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at Long Island University**



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REMINDERS

The Annual Puerto Rican / Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute will take place in Albany, NY, April 2007. High School seniors interested in competing for one of the available scholarships – for information on training in NYC please contact Yamaris Vasquez at the NYC Department of Education yvasquez@schools.nyc.gov; Outside of NYC please contact the BETAC in your zone for additional information. Directory available from any BETAC upon request. Essays must be postmarked on or before March 30, 2007.

The Regional BETACs in collaboration with Pearson Longman are offering an ELA Institute on March 28th in the Bronx & March 29th in Brooklyn. Each workshop will be duplicated on each day; therefore registration for the location nearest you is sufficient. See page 8 for registration details for each location. We look forward to both informative days dedicated to "Teaching Academic Vocabulary."

Thank you for your continued support!

B/Q REGIONAL BETAC DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Here's a message from our LIU partners:

Long Island University/Brooklyn Campus OPEN HOUSE SHOWCASE CAMPUS GUIDE*

March 27: 5:30-7pm., graduate open house, Metcalfe Building, Luntley Commons; April 22: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., campus-wide. Info: 718-488-1011

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Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus has dynamic academic programs to meet a diverse array of interests. LIU offers multicultural and multidimensional education through its schools of business, education, health professions, liberal arts and sciences, nursing and pharmacy as well the Global College, which has learning centers in China, Costa Rica, Japan, India and South Africa. Among the campus' exciting new degree programs are the BS/MS in Communication Sciences and Disorders/Speech-Language Pathology; the MFA in New Media Art and Performance; and the MFA in Creative Writing. The university's beautiful Kumble Theater and performing arts complex showcases a wide range of dance, music, theater and other cultural activities for students and the community, and the spectacular \$45 million Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center, constructed in 2006, provides fun, fitness and recreation in the eight-lane swimming pool and 2,800-seat sports arena. For more information, call 718-488-1011 or visit www.brooklyn.liu.edu. E-mail: admissions@brooklyn.liu.edu

Source: Advertising Supplement: Open House Showcase; Daily News, 2/28/07.



During the leave of absence of Andres Rodriguez, the B/Q Regional BETAC will continue it's delivery of services and keep you

informed of the latest developments and happenings in the following:

- ✓ Dissemination of Information
- ✓ Professional Development
- ✓ Technical Assistance
- ✓ Quality Reviews of ELLs services
- ✓ Foreign Language Studies
- ✓ Special Activities & Events

B/Q Regional BETAC



Hosted by Long Island University-Bklyn.

www.brooklyn.liu.edu/education/betac

- ✓ *Events*
- ✓ *Resources*
- ✓ *Initiatives*
- ✓ *Links*

For your reference, the resources section includes previous editions of our monthly BULLETINS as well as various special reports and articles.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NYSTESOL

NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS OF
ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER
LANGUAGES (NYSTESOL)
37th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 2-3, 2007

Technology: The Language That
Brings Us Together

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

APRIL 30, 2007

www.tystesol.org/annualconf



TESOL

41st ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND EXHIBIT

March 21-24, 2007

Seattle, Washington

www.tesol.org



NCLRC

NATIONAL CAPITAL LANGUAGE
RESOURCE CENTER

Summer Institutes 2007

For information, visit:

www.nclrc.org/profdev



NCLRC Language Resource

Also available is the Feb.'07 edition of the NCLRC newsletter whose theme is "Reaching Out through Culture."

www.nclrc.org/newsletter/english_newsletter

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION
Activities will be announced on behalf of NYSED, the NYS
BETAC NETWORK, and the NYCDOE Office of English
Language Learners throughout the school year. Also, see
and hold dates for state and national conferences listed in
the Calendar of Events.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS/RESOURCES

LEAP FROG SCHOOLHOUSE

The Literacy Center (TLC)

This updated version of the TLC is a pre-kindergarten
and early elementary classroom reading/literacy program
with enhanced features for ELLs.

For information, visit:

www.leapfrogschoolhouse.com

Merit Software

► Essential English Fitness

► Picture Context Reader

The titles above are the latest additions to
the Merit line of educational software for
"high beginning" and "low intermediate"
ELLs, targeting grammar and reading
fundamentals. For information, visit:

www.meritsoftware.com

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES/MATERIALS

CAL

Center for Applied Linguistics



The following new book is available from CAL:

“Realizing the Vision of Two-Way Immersion: Fostering Effective Programs and Classrooms”

www.cal.org/resources/pubs/rtv

CARLA Center For Advanced Research On Language Acquisition

CARLA is one of the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI National Language Resource Centers, whose role is to improve the nation’s capacity to teach and learn foreign languages effectively.

