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Saint Vincent College to Offer Graduate Education Courses at Freeport Senior High School

From *Latrobe Bulletin News Release*:

Beginning March 11, 2013, Saint Vincent College will offer graduate courses in Education at Freeport Senior High School.

Area teachers and others interested in pursuing a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction have been invited to attend the informational open house in the senior high auditorium on Wednesday, January 30 from 3:30-5:00PM.

The first course, *Current Trends and Issues in Education*, will meet for seven weeks and class sizes will be small. The courses are designed to give Butler and Armstrong county residents an opportunity to pursue individual classes or a degree that are part of SVC's high quality educational program in a convenient schedule and format.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Lisa Glessner in the Continuing and Graduate Education Department at lisa.glessner@email.stvincent.edu. Δ

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF SVC ACCELERATED SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSE

January 2013 marks the second year that the SVC Education Department has offered their accelerated one-year program in Special Education. For more information or to register, please contact Mrs. Lisa Glessner in the Continuing and Graduate Education Department at lisa.glessner@email.stvincent.edu. Δ

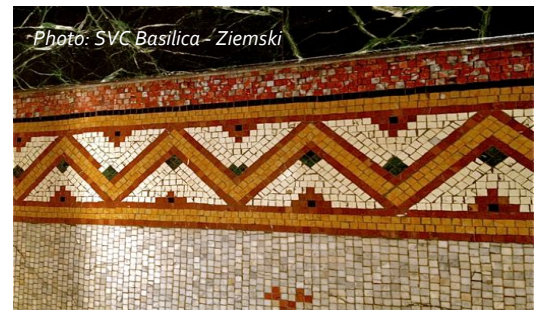


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Interaction with ESL

Contributed by Dr. Kathy Ramos

During the fall semester, the students in Dr. Ramo's ED-390 *Teaching Culturally Diverse Students* classes had the opportunity to interact with students in St. Vincent's *English as a Second Language* program. This interaction provided both groups with insights into language learning and a window into other cultures. The seeds of collaboration and friendship were planted and we hope they'll continue to grow! Special thanks to Sister Hillary, Dr. Bufolini, and Mrs. Mina of the SVC ESL Department for the interest in fostering this collaboration. Δ



Dr. Ramo's ED-390 Students



EARLY CHILDHOOD AFFILIATE DINNER

On April 11, 2013, the Roger's Center will serve as the venue for an Early Childhood Education affiliate dinner with other area schools. Invited students and faculty will join other area pre-service teachers for an evening of fun and networking. Other schools participating in this event include The University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg, WCCC, Carlow University, and Seton Hill University. More information coming soon! Δ

Education Club Runs School Supply Drive

Following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, the SVC Education Club sponsored a drive to collect needed supplies for affected schools.

Since the Education Club was the only SVC organization to support a drive for those affected by Sandy, donors were overwhelmingly generous. The club was even able to donate materials to two schools: The John Gregg Elementary School – Bergholz, OH, and the Edison Local School District – Weirton/Stubenville, OH. Prior to Sandy's harmful actions, each of the schools already supported students and families (more than 60%) under the poverty line.

Donated items included binders, markers, crayons, water bottles, and more. The Education Club is especially grateful to the Latrobe area Dollar General stores (who donated hundreds of dollars in merchandise) as well as faithful SVC students and instructors. Thank you! Δ

A NOTE FROM DR. RAMOS:

Did you know that there are approximately 45,000 K-12 English Language Learners in Pennsylvania and that over 60% of these students are native Spanish speakers? Have you studied Spanish in high school or here at SVC? Would you like to build "classroom conversational" skills to be a teaching candidate with these students and their families? If your answer is "Si!" stay tuned for an opportunity coming your way this spring to sharpen your fluency skills in a fun, informal setting! Δ

SVC CHALLENGE INTRODUCES EXTRA WEEK!



After last summer's success of Challenge's *Wizard College*, SVC will host two (one-week long) programs. This year's themes, *The District* (July 7-12) and *Pirates* (July 14-19) won't be ones to miss, so register today! Registration and more information can be found at www.stvincentchallenge.org.

SUMMER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Summer registration is now open for graduate and undergraduate students! Two new courses are also being introduced to the Grad ED Program: GCED 670: *Visual Thinking and Learning* and GCED 657: *Technical Applications for Differentiated Instruction*. Register today at mysv.stvincent.edu!

DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Francicola used to golf during her summers off from teaching. Once, she even got a hole in one on the eighth hole at the Linden Hall Golf Course in Perryopolis, PA! Dr. Francicola said, "it was very exciting and all the other golfers on the surrounding holes stopped and applauded. Luck was a tremendous part of it, but some people go all their lives never hav(ing) that experience." Δ

Bullying Identification and Prevention Grant

Saint Vincent College's Education Department will receive a grant from PDE to support a new pilot program that will train pre-service teachers in bullying identification and prevention during the 2013-14 academic year.

This proposed project will help fulfill SVC's Education Department's mission to focus on its field and classroom experiences on the development of teachers who understand the integral relationship of parents, family, school, and community to the general development of children. The pilot program will be incorporated into the ED 400 Field Experience IV: Student Teaching Internship. Additional information or questions about our program initiative can be found with Dr. Veronica Ent, Chair and Associate Professor of Education – veronica.ent@email.stvincent.edu. Δ



In order to enhance student understanding of the need for interdisciplinary connection, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education is being emphasized in the Science Methods courses at SVC. Additionally, several of the ED faculty are deepening their STEM content knowledge by attending a conference on February 18, 2013 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. Δ

- Contributed by
Dr. Rob Michalow



PROFESSOR ACCEPTED TO PRESENT

Dr. Stacie Nowikowski has been accepted to present at the Pennsylvania Association of Middle Level Education's yearly PDI, to be held February 24-26 in State College, PA. The title of the presentation is: *Adolescent Apps: Unlikely Commercial Apps that can transform Middle Level Classrooms*. Good luck Dr. Nowikowski! Δ