

# FIRST COAST SCHOLARS NEWS



Thank you Duval County Public Schools for supporting First Coast Scholars.

## THE IVY LEAGUE EXPERIENCE

*"Initially, I was hesitant but now I absolutely see the connection between literacy (writing) and the arts. Thanks for the ride! Inspirational, Educational and Motivational. Anyone who does not take this opportunity to grow is forfeiting the opportunity of a lifetime!"*

- Fay Blake  
Academic Programs  
Cluster Coach

*"This was an amazing opportunity on a professional and personal level. As a teacher with 30+ years experience I am always looking for ways to expand my knowledge and experiences. The Princeton Scholars program will help enhance my learning program immeasurably."*

- Linda Zeiler  
Gifted  
San Mateo Elementary

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## 2010 PRINCETON SCHOLARS



**Front row** - Cindy Bowen, Misha Wooten, Linda Zeiler  
**Back row** - Martha Rozier, Fay Blake, Donna O'Brien  
[Picture by Cady & Cady Studios.]

The 2010 Princeton scholars extend a sincere thank you to the following Jacksonville Princeton alumni for generously supporting their visit to Princeton University: John D. Baker II, Gilchrist Berg, Preston H. Haskell, Michael Hodge, Robert E. Jacoby, Jr., Russell Newton, Jr., Stephen J. Pajcic III, and William Walton III.

### ***Picturing Paris in Impressionistic and Post-Impressionistic Painting*** **Caroline Harris, Ph.D.**

The Princeton Scholars spent a week on the campus of Princeton University attending this seminar led by Caroline Harris, Ph.D., Curator of Educational & Academic Programs, Princeton University Art Museum. Gallery sessions, slide lectures, and a trip to New York City and the Metropolitan Museum of Art provided the scholars with a rich and rewarding experience.



Caroline Harris, Ph.D. and 2010 Princeton Scholars

## 2010 SPRING SEMINARS

### Multicultural Literature for Young Adults and Children

**Seminar Leader:** Betsy Nies, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of English  
University of North Florida

**Curriculum Advisor:** Suzanne Copley  
Paxon Middle School



**Front row** - Misha Wooten, Arlene Cameron, Betsy Nies, Ph.D., Marie Galke  
**Middle row** - Lindsay Layendecker, Vicky Shavers, Darcey Gray, Shannon Brennan, Leviticus Jordan, Suzanne Copley  
**Back row** - Jesse Petersen, Fay Blake, Deania Johnson, Donna O'Brien, Hannah Hodge, Dwayne Kohn  
Not pictured: Jodi Mack

### Florida's Fragile Environment: Hurricanes, Heat and Humidity (Oh my)

**Seminar Leader:** A. Quinton White, Jr., Ph.D.  
Executive Director, Marine Science Research Institute  
Professor of Biology & Marine Science  
Jacksonville University

**Curriculum Advisor:** Lydia Harrington  
Terry Parker High School



**Front row** - Kathy Poe, Vicky Banks, Gwen Washington, Janice Danielle  
**Middle row** - Martha Rozier, Pat Noel, Lillian Adorno, Jennifer Sample, Ken Shacter, Desire Kinard, Rebecca Wessels  
**Back row** - Lydia Harrington, Betty Kelley, Christopher Harvey, A. Quinton White, Jr., Ph.D., Steven Sherrill, Sandy Jackson, Trudi Lawless

### SustainAbility: Practicing Environmental, Economic, and Social Responsibility

**Seminar Leader:** Elizabeth Porter  
Visiting Instructor of Economics  
Jacksonville University

**Curriculum Advisor:** Robbie Knieberg  
Fletcher Middle School



**Front row** - Robbie Knieberg, Ali Roberts, Lynn LaPointe, Mary McDougal, Tanya Reyes, Charlynn Campbell  
**Second row** - Katy Hendry, Barbara Bennett, Sheenae Nelson, Sara Henry-Blaylock, Elizabeth Porter  
**Third row** - Cari Verschueren, Cynthia Bowen, Stan Harris  
**Fourth row** - Rebecca Taylor, Colleen O'Donnell  
**Fifth row** - Naomi Timberlake, Bob Graver, Linda Zeiler  
**Sixth row** - Rick Shimer, Carolyn Scott  
Not pictured: Becksmith, Meagan Wiltfong, Renee Jackson

