What Educators are saying about the Summer Institute

“The Writing Project provided me an opportunity to grow as a writer and a teacher. The experiences I have had with Lehigh Valley and the National Writing Project will affect me and my teaching throughout my career.” – Lori Friebolin, 2000, Sheridan Elementary School, Allentown School District, 5th Grade Teacher

“A summer filled with colleagues, collaboration, and sharing of best practices to facilitate the writers hidden within us all!” – Jenn Knauer, 2007, Northampton School District, Elementary School Teacher

“LVWP has changed the way I teach math! I would’ve never thought to incorporate writing into my math lessons. Both the students and myself benefit from the knowledge and experience that I have gained from the LVWP.” – Stefani Balaziuk, 2008, Wind Gap Middle School, Math Teacher

“Summer Institute coached me, a former professional sportswriter, to add voice to my writing, which helped me to guide students’ voice in their writing.” – Ricki Stein, 1995, Quakertown High School Language Arts.

“If you didn’t value the importance of developing good writers before...you will after this experience. Having the opportunity to network with other teachers and learn what it takes to become a great writer, inspires you to motivate your own students to write.” – Jodi Chandler, 2004, Northwestern Lehigh Middle School, 7th Grade Co-Teacher

“Challenging and thought-provoking: even for those of us who are not ‘writers’ by nature; the Summer Institute provides an INDIVIDUAL experience for each participant.” – Samuella Donnelly, 2004 Department Chair, English Acquisition Department, Liberty High School, Bethlehem

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Invitational Summer Writing Institute 2010

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The Penn State-Lehigh Valley Writing Project (LVWP) Invitational Summer Writing Institute is a 6-credit graduate experience which supports teachers as professionals, as researchers, and as writers. The Institute is a “teachers-teaching-teachers” model based on the belief that, through a process of collaborative inquiry, educators may better address the issues of today’s classroom. Those who complete the Institute become “Fellows” in the National Writing Project network of over 200 sites. As part of a professional community, these LVWP Fellows may go on to participate in the leadership of our local site through a variety of opportunities that build knowledge about the discipline of writing, professional development, and classroom practice.

Who Should Consider the Institute?
All educators who are committed to renewal and growth of their professional lives may apply. Past participants include classroom teachers, K-college, subject matter specialists, curriculum coordinators, instructional support teachers, school nurses, English as a second language/bilingual education teachers, reading specialists, as well as math, science, and history teachers.

What is the Application Process?
The deadline for submitting your application and enclosures is Thursday, April 1, 2010. Materials will be accepted after the deadline, but individuals who submit their applications prior to the deadline will be given first priority. Applicants will be selected and notified by Friday, April 23, 2010.

What are the Costs for the Invitational Summer Institute?
Tuition is $2,220 ($370/graduate credit). An information technology fee of $147 is required at the time of registration. For anyone covered by an employer tuition reimbursement plan, our deferral policy allows you to defer the cost covered by the plan until the course is completed. The tuition deferral fee is $45. We will send the deferralment policy information to you with the official registration materials. A $500 stipend will be awarded to participants upon successful completion of the Institute experience.

What is the Schedule for the Invitational Summer Institute?

Pre-Institute — Saturday, May 15, 2010, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Summer Program — Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 22, 2010, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (no Friday classes)

Course Work Includes — Daily writing practice in a range of modes and genres; research into literacy practices; classroom demonstrations of writing instruction and assessment; reading and writing response groups; and classroom inquiry (which extends through the fall)

Attendance is mandatory for all sessions. Sessions will be held at the Penn State Lehigh Valley Corporate Learning Center in Bethlehem.

For more information, contact Nancy Coco, Director, Lehigh Valley Writing Project, at 610-285-5026 or via e-mail at nxc4@psu.edu.

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2010 Invitational Summer Writing Institute Application
Application Deadline: April 1, 2010

Last Name    First Name    Middle Name    Social Security Number or PSU ID Number

Home Address    City    State    Zip

Date of Birth    Sex    Home Telephone    E-Mail

School District    School Name

Grades Taught    Subject Areas    School Telephone

Please include with this form:

❖ A one-page letter describing the following:
  ❖ Your particular interest in the Institute
  ❖ Qualities you would contribute to the experience
  ❖ Ways in which you feel you would benefit from the experience
  ❖ A question about teaching and learning that you would like to address in the Institute
  ❖ A resume or curriculum vitae
  ❖ One letter of recommendation from a supervisor, administrator, or LVWP Fellow who can recommend you as an outstanding professional

Mail your application to: Nancy Coco, Director
Lehigh Valley Writing Project
Penn State Lehigh Valley Corporate Learning Center
100 Brodhead Road, Suite 120
Bethlehem, PA 18017

*The social security number (SSN) and/or your PSU ID number that you provide for enrollment purposes, or when requesting specific services, will be used by the University to verify your identity for official record keeping and reporting. If you choose not to supply your SSN, certain services, such as transcripts, enrollment verification, tax reporting, financial aid and other services may not be available to you, and Penn State cannot guarantee a complete academic record for you. Your SSN will be stored in a central system and only used for official reporting and record keeping. It will not be used as a primary source to identify you within the Penn State system; the PSU ID will be used as the primary identifier.