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2007 PRINCETON SCHOLARS



Front row - Madge Nanney, Mary McDougal
Middle row - Mai Keisling, Kathy Poe

Back row - Myra Wright, Johanna Layne, Kevin Sacerdote, Lydia Kirkland, Robbie Knieberg
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SCHOLARS SHARE THEIR PRINCETON EXPERIENCE

"Thanks to the Schultz Center and my sponsor Mr. Preston Haskell. I have been given the educational 'workshop' of a lifetime!"

Kevin Sacerdote

"I was so inspired by my experience that I wrote a grant to the National Weather Association's Sol Hirsch Education Fund Committee to see if I could get funding for my lesson called "Artistic Impressions of Weather."

Kathy Poe

"What is most important is that Princeton was a transformative experience for me, one which I am still digesting and trying to frame in words. When I tell you that it changed the direction of my life, it isn't hyperbole."

Lydia Kirkland

Each of these scholars was sponsored by a Jacksonville Princeton Alumnus who provided both monetary and emotional support. We would like to thank the following alumni: Bucky Clarkson, Fred Schultz, Gilchrist Berg, Preston Haskell, Robert E. Jacoby, Russell B. Newton Jr., Steve Pajcic and Williams Walton III. The scholars attended one of the following seminars held at Princeton University:

Children's Narratives for Adults

Uli C. Knoepfelmacher

This seminar focused on children's books from the dual perspectives of adult and child that are embedded even in the most "child-friendly" of juvenile texts.

Picturing Paris in Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Painting

Caroline Harris

Classes included slide lectures and gallery sessions at the Princeton University Art Museum. There were also trips to Philadelphia and New York City.



Scholars were on the river during the *St Johns River: Our River, Our Home* seminar

NEW UNITS AVAILABLE ON RIVERDEEP

Each scholar is required to create a multi-discipline curriculum unit with a detailed narrative and 3 - 5 lesson plans. These units have been juried which ensures that the lessons are aligned with state and district standards.

Completed units include:

- *Fairy Tales with a Twist* – Johanna Layne
- *Reviving Ancient Wisdom* – Edward Larbi
- *Harold in Italy* – Aaron Trkovsky
- *Seminole Nation: Origins, Culture, Conflict, and Controversy* – Pat Melvin
- *St Johns River: Our River, Our Home* – Angela Wolfe
- *Human Progress: A Catalyst for Destruction* – Kevin Sacerdote
- *From Fairy Tales to Feature Films: A Cinderella Story* – John Meek

These units can be found by accessing the Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership website: www.schultzcenter.org. Click on "Teacher Tools" and then "Riverdeep Learning Village."

FIRST COAST SCHOLARS PARTICIPANTS

Secondary teachers who participated in the inaugural year of the First Coast Scholars program widely represented Duval County Public Schools. There were 50 teachers that registered with an 80% completion rate. Regional representation:

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| • North Jax: 10% | • Beaches: 10% |
| • Downtown: 12.5 % | • Mandarin: 12.5% |
| • West Jax: 35% | • Standards Coaches: 7.5% |
| • Arlington/Southside: 12.5% | |

A survey of the scholars was conducted and the results were outstanding. A few of the questions included:

- **Why did you register for the program?**
 - 55% To build curriculum units that would impact students
 - 30% To obtain and participate in collegial interaction
 - 15% Scholarly discourse and new knowledge
- **Describe your seminar experience...**
 - 95% Able to access research materials and resources
 - 90% Very satisfied with the round table discussions and the class size
 - 85% Seminar syllabus was accurate in describing the course and content
 - 80% Assignments were reasonable and appropriate
- **Would you recommend this program to fellow peers?**
 - 90% Will definitely recommend it to their fellow teachers

2007 SPRING SEMINARS

Our inaugural class of 50 scholars participated in the following seminars:

- ***St Johns River – Evolution through time***
Seminar leader: Dr. A. Quinton White, Jr.
Dean of Arts and Sciences, Jacksonville University
- ***Rebellion, Rock-n-Roll and Rousseau***
Seminar leader: Dr. Julie Brannon
Associate Professor of English, Jacksonville University
- ***Disasters, Destruction and Disease***
Seminar leader: Dr. Carole Barnett
Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Humanities, Jacksonville University
- ***Mickey's American Dream***
Seminar leader: Dr. Mary Baron
Professor of English, University of North Florida
- ***Raising Children, Raising Ourselves***
Seminar leader: Dr. Betsy Nies
Assistant Professor of English, University of North Florida

The seminar leaders not only facilitated the seminar, but provided a syllabus that included readings for each session, guest speakers and curriculum unit reviews. We want to thank these extraordinary professors for their dedication.