- Research & Programs
- Professional Development
- Resources

Resources include those for French, German and Spanish foreign language programs. For information, visit:

www.carla.umn.edu

American Association of Teachers of French

For information about their services and programs, visit:

www.frenchteachers.org

-The ELL-

OUTLOOK

News, research, and discussions on the education of English Language Learners

What Does Research Teach Us About Teaching Reading to ELLs

The above is the title of a featured article in the January/February '07 issue of this bi-monthly e-newsletter published by Course Crafters:

www.coursecrafters.com/ELL-Outlook



BROOKLYN NEWS

It’s the magnificent seven

New York high schools lead nation in Advanced Placement test scores

Seven area high schools have earned honors in the nation for their students’ impressive scores on Advanced Placement tests, according to a College Board study to be released today. Students who score well “are better prepared for the rigors of college, and more likely to obtain a bachelor’s degree,” said College Board President Gaston Caperton. New York State led the nation with 22.7% of graduating seniors who scored 3 or higher on AP tests. The top score is 5. Brooklyn Technical High School in Fort Greene led the nation with the largest number of African-American students scoring 3 or higher in AP Biology. “This is another step to establishing our position as a lead school in science, technology, engineering and math,” said Principal Randy Asher, who also praised students and staff. Townsend Harris High School in Flushing, Queens, was top-ranked among large schools in AP World History scores. The honor was a first for the school but it won’t be the last, said Principal Thomas Cunningham. “We’ve got well-trained, dedicated, passionate teachers and hardworking students who rise to the challenge,” he said. The national rankings were listed in the annual “Advanced Placement Report to the Nation,” a compilation of exam scores and demographic data.

Source: Daily News, 2/7/07 (excerpts).

NOTE: B/Q Regional BETAC has identified one high school to provide assistance to in establishing and implementing an **Advanced Placement (AP) Program in Spanish**. This initiative is in keeping with the NYSED Office of Bilingual Education’s expanded responsibility for Foreign Language Studies (FLS).

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NYC Educator on ESL

Kicking [some students who don’t speak English] out of their community schools, whatever they may be called, is nothing short of reprehensible. It’s true their test scores are inconvenient, and that’s because they **DON’T SPEAK ENGLISH**, but they need time. Let’s send Mayor Bloomberg and Chancellor Joel Klein to China. We’ll have them take the NY State English Regents Exam in Chinese. I’ll give them one year to prepare for it. I’ll even provide them with the answers, which I wouldn’t do for my own ESL students. And I’ll bet every cent I’ve ever had that my kids outscore Mr. Bloomberg and Mr. Klein. It’s time to stop penalizing our immigrant population and give them a little support.

nyceducator.com

Source: Opinion-the best of the political blogs; Daily News, 2/15/07

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Immigrant school omission draws fire

More than 100 protesters blasted city school official yesterday for failing to create an international high school in Bensonhurst during its latest reorganization efforts. The Education Department “forgot about our immigrant students,” said Steve Chung of the United Chinese Association of Brooklyn, which organized the protest on the steps of the agency’s headquarters in Manhattan. Lafayette High School is being phased out over three years. In its place, officials are creating three new small schools in the fall, which will be named the High School for Sports Management, Life Academy High School for Film and Music and the Expeditionary Learning School for Community Leaders. “Neighborhood children will not be attracted to these new schools,” said Assemblyman William Colton (D-Brooklyn). “This is a lost opportunity for children and families in the neighborhood.” Protesters waved posters reading “Equal Rights for Education” and “International School for Diversified Neighborhood.” Demonstrators vowed to continue the fight until their voice is heard. “That area is very popular for immigrants,” said Lafayette senior Yuki Shum, 17. “We need a school that knows how to teach ELL [English Language Learner] students.” Education Department spokeswoman Melody Meyer said, “We recognize the disappointment of some in

the Lafayette community and hope to bring an international school the campus soon.”

Source: Daily News, 2/21/07.



ELL educators are encouraged to collaborate with **Regional Arts Supervisors (RAS)** to ensure opportunities for ELLs to receive quality arts instruction. Here’s a Queens resource to help partner with arts organizations:



**QUEENS COUNCIL
ON THE ARTS**

Mission Statement

The mission of the Queens Council on the Arts is to foster, and develop the arts in Queens County and to support arts organizations and individual artists in presenting their cultural diversity for the benefit of the community.

One Forest Park at Oak Ridge
Woodhaven, NY
718-647-3377

**Queens Center on the Arts
ANNUAL GALA**

Thursday, April 12, 2007

For information call 212-537-6843

www.queenscouncilarts.org

not intended as an endorsement of any products/services. You are encouraged to review such materials for quality and their appropriateness in meeting your particular needs.



FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS



National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education

A new report:

“Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships”

This report offers advice on how to build strong collaborative relationships and improve interactions between parents and teachers.

www.ncpie.org



Here’s a resource for Spanish-speaking parents and families:

LA ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE COMISIONADOS DE SEGUROS (NAIC)

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has created a new educational website in Spanish. This website is part of an effort to help educate all consumers about insurance issues and what is available for them.

www.insureuonline.org/espanol

◆ PARENT INVOLVEMENT ◆

SCHOOLS SHOULD CONTINUE PLANNING FOR THIS

SCHOOL YEAR

*PARENT ORIENTATIONS

[Mandated under CR PART 154]

*OPEN SCHOOL WEEK

*PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

*PARENT EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute
Angelo Del Toro Scholarship 2007

The Brooklyn/Queens Regional BETAC at Long Island University is spearheading the Essay Contest for high school seniors in New York City. With this wonderful opportunity, winning students will get a \$500 scholarship and will participate in a three day institute in our capital city of Albany, NY. The winners will receive on-site training in how government works and meet other outstanding high-school seniors from around New York State.

For information about the HYLI training, email Ms. Yamaris Vazquez at the New York City Department of Education, yvazquez@schools.nyc.gov.

Essays and application components must be mailed to:

Lorinda Mouzon
Brooklyn/Queens Regional BETAC
Long Island University
9 Hanover Place, Third Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

The postmarked deadline for essays is Friday, March 30, 2007.

Best of luck to all our participating seniors.

As a service, the B/Q BETAC may announce materials/resources etc, including those that are commercially available. Providing such information is

HOLD THE DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING SYMPOSIA

✓ APRIL 27, 2007
Mexican and Mexican American Author's Symposium
Columbia University

✓ MAY 4, 2007
Children's and Young Adult Literature Symposium
Instituto Cervantes

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

**FACTS & FIGURES:
 "TRIVIA QUIZ"**



According to state Education Commissioner's Regulations Part 100--Languages Other Than English (LOTE), what is the allowable "credit for participation in bilingual education programs?"

- A. "Students may be awarded one unit of credit in a LOTE for each year of successful participation in bilingual education programs in grades 6-12."
- B. "Students may be awarded one unit of credit in a LOTE for each year of successful participation in bilingual programs, for a maximum of two units, in grades 6-12."
- C. "Students may be awarded one unit of credit in a LOTE for each year of successful participation in bilingual education programs in grades 8-12."
- D. "Students may be awarded one unit of credit in a LOTE for each year of successful participation in bilingual programs, for a maximum of two units, in grades 8-12."

Source: NYSED www.emsc.nysed.gov/biling
 [Click Foreign Language Studies—Information Q&A—Frequently Asked Questions-Part 100: Q&A LOTE Related to Commissioner's Regulations Part 100]

Calendar of Events

1 2006-2007 1

*Activities/events without specific dates are "to be confirmed/announced"

► 2007

■ **MARCH**

- 2-4 NYSABE CONF.**
- 3 7th Annual Language Series (3rd Installment)**
- 13 16th Annual Distinguished Speaker Series (2nd Installment)**
- 15 Parent-Teacher Conf. (D.75)**
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- 20 Parent-Teacher Conf. (PS)**
- 21 Parent-Teacher Conf. (PS)**
- 21-24 TESOL CONF.**
- 22 Parent-Teacher Conf. (HS)**
- 23 Parent-Teacher Conf. (HS)**
- 27 19th Annual Distinguished Speaker Series (3rd Installment)**

■ **APRIL**

- 2-4 Conference of the International Society for Language Studies (ISLS) www.isis-inc.org**
- 27 Mexican and Mexican American Author's Symposium**
- 4/11-5/31 EL SOL Testing**
- 4/23-5/18 NYSESLAT (Speaking)**

■ **MAY**

- 4 Children's and Young Adult Literature Symposium**
- 7-18 NYSESLAT (Reading, Writing, Listening)**
- 30 Chinese Reading Test**
- 31 Spanish Reading Test (ELE)**

▪ **JUNE**

15 LOTE Comprehensive Exam.

June+ **Planning for School Year 2007-08**
[See Planning Supplements on the
B/Q BETAC-LIU Web Site]

Please remember that our Calendar of Events is subject to change. Thank you.

♦Activities/events sponsored by the NYSED’s OBE/FLS *BETAC Network* and the NYCDOE Office of English Language Learners (OELL) will be announced throughout the school year.

♦See the DAA 2006-07 Citywide/Statewide Assessment Calendar for all testing dates

For information about resources for particular cultural/linguistic groups, be sure to contact our language-specific Asian, Haitian and Spanish BETACs.

“TRIVIA QUIZ” ANSWER

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ELA Institute for ELLs

Keynote Speaker:

Ms. Kaye Wiley, ESL Author

“Teaching Academic Vocabulary - Where Do We Start?”

“Full Day” Workshops 9:00am-3:00pm

Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Registration and Breakfast 8:30am—9:00am

~Lunch will be provided~

March 28th at Bronx BETAC at Fordham University

Contact: Jasmine Jusino at (718) 817-0606 or email: bronxbetac@fordham.edu

To register, type this link into your web browser exactly as shown below:

https://marvin.foresightint.com/surveys/Tier1Survey/Fordham_University/074

March 29th at Brooklyn/Queens BETAC at LIU

Contact: Lorinda Mouzon at (718) 246-6460 or email: lorinda.mouzon@liu.edu

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