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This Summer: Refresh, Relax, and Re-Up Your Skills



SUMMER ACADEMIES 2021

*Offering the following week long
professional development sessions for
teachers and school leaders:*

For School Leaders:

- Leaders Supporting Struggling Teachers Through Instructional Coaching (July 12-16)
- Recruitment and Retention: The Keys to Success (June 28-29)

For Classroom Teachers:

- Creating a Student-Centered Classroom: An intensive course for new and novice teachers (July 26-30)
- Formative Assessment for both new and experienced teachers (Aug. 2-6)
- Creating a Student-Centered Classroom: The Whole Child Approach for both new and experienced teachers (Aug. 9-13)

"Ongoing, **intensive** professional development that focuses on **supporting teachers' planning and instruction** has a greater chance of influencing teaching practice and in turn, raising student achievement."

-Sheena Hervey, Generation Ready

BY THE NUMBERS:

85%
teachers who participate in
professional development in
their specific content area

67%
teachers who participate in
professional development
related to the use of
computers in the classroom

21%
average increase in student
achievement when
teachers receive 49 hours of
professional development
per school year

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Our Presenters Spill the Beans!



Meet our Summer Academy Presenters and find out what they're doing this summer for work and for fun!



Gina Gutierrez-Karp

Summer Work Plan: Work my way through a pile of education books that has been sitting there glaring at me all year.

Summer Fun Plan: ride my bike every day until I have amazing muscles.

Fave summer indulgence: sunset beach walks and eating outside.

Fave teacher: was Janet Martin, 10th grade English. She encouraged my love of reading, turned me into a writer and was a genius at establishing rapport with students. Mrs. Martin somehow got away with addressing teenagers as "Lambie" and got us excited about poetry and Shakespeare.



Rebecca Shea

Summer Work Plan: During summer academies, I'm excited about connecting with teachers and leaders as they get ready to embark on the 2021-2022 school year, after some much-needed rest for them!

Summer Fun Plan: I plan to get outside to hike and kayak as much as I can during the sunny weekends.

Fave Summer Indulgence: To be with friends and family outside as we enjoy each other's company and the fabulous NY summers. I try to embrace the summer weather as much as possible.

Fave teacher: Ms Hayes -- my high school English teacher for two years. She very much brought learning to life for me and was definitely a key inspiration in why I became a teacher.



Diana Straut

Summer Work Plan: I'm excited to be facilitating the week-long Beginning Teacher Academy July 26-30th (shameless plug!)

Summer Fun Plan: Fire Tower hikes in the Adirondacks.

Fave Summer Indulgence: Of course it involves food- Fresh Villa Bread (which is homemade by the Villa family in Glens Falls) topped with mayonnaise, sliced homegrown tomatoes, and fresh basil. That's what summer tastes like.

Fave Teacher: Mrs. Flynn, 4th grade. Queensbury Elementary School. She made learning fun and treated us like we were her family. We learned mental math by playing Black Jack and did geography projects with salt dough and papier-mâché. She brought in her guitar and sang with us and she created had fun contests (I was the Snow Queen for guessing when the first inch of snow would fall that winter!) At the end of the year she invited the entire class to her house for a pool party. She was very positive and helped us believe in ourselves.

Picture: This is me (on the right) and my amazing friend Tricia, summer 1989 after our first year as teachers. We were so happy to have survived the year and were unwinding at Split Rock Falls in Elizabethtown.

RESOURCE ROUNDUP:
Looking for More? Check out these Resources!

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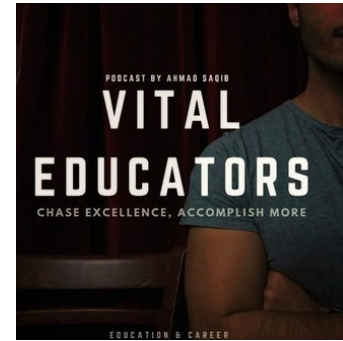
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