

Virginia School-University Partnership Newslink

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Fall 2009

Virginia School University Partnership School Divisions

Albemarle
Amherst
Appomattox
Bedford
Buckingham
Buena Vista
Campbell
Charlottesville City
Clarke
Culpepper
Fluvanna
Fredericksburg
Greene
Louisa
Madison
Manassas Park
Mecklenburg
Nelson
Orange
Rockbridge
Staunton City
Warren
Waynesboro
Winchester

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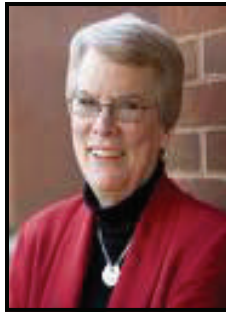
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SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PLANNED



Dan Mulligan



Carole Tomlinson

Mark your calendar for June 25, 2010 for the VSUP ANNUAL SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

The VSUP Summer Leadership Conference Planning Committee is designing a cost-effective one-day conference for school leaders, which is focused on the assessment of higher order thinking skills, differentiation of instruction, and best practices in the classroom that will better prepare students for college and global competition in the workforce.

This year's keynote presenters are Dr. Carole Ann Tomlinson and Dr. Dan Mulligan. Tentative plans also include breakout sessions showcasing leadership practices and programs which are being successfully implemented in partnership school divisions to ensure that students are college ready and globally competitive.

Additional information, a draft program, and registration information will be available to school divisions in late winter.

TEST ITEM BANK EXPANDS

Sixty-two teachers and subject area specialists for Math 5, 6, 7, 8, US History 1 and 11, and Grade 3 Reading met on October 8 at the Albemarle Resource Center in Charlottesville. An initial review of the master plan and current status of the Test Item Bank was provided by Janice Marston. Jacob Gibson, President of Interactive Achievement, LLC demonstrated the use of the IA Question Platform. During 2009-10, test bank participants will be using this software to enter and edit draft questions. On November 19, Joan Spence Harper conducted a morning training session on recognizing and writing quality test questions at various levels of Bloom's Taxonomy.

Test Bank Workgroups will meet on January 28 and February 18, 2010. School divisions are asked to submit additional draft test items in all subjects, except reading.

TEST BANK REPORT 2009

SUBJECT	TOTAL ITEMS
Math 6	224
Math 7	302
Math 8	88
Us History 1	134
TOTAL	748



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Best wishes to our partnership members for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thanks for your support during the past year. We look forward to working together to provide outstanding professional development in 2010.

Janice, Andy, and Peggy

ANNUAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN MARCH

The Annual VSUP Student Leadership Conference is scheduled for March 11, 2010 at Ruffner Hall at UVA.

One student attending the Student Leadership Conference (SLC) will

receive a full scholarship to travel to China with nine other students in the United States and ten students in India for the purpose of learning about each others' cultures and educational systems.

To be eligible, interested participants in the SLC will be required to write essays on how they will use this experience. Contact Andy Stamp at jas8s@virginia.edu for details.

Regional Meetings Focus on Professional Development

During the goal setting process for 2009-10, VSUP leaders expressed an interest in continuous, connected professional development for the partnership. In order to facilitate this process, VSUP leaders sought partnership leaders to conduct regional networking meetings. The chart lists regional leaders and school divisions. Several meetings took place in November and December with a focus on professional development and "hot topics" among the divisions.

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Bedford
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Region B Jo Ann Wagner

Nelson
Albemarle
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Staunton
Waynesboro
Buckingham
Fluvanna
Greene
Madison
Louisa

Region C Virginia Bowerman

Manassas Park
Warren
Winchester
Clarke

Region D Marci Catlett

Fredericksburg
Orange
Culpepper

**VSUP BOARD of
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Meeting Dates**

February 9, 2010
May 11, 2010
Meetings in Room 200
UVA-Ruffner Hall

**VSUP STEERING
COMITTEE**

Meeting Dates
February 4, 2010
May 6, 2010
Albemarle Resource Center