited North Providence High School on November 29, 2016. Part of a Global Leadership program, the Japanese students, who were paired with NPHS teenagers, attended classes and worked on improving their English and leadership skills. Melissa also serves as the Portfolio Coordinator and Social Studies Department Chairperson at North Providence High School.

## Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that the following teachers are among the newest EEP Instructors for 2016– 2017:

**Keith Anderson** - History 119 - East Providence High School

**Sarah Cabral** - English 118 & 113 - Tiverton High School

**Madeline Crocker** -Finance 230 - Chariho High School

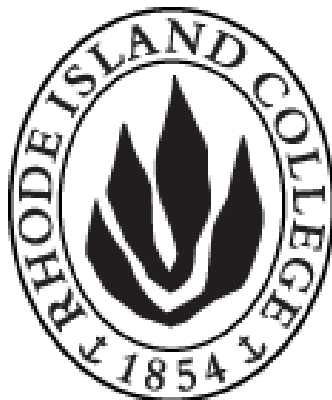
**Dalen Favali** - *Music 203*- Burrillville High School

**Karen Flint** - Chemistry 103 - St. Raphael Academy

**Paula Freitas** - Portuguese 113 - Tiverton High School

**Ana Garza** - Spanish 113 - North Kingstown High School

**Nancy Koczera** - Finance 230 -Woonsocket High School



We extend our appreciation and wish good fortune to the following teachers who have moved on:

**Dennis Soares** taught Portuguese 113 at Tiverton High School and is now the Dean of Students at Middletown High School

**Marcia Vieira** taught Math 240 at New Bedford High School and is now at Dartmouth High School.

**Kelly Wilson** taught College Accounting at Lincoln High School for 17 years and was a co-advisor for Future Business Leaders of America. She is making a career change to the business world as a Certified Public Accountant at Carl Weinberg and Co. in Warwick.

Welcome to the new on-site coordinators at the following schools:

**Sarah Cabral** – Tiverton High School

**Karen Fontes** – The Greene School

**Richard Huston** – New Bedford High School

Welcome back to EEP to the following teachers:

**Mary Kutcher** - Chemistry 103 and 104 - South Kingstown High School

**Cheryl Murray** - Finance 230 and CIS 251 at Lincoln High School

**Gina Poulos** - Biology 111 & 112 - West Warwick High School

Retirement congratulations and thanks for outstanding service to EEP students to:

**Anne Marie Fayan** - Math 117 & Calculus - Mt. Hope High School

**Rebecca Johnson** -French 113 - South Kingstown High School

**Sasha Sichel** - Economics 200 - Barrington High School

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## Important Dates:

1. **March 1, 2017**  
Registrations for SPRING 2017 courses should be sent to us by *March 1*. Students **MUST** complete the registration process if they want second semester credits for their EEP courses.
2. **April 14, 2017 (Must be postmarked by April 14, 2017)**  
Scholarship applications for EEP students who will be attending Rhode Island College
3. **May 1, 2017**  
Deadline to submit materials for teachers interested in becoming EEP instructors for the upcoming school year.



**We'd love to highlight the work of your EEP students Here's how:**

Send us your stories, anecdotes, student quotes about their experiences or special projects in your EEP classes.

Keep your camera handy!  
Email us photos (in jpg. format) or videos of your students and yourself at any time during the year. (We will need parental permission to use any photo or video of an EEP student.  
Email us at [eep@ric.edu](mailto:eep@ric.edu)

**Requesting RIC Transcripts  
“How to” information for your students:**

***Go to:***

***<https://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/transcripts.php>***

Be sure to check the box marked “EEP.”

Students may submit multiple forms if they need transcripts for more than one school. We recommend that they also have one sent to themselves.



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