



expanding the education  
of our community

May 2014 – June 2014



### For our Educators and Professionals Become the educator you want to be

#### College of Mt. Saint Vincent Accredited Courses

- May 15–Jun. 28 • Computer Tools 1 for Teachers
- May 15–Jun. 28 • Building Professional Learning Communities to Improve Student Learning
- Jun. 12–Aug. 2 • Teaching and the Change Process
- Jun. 30–Aug. 20 • Integrating Multimedia for Thematic Units
- Jul. 3–Aug. 21 • Education and the “At Risk” Student
- Jul. 7–Aug. 25 • Working with Parents of Special Education Students: Collaboration and Mutual Support
- Jul. 28–Sep. 18 • Social Problems and Education
- Aug. 5–Sep. 26 • Creating and Sustaining Enduring Principles and Educational Values in Schools and Classrooms

Contact Joleen at (845) 499-0851 / [jmurray@rockteach.org](mailto:jmurray@rockteach.org)

### RTC Institute Focus of the Month

#### 2014–2015 INNOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS

Grants are funded through Rockland Community Foundation Education Fund. Grant awards range from \$200.00 to \$500.00. The number of awards given per school year is dependent on available funds.

Deadline for applications is May 31, 2014. Winners will be announced by June 20, 2014. Awards will be disbursed in September 2014.

Visit [www.rockteach.org](http://www.rockteach.org) and click on the grant link for more information and the application!



#### OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
3:30PM–5:00PM

North Rockland High School  
Contact Joleen at (845) 499-0851  
Learn about our graduate and certificate programs!

#### TUXEDO:

George F. Baker High School  
\*\*by appointment\*\*

#### NORTH ROCKLAND:

BOCES Hilltop School  
(formerly Gerald Neary School)  
20 George Street  Haverstraw  
MAIL: 65 Chapel Street  Garnerville, NY 10923  
PHONE: (845) 553-9516  FAX: (845) 553-9297

### For our Educators and Professionals Your resource for reaching your greatest potential

#### Rethinking STEM-D Education: Innovative Practices from the Field

- May 15 @ PACE University Graduate Center  
Register at [www.rockteach.org](http://www.rockteach.org)

#### NYS Teacher Center Online Academy (OLA) Jul. 8 – Aug. 26, 2014

- Balance the Mind and Heart: Creating Resilient Schools
- Best Practices in Comprehension with RTI
- Smart Board Environmental Science and Writing Activities
- Understanding Cultural and Socioeconomic Differences
- Unpacking the NYS ELA Common Core Standards

#### Leadership in the Teaching of Writing

- 3 Graduate Courses offered through SUNY New Paltz
- Teachers as Writers • Summer 2014
  - Teachers as Learners • Fall 2014
  - Teachers as Leaders • Spring 2015

#### Rockland Literacy Extravaganza Conference

- Oct. 18 @ STAC • Keynote Speakers :Doug Fisher and Yetta Goodman • Pre-Register at [www.rockteach.org](http://www.rockteach.org)

Contact Debbie at (845) 553-9516 / [dstudnitzer@optonline.net](mailto:dstudnitzer@optonline.net)

#### ACT Prep for Math, Science, Reading, and Writing

Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18  
9:00AM–3:30PM

Nanuet Outdoor Education Center  
Register at [www.rockteach.org](http://www.rockteach.org)

This course is geared to students taking the ACT on June 14, 2014

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## For our Community and Students

Making a difference through learning

### ACT Review Course

- May 17–18 • Nanuet Outdoor Education Center  
Register at [www.rockteach.org](http://www.rockteach.org)

### STAR Cultural Arts Meeting

- Jun. 9 • 9:30AM–12:00PM • Pre-register at [www.rockteach.org](http://www.rockteach.org).

### A Taste of Storytelling

- Jun.22 12:00PM–3:00PM @ Union Restaurant and Bar Latino, Haverstraw

### RC School Health and Wellness Coalition

- Contact Debbie for more information

### After-School Enrichment Programs

Join the growing number of schools offering RTC Institute Enrichment programs.

Contact Debbie at (845) 553-9516 / [dstudnitzer@optonline.net](mailto:dstudnitzer@optonline.net)

### Center for Active and Retired Community

- May 21 • American Ballet Theatre - Classic Spectacular
- May 28 • Splurge and Steal Fashion Show: Look Like A Million Bucks
- Jun. 12 • Gomez Mill House Tour and Lunch
- Jun. 26 • Soho Walking Tour of Galleries and Boutiques

Discount available: Air Brook • 5% with code CC6059

Contact Bilha at (845) 553-9298 / [bberkowitz@rockteach.org](mailto:bberkowitz@rockteach.org)

### Save the Date

- Jun. 22 • A Taste of Storytelling @ Union Restaurant, Haverstraw
- Oct. 4 • 2nd Annual Celebration of the Arts @ St. Thomas Aquinas College
- Oct. 18 • 19th Annual Rockland Literacy Extravaganza Conference @ STAC
- Nov. 16 • 19th Annual Rockland County Storytelling Festival @  
Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library, Garnerville



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### A Community of Learners For Education and Not for Profit

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### RTC Institute Program Partners

- The City College of New York
- College of Mount Saint Vincent
- Manhattanville College
- New York Institute of Technology
- NYS Teacher Center Online Academy
- New York Virtual
- PACE University
- SUNY New Paltz

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## NYS Teacher Center Professional Learning

### Rethinking STEM-D Education: Innovative Practices from the Field

Thursday, May 15, 2014 • 8AM–4PM  
Pace University Graduate Center  
One Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY

Learn about best practices in Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Math and Design (STEM-D) instruction.

### Keynotes

- Stephen Jacobs, "Games for Learning & Education: A Historical Look Back, A Survey of Today's Landscape and Predictions for the Future That Will Be Proven Wrong Later"
- Vicki Cobb, "How To Teach Science: It's Not the Answers That Count, It's The Questions!"

### Workshop Breakout Sessions

Sessions focus on teaching strategies for STEM-D topics including nature and science for young children, robotics, Scratch programming, lunar rover design, roller coaster physics, MaKey MaKey, 3D printing, game design, digital design lab and MakerSpace.

### Registration & Cost

\$25 Reg. fee includes morning coffee, lunch and raffle entry.  
Register securely online at <http://rockteach.org/>

For Program Info: Contact Merrill Lee Fuchs at PACE (914) 773-3884  
For Registration Questions: Contact Betty at RTC: (914) 589-1545

This conference is presented through a collaboration of The Pace University School of Education, The Lower Hudson Teacher Center Network, The New York Technology Educators Network, Southern Westchester BOCES and The Lower Hudson Regional Information Center.