

Blue Ribbon Algebraic Learning Communities

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The Blue Ribbon Algebraic Learning Communities Project is a high intensity workshop taught on the West Virginia University campus to prepare secondary teachers in the area of Algebra who work with at risk students who seek standard graduation diplomas in Regular, Collaborative or Contained classroