



New Jersey Literacy Consortium At Kean University *Sponsored by the NJ GEAR UP State Project*

NJ GEAR UP has partnered with your school to bring support programs to students and families to prepare them for postsecondary education. This collaboration has benefited hundreds of your students, many of whom have enrolled in higher education.

We have also worked during the past decade to offer high quality professional development to teachers. This year, we have expanded our offerings to include a new opportunity in the field of literacy: the **New Jersey Literacy Consortium, sponsored by the Center for Innovative Education at Kean University.**

The purpose of the Consortium is to establish a forum for educators interested in advancing best practices in language arts literacy to meet the instructional needs of all learners. The Literacy Consortium will sponsor four recognized experts in literacy education for the 2010-11 academic year. These are described in the attached flier.

The New Jersey Literacy Consortium will be provided to you **FREE** of charge as a result of your status as a middle or high school language arts educator in a NJ GEAR UP target school.

NJ GEAR UP will:

- Cover the training fee for each team: \$1,300 for one language arts supervisor **AND** two 6th-12th grade language arts teachers to attend four workshops
- Provide professional development hours (up to 16 hours).

The Language Arts supervisor/coach and teacher(s) will:

- Register as a team using the attached form
- Attend all four workshops throughout the academic year (*teachers can alternate workshops as long as 1 supervisor and 2 teachers attend each workshop*)
- Complete an online workshop evaluation form (s) after each session
- Identify other educators to attend if a pre-registered participant cannot, and inform us about any substitutions within two weeks of the event.

If you are interested in attending, the language arts supervisor/coach must complete the attached registration form and fax to (609) 292-7225 **no later than Tuesday October 12, 2010.** Once registered, all supervisors and teachers will receive confirmation, room location, and directions from the Center for Innovative Education at Kean University via e-mail. Space is limited so please complete the registration form as soon as possible.

We hope that you will support this new initiative and encourage other GEAR UP target school teachers to take advantage of this opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at (609) 984-2699 or Kilpatry Cuesta at (609) 638-4401 or kilpatrycuesta@comcast.net if you have any questions or concerns.



New Jersey Literacy Consortium

At Kean University

Language Arts Supervisors are invited to have their schools join the **New Jersey Literacy Consortium** sponsored by the *Center for Innovative Education* at Kean University. The purpose of the Consortium is to establish a forum for educators who are interested in advancing best practices in language arts literacy. Our vision is to promote literacy education that meets the instructional needs of all learners within a stimulating, engaging, and active environment.

The Literacy Consortium will sponsor four recognized experts in literacy education during the 2010-11 academic year. A supervisor and two teachers from each member school will take part in the morning workshop (beginning at 8:30 am). Supervisors will stay for lunch and participate in an afternoon round table discussion on the topic of the day. Workshops are scheduled at Kean University.

The Consortium is designed to build a community of educators in literacy education and become a “voice” for best, most responsible practices. An online virtual community will be established. We are going into our fifth year of the consortium. Our first four years have been enormously successful, and the Consortium has become a unique model for promoting excellence nationwide.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Kathleen Bomer: October 28, 2010, Author: *Hidden Gems*

Topic: “Hidden Gems: Naming and Teaching from the Brilliance in Every Student’s Writing”

Georgia Heard: December 15, 2010, Author, *Awakening the Heart*

Topic: “Awakening the Heart: Exploring Poetry in the Classroom”

Susan Zimmermann: March 11, 2011, Author, *Mosaic of Thought and Seven Keys to Comprehension*

Topic: “Reading for the Joy of It: The Heart of Comprehension is All About Making Meaning”

Patricia Edwards: May 27, 2011, President: International Reading Association (2010-11)

Topic: “It Takes a Village to Raise a Literate Child: Connecting the Home, School and Community”



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kilpatrycuesta@comcast.net no later than **Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

Questions? Contact Kilpatry Cuesta (609) 638-4401

Please print:

Supervisor First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Grade: _____ Subject: _____

6th thru 12th grade language arts teachers

Teacher # 1

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Subject: _____

Email: _____

Teacher # 2

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Subject: _____

Email: _____

We understand that NJ GEAR UP will cover the registration fee of \$1,300.00 for one target school language arts supervisor and two language arts teachers to attend all four workshops sponsored by the New Jersey Literacy Consortium at Kean University. Each member agrees to complete an online workshop evaluation form (s) after each workshop.

Because of the high cost of this initiative, we commit to completing this program. If any team members cannot attend the workshop, we understand it is our responsibility to identify a substitute for attendance and to alert Kilpatry Cuesta at kilpatrycuesta@comcast.net at least two weeks before the scheduled workshop.

NJ GEAR UP Target Schools Eligible to Participate:
Camden: Coopers Poynt ES, R.T. Cream ES, East Camden MS, Brimm Medical Arts HS, Camden HS, Creative & Performing Arts HS, Woodrow Wilson HS
Jersey City: PS #24 ES, PS #38 ES, PS #40 ES, PS #41 ES, Henry Snyder HS, Lincoln HS
Newark: Hawkins Street ES, Ridge Street ES, Barringer HS, East Side HS
Paterson: PS #2 ES, PS #6 ES, PS #10 ES, Eastside HS, J. F. Kennedy HS
Trenton: Dr. Martin Luther King School (academic year 10-11), Joyce Kilmer ES, Grace Dunn MS, Hedgepeth-Williams MS, Trenton Central HS, including West campus