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NYC Announces Charter School, Public School Partnership



The most successful charter schools in New York City have announced a \$4.5 million partnership initiative with the city's public schools. [Click here to read more.](#)

Vivian Richardson, T2E Scholarship Recipient Shares her experience at the Schomburg Library Professional Development Workshop



On May 2, 2013 I had a wonderful opportunity to attend my first Educator/Teacher Meetup with the Teach to Excel Foundation to view the exhibit "Courage" An exhibit that "explored the visions and aspirations of courageous leaders and parents who have consistently sought quality education for their children." I was truly moved by this exhibit and just as my predecessors did would like to ensure that each of my students get the quality education that they deserve. I am extremely thankful for the work that the Teach to Excel Foundation in conjunction with Penda Aiken, Inc is doing for educators as myself by creating professional learning communities where teachers can come together to engage in professional discussions centered on a wide range of topics

that will enhance our knowledge base and skill set. After viewing the "Courage" Exhibit and engaging in a workshop and discussion based on it, I had the opportunity to be in a raffle to attend the Schomburg Library Annual Summer Education Institute from July 14th-19th and to my pleasant surprise I won the drawing. I am pleased to say it truly has been a phenomenal week and a true delight. The resources, workshops, literary materials, lectures, networking and interaction among educators from various states has provided me with a wealth of instructional tools that will increase my effectiveness as an educator. Some of the topics that were discussed this week were:

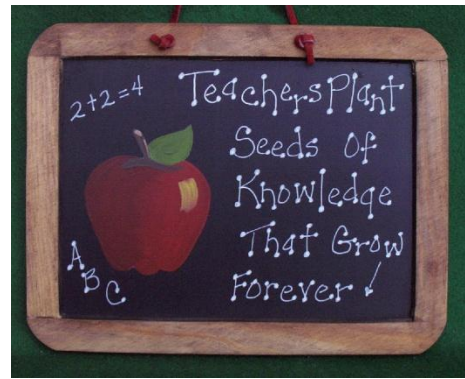
- Critical Literacy and Thinking Skills
- Common Core Learning Standards
- Incorporating Multimedia into the Teaching and Learning Process
- Engaging Students into the Learning Process
- Contextualizing Learning for Students
- How to Use Primary Sources in Your Teaching
- Youth as Researcher, Historians and Scholars

I sincerely want to thank the entire Teach to Excel Foundation for sponsoring my attendance to this rich and rewarding week of professional development that was extraordinary from day one. I am definitely going to incorporate the teaching strategies that I learned in the classroom community I will be fortunate to lead. Additionally, I look forward to attending more of Teach to Excel's "Teacher Meetups" in the future to utilize the wealth of resources that they have to offer so that I can grow as an educator and learn from my colleagues. Thank you, Teach to Excel Foundation and the Schomburg Summer Educate Institute for providing me with a variety of learning experiences that I will never forget.

What's Happening to Cooperative Learning

What's happening to cooperative learning now and what's in store for it in the future?

Any former student who was ever assigned a group project knows the difficulty in group work: more often than not, the bulk of the responsibilities falls on one or two students while the others quietly tag along. Cooperative learning is a highly structured educational model where each member is not only responsible for learning an individual concept, but also for educating other group members about it. While the theory has really gained traction in recent years, cooperative learning was first developed in the early 90s - it began as an approach intended to be equally applicable in traditional classrooms and in business settings. [Read more click here.](#)



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"A little learning, indeed, may be a dangerous thing, but the want of learning is a calamity to any people."
- Frederick Douglass

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