FIRST COAST SCHOLARS SPEAK OUT

"This group's diversity was a factor not to be forgotten. We were diverse in thought, background and experience."

Edward Larbi
Raising Children, Raising Ourselves

"First, thank you for the opportunity. It is definitely going to be a growing experience. Dr. White is an enjoyable instructor. He is interesting and extremely knowledgeable. I am enjoying the seminar immensely."

Sarah Parnell
St Johns River: Evolution through Time

"I was energized after our seminar Thursday, and I had arrived very tired from a busy week. I like the discussion format, suggested topics, collaboration among members and looking at a topic from several "directions." I can't wait until tonight's session!"

Connie Boone
Disasters, Destruction and Disease

"I'm really enjoying the class and the topic. This has been good discipline for me to be a student again."

Joanne Philpot
Rebellion, Rock-n-Roll and Rousseau

"Mary Baron is fabulous! I only wish we had more than 2 hours each week to learn from her. She is SOOO knowledgeable about our seminar topic. I look forward to our weekly sessions."

Alana Anderson
Mickey's American Dream



Front row - Claire Clark, Caron Schellenger, Darcey Gray, Candice Kelly, Aaron Trkovsky, Geraldine Shank
Back row - Julie Brannon, Connie Loyd, Staley Singelton, Joanne Philpot, Terri Stallworth



Front row - Johanna Layne, Betsy Nies, Edward Larbi, Carlon Munroe, Myra Wright
Back row - Jaquelin Jones, R. Eric Fields, Keshia Walton, Roy Wilson



Front row - Mai Keisling, Madge Nanney, Kathy Poe, Donna Sussman
Back row - Carole Barnett, Connie Boone, Kevin Sacerdote, Cheryl Douzart, Marie J. Hoiser, Lynda Lewis, Angela Carter



Front row - Sarah Parnell, Mary McDougal, Pat Melvin, Patricia Noel, Ken Shacter
Back row - Quinton White, Angela Wolfe, Tom Foppiano, Michael Addison, Fay Blake
Not pictured - Christina Kingsbury



Front row - Crystal Kim, Tabitha Williams, Alana Anderson, Jordan Schemmel
Middle row - Mary Baron, Nancy Murrey, Roberta Knieberg
Back row - Cindy Grubbs, John Meek, John Silas

A Special

Thanks...



First Coast Scholars participants working on their units.

SPRING 2008 SEMINARS

The process for selecting the 2008 seminars has already begun. Teachers are invited to submit seminar topics that will be reviewed and narrowed down to ten ideas. We encourage your participation and forms can be accessed by emailing foxwells@schultzcenter.org or visiting www.schultzcenter.org/fcs.asp for download.

Suggested topics will be submitted to our partner colleges, Jacksonville University, University of North Florida and Edward Waters College. Faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences will develop proposals for the seminars topics they are interested in leading. The proposals will then be reviewed by the First Coast Scholars Advisory Council and five seminars will be selected.

Feel free to contact Suzy Foxwell at 348-5759 if you have any questions.

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- Jacksonville University
- Jessie Ball duPont Fund
- Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership
- University of North Florida
- Edward Waters College (Joining us in 2007 - 2008)

OUR ADVISORY COUNCIL:

- Barbara Burton, Duval County District Staff
- Betsy Nies, Assistant Professor, University of North Florida
- Carole Barnett, Associate Professor, Jacksonville University
- Mai Keisling, Teacher, Paxon School for Advanced Studies
- Gail Berzins, Teacher, Englewood High School
- Crystal Sisler, Principal, Mandarin High School
- Kinta Flemming, Teacher, Englewood High School
- Lona Johnson, Teacher, Raines High School
- Mary McDougal, Duval County District Staff
- Myra Wright, Teacher, Baldwin Middle/High School



Sharing the headlines with Robbie Knieberg.