## FCS 2010 SYMPOSIUM

The focus of the May 2010 symposium was on Sustainability and Going Green. Featured speakers included:

- Bruce Doueck, Manager, Customer Conservation and Efficiency, JEA
- Sarah Boren, Executive Director, Green Team Project and U.S. Green Builders Council Northeast Florida Chapter
- Elizabeth Porter, Economist, Davis College of Business, Jacksonville University
- A. Quinton White, Jr., Ph. D., Executive Director, Marine Science Research Institute, Professor of Marine Science, Jacksonville University

Information booths at the FCS 2010 symposium were sponsored by:

- City of Jacksonville Sustainability Initiative
- Community First Credit Union of Florida
- Duval Schools Green Champions
- Green Team Project
- IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Science)
- JEA
- St. Johns River Management District
- U.S. Green Builders Council Northeast Florida Chapter

## FIRST COAST SCHOLARS

Teachers who participated in the fourth year of the First Coast Scholars' seminars represented K-12 teachers from Duval and Clay counties. 100% of the teachers participating in the seminars earned professional development points. The FCS participants came from all areas of education:

- 45% Elementary
- 21% Middle school
- 28% High school
- 6% District support staff (coaches and specialized populations personnel)

Regional school representation:

- 8% Beaches
- 19% Clay County
- 8% District Support
- 23% Northside
- 15% Southside/Arlington
- 27% Westside

## COMMENTS FROM FCS PARTICIPANTS' REGARDING THE SEMINARS

- "I enjoyed the whole seminar experience. I wish I'd been able to get my colleagues to attend."
- "The discussions with the professor and teachers provided a lot of information and ideas that can be utilized in all academic areas."
- "Being introduced to such a varied range of views concerning the seminar topic was mentally stimulating."
- "I liked being able to meet with colleagues and have meaningful discussions about students, literature, and teaching experiences."
- "I benefited from the discussions, the guest speakers, the books used, and viewpoints of the teachers."



## FCS SHARE THEIR LESSONS

Fay Blake, cluster 2 coach, is sharing her FCS curriculum unit, *A Palette of Words*, with fourth grade students. Lucy Calkins says, "To teach young writers we must stand them on the shoulders of giants". Students in several of our Turnaround schools are standing tall on the shoulders of rich, multicultural picture book authors to learn to be better writers of narrative. Fourth grade teachers and literacy coaches from Lake Forest, Biltmore, St. Claire Evans, Woodland Acres, and S.P. Livingston have received multi-cultural writing kits from Fay and FCS. Each school received the unit of study which includes lessons to teach narrative writing, multicultural picture books, and several art integration lessons. The unit was a result of participation in the FCS Multicultural Literature seminar with Betsy Nies at University of North Florida and an all-expense paid trip to Princeton University during the summer of 2010 to study Impressionistic and Post-impressionist art. Literature chosen was based on the rich text and beautiful artwork that would appeal to young writers. Children and teachers have enjoyed growing their writing following immersion in these engaging read-alouds.

Rhonda L. Williams, math teacher at Sandalwood High School presented her First Coast Scholars' unit, *Mean Olde Stepmothers*, at the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics 2009 Annual Conference.

Deania Johnson, ELA and reading teacher at Juvenile Justice Schools presented her First Coast Scholars' unit *Developing America's Youth as Change Agents: Revealing Importance of Self, Cultural, and Community Identities as They Relate to the Acquisition of the American Dream*- at the 2010 Florida College English Association Conference hosted by Rollins College.



Princeton scholar Martha Rozier shares a book with a friend

## FCS UNITS AND LESSONS ARE PLACED ON RIVERDEEP LEARNING VILLAGE

A major component of the FCS seminars is the creation of original multi-discipline curriculum units and lessons by seminar participants. These units and lessons are taught to students by seminar participants and are made available to all Duval teachers through the RiverDeep delivery system. To access FCS units and lessons:

- Go to the FCS website at <http://www.schultzcenter.org/fcs.shtml>
- Select RiverDeep Learning Village
- Type in your Duval user name and password
- Click on the First Coast Scholars icon

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