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**SVC EDUCATION CLUB TO PRESENT TALK  
BY AARON SAMS, PIONEER OF 'FLIPPED CLASSROOM' OCT. 2**

LATROBE, PA – Saint Vincent College Education Club will present a talk by educator, consultant and author Aaron Sams, pioneer creator of the flipped classroom, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2 in the Robert S. Carey Student Center Performing Arts Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Sams is the president and CEO of Sams Learning Designs, LLC. He has been an educator since 2000 and is currently the director of digital learning at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh.

He taught chemistry and AP chemistry at Woodland Park High School in Woodland Park, Colorado and at Los Altos High School in Hacienda Heights, Cal.

He was awarded the 2009 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Aaron recently served as co-chair of the Colorado State Science Standards Revision Committee.

He frequently speaks and conducts workshops on educational uses of screencasts and The Flipped Classroom concept. The flipped classroom model encompasses any use of internet technology to leverage the learning in a classroom so teachers can spend more time interacting with students instead of lecturing. This is most commonly being done using teacher created videos or vodcasting that students view outside of class time. He believes strongly in inquiry and in student centered learning environments in which students are encouraged to learn and demonstrate their understanding in ways that are meaningful to them. He is a lifelong learner, reader, maker and explorer. He can often be found making beer, roasting coffee or figuring out a way to control either process with his computer and a voided warranty.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry and a master of arts in education both from Biola University.

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