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[Native American Student Advocacy Institute, May 22-23, UCLA, California](#)

[Prepárate: Educating Latinos for the Future of America, May 31-June 1, Miami, FL](#)

[Middle Level Conference June 14-15, Charlotte, NC](#)

[AP Summer Institute for Administrators, June 18-20, St. Petersburg, FL](#)

[Southern Regional Forum, October 23-24, Miami, FL](#)

[National Forum, October 24-26, Miami, FL](#)

EXTRA! EXTRA! Keep all of your colleagues IN THE LOOP! Please forward this newsletter to your school leaders, teachers, and administrators. The *SRO Monthly Companion* has something for everyone. Read on...



AP in Paradise

What better time to be thinking of Paradise than just after AP Exams?! Now is a perfect opportunity for teachers, counselors, and administrators to **reflect**—and to plan to **recharge** for a new school year. And there is no better place than Paradise—the location for the College Board’s Annual AP Summer Institute for Administrators! The event is scheduled for June 18-20, in Florida at the **Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort and Golf Club**, the perfect venue for school leaders and teachers to share best practices in the support and growth of successful AP programs. Your colleagues weigh in about the value of the APSIA Conference, below:

Dr. Louis DeAngelo, Assistant Principal at Norview HS in Norfolk, VA, says, “APSI for Administrators was valuable with its focus on ... professional development, social/emotional development, and fostering a culture of success. The institute provided insight into how colleges view AP and how AP courses factor into admission decisions. It thoroughly addressed the AP course audit among many other topics.”



Alison Coker, of Cobb County Schools in GA, remarks that APSIA “is a wonderful professional development opportunity for both new and experienced administrators and coordinators. Each session provides participants with information and ideas that you can take back and personalize for your school or district.”

June Burke, hailing from Calcasieu Parish School District, LA, shares this: “APSI hit every target we needed! The presenters were amazing, the information was spot-on, and we left feeling that we could absolutely use what we learned immediately!”



“When I was charged with increasing our AP program at **Camden County HS (GA)**, comments **Heath Heron**, “I knew I needed to learn how to build and sustain an AP program. I attended APSIA ... and there I learned from principals, teachers, counselors, and College Board staff who shared their successes in building and sustaining their AP program. I took all that I learned back to my school, and since then, our AP participation has exponentially increased, each and every year.”

Angie Murphy, Principal of Pasco Co., FL’s Mitchell HS states, “Many of the ideas and successful practices that have been implemented in our AP Program, I was exposed to at the APSIA. Once I learned about several best practices in program development and sustainability, I took the information and adapted it to fit the needs of our AP Program, teachers and students. “... the sessions are centered around professionals ... asking questions and exploring ways to build strong AP Programs that prepare students for success beyond high school.”

Amy Patterson of the KY DOE says, “APSI was very helpful to me in a new role working with AP coordinators and with schools to increase AP participation and success. I was able to bring back a wealth of information ... regarding recruitment of traditionally underrepresented student populations, ways to increase rigor, and ideas for including more students in the AP experience. I will be attending again this year ...” ***For more details, click here.***

AP is EVEN for the Birds!

Congratulations to Nation Ford High School in Fort Mill, SC! The South Carolina Department of Education and the College Board Southern Regional Office salute its principal and staff for an innovative **AP Day**.

AP Day t-shirts, discount cards, and other gifts were given to every AP student for making the commitment to take an AP course.

The school has grown from 182 exams administered in 2010 to 405 exams in May 2012. The staff credits **AP Day** as a contributor to the increase in AP enrollment. As stated in the SC AP Day Recognition Application essay, "Because of **AP Day**, we have become a better school."

ATTENTION!

Share successes, spotlight on teachers, proven practices, and random acts of rigor [HERE](#). Contact the names at the bottom of this newsletter to spread the good news to our readership in the 10 states of the Southern Region.

FORUM IN FLORIDA



The Southern Regional Office is currently seeking nominations for our annual awards. Help us recognize outstanding educators in your district by submitting your nominations today! Award recipients will be honored at the 2012 Southern Regional Forum, to be held Oct. 23-24, 2012 in **MIAMI**. We encourage you to nominate a colleague for one of the following honors:

- **Counselor of the Year Award** — Recognizes a counselor whose service and leadership have helped to increase access, equity and opportunity for all students.
- **Outstanding AP® Teacher of the Year Award** — Recognizes an educator who has made significant contributions to the district's AP program.
- **Eleanor S. Morris Service Award** — Recognizes a financial aid administrator who has shown commitment and made noteworthy contributions through involvement with the College Scholarship Service and the College Board.

Download a **nomination form**. Requires **Adobe Reader** (latest version recommended). Nomination forms must be received by **June 12, 2012**. If you have questions, contact Ginger at ggarner@collegeboard.org.

REGISTER BY JULY 13 & SAVE

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Oct. 23-24, 2012

Join us this October for the **Southern Regional Forum** to

learn from and work with K-12 and higher education professionals from across the region. From this respected event, you will take away:

Knowledge and advice from prominent experts in education

Strategies and best practices developed to increase student achievement

Practical tools you can use to implement important change

Take advantage of being in Miami! This year only, **Southern Regional Forum** and **College Board Forum** will be held consecutively, from October 23 to 26, in Miami, FL. **Register for one — or both — conferences by July 13 and save!**



If you wish to have your name added or deleted, or if you have questions, just contact us.

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