



The E-Newsletter of the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester

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HAPPENINGS



Rochester-area students participating in this year's [Get Real! Science Camp](#), running July 27 to August 3, conducted water quality studies incorporating Lake Ontario and the Genesee River. With support from Warner School graduate students, who are preparing to become science teachers, these middle schoolers from Rochester's North East Area Development (NEAD) Freedom School participated in the summer science camp, sponsored by the Warner School, and engaged in real scientific questions about water quality and usage in their own community and what makes water healthy and clean. These young budding scientists and future science teachers presented findings from their hands-on science investigations and provided real scientific answers and clarity to Rochester's water quality to the community on the camp's last day, Aug. 3.



The Genesee Valley Writing Project (GVWP) Young Writers Summer Camp began this

NEWS



Strengthening K-12 School Leadership

Leadership coaching is the backbone of the leadership development program at the Warner School's Center for Professional Development and Education Reform, which also provides workshops, administrative and school board retreats, and superintendent searches, as well as works with school districts interested in building leadership skills in teachers. It is a service in hot demand. The Center's coaches went from guiding and supporting some 40 people in 2013-14 to nearly 146 people in 2014-15, a surge that happened exclusively through word-of-mouth.



Future Science Teachers Hone Skills Through Summer Science Camp

Aspiring teachers typically have to postpone putting their newly acquired skills to the test until they enter a traditional K-12 classroom environment. However, graduate students who are studying to become science teachers at the Warner School will gain hands-on experience teaching in an informal learning setting this summer as they lead the 2015 Get Real! Science Camp for Rochester middle school students.

EVENTS

8/3 - 8/7/2015

[Young Writers Summer Camp](#)

8/7/2015

[Horizons at Warner Pollution Solutions Forum](#)

8/12/2015

[Leadership Certification Seminar](#)

8/16 - 8/29/2015

[Orientation for New International](#)

week in LeChase Hall. While students select the writing genres to focus on, they also explore exciting forays into different formats of writing, such as screenwriting, video-editing, graphic novels, and flash fiction. The week-long camp runs Aug. 3-7. [Joanne Larson](#), Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education and chair of the teaching and curriculum program, directs the annual summer writing camp.



Students in the Horizons at Warner summer enrichment program have been busy learning and having fun the past six weeks. The student featured to the left was part of a group that designed, sewed, and wrote the life story of stuffed animals to give to nursing home residents. Students featured to the right attended a class that pretended to visit Japan for the day, where they learned to speak and write Japanese, dressed in traditional clothing, made origami, and learned to use chopsticks. Their Japanese tour guide taught them all about life in Japan. Horizons at Warner, which serves 135 city school students in kindergarten through eighth grade, is directed by [Lynn Gatto](#), who also directs the elementary teacher education program at Warner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Science STARS Films Chosen for Festival

For the fourth consecutive year, Science STARS films have been selected as finalists for the Rochester Teen Film Festival. The films, "Inspire Change" (a 40 second public service announcement) and "STARS Give Back" (documenting work with the homeless community in Rochester) were selected from entries all over the Greater Rochester Area. The films will be screened with 11 other finalists on Wednesday, August 5 at The Little Theatre. The show will start at 5:30 p.m. with a reception immediately after the film festival in The Little Cafe. The event is free and open to the public.

ED 506 Students' Research Proposal Poster Session

Students in ED 506 (Concepts and Issues in Social Science Research) will present their research proposal posters on Wednesday, Aug. 5 in LeChase 160, from 5 - 7 p.m. Come learn about the work of Warner doctoral students from across the school. Refreshments will be served. Attendees will have a chance to talk in depth with students about their research proposals.

Transforming Our Community: Meeting the Needs of At Risk Children

Thursday, October 8, 2015

The Rochester Academy of Medicine
1441 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14610

Join the University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center and co-sponsors for a one-day conference to raise awareness about the adverse effects of violence, abuse, and neglect on the biopsychosocial health of children. CME credits available and CLE credits pending. Limited seating. Tickets are \$100 per person/ \$60 non-profit staff member. For more information and to register for the conference, visit www.rochester.edu/sba. For questions, contact the Center at (585) 275-8799 or sbac@ur.rochester.edu.

Profile Feature: Alumna Patty Cooke '15W (PhD); '92W (MS); '89 (BA)

Patty Cooke's research interests in philosophy and education are more timely than ever given the current spotlight on critical thinking, deemed essential to the academic and personal development of young minds. As Common Core State Standards continue to dictate changes in instruction, the school counselor and lead teacher, who has a master's degree in counseling and a doctorate in human development from Warner, hopes her work will encourage schools to do more to help students be open-minded, reflective and adaptive. [Read more.](#)

University of Rochester Alumni Association Announces Career Webinar Series

The University of Rochester alumni association is offering a career author speaker series of webinars. The fall schedule includes a webinar every Wednesday. [Visit here to learn more.](#)

FACULTY/STUDENT NOTES

Warner School Students

8/26/2015

Warner School Orientation

8/27/2015

Warner School Teaching & Curriculum Field Placement and Student Teaching Candidate Orientation

9/11/2015

Writing Workshop - Critical Reading of Academic Texts

9/19/2015

Writing Workshop - Incorporating Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism

9/25/2015

Writing Workshop - Citations, Referencing, and APA Style

10/3/2015

Writing Workshop - Genres of Academic Writing

10/8 - 10/11/2015

Meliora Weekend 2015

10/16/2015

Writing Workshop - Critiques, Reflective Writing, and Summarizing

10/23/2015

Child Abuse Prevention Certification Workshop

11/7/2015

Writing Workshop - Constructing an Argument in Academic Writing

11/21/2015

Fall Open House

IN THE NEWS

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Time Warner Cable News Story Features Professional Learning at East High

7/28/2015

Andrea Cutt on Summer Science Camp

7/26/2015

Democrat and Chronicle Highlights UR's New Roles in the City



Lammers Co-Presents at International English Education Conference

Jayne Lammers, assistant professor, co-presented "From Theory to Practice: Writing, Technology, and English Teacher Education" at the International Federation for the Teaching of English/Conference on English Education, in New York City in July. The session explored the roles of motivation, audience, and interest-driven participation in writing pedagogy and offered examples from three English teacher education programs in the United States and Australia in order to link research in out-of-school spaces to literacy practices in school contexts. Specifically, Lammers presented a case study of one Warner English teacher candidate, highlighting how the lessons and practices he implemented in his student teaching placement attempted to realize the potential of online spaces for developing writerly identities with his students.



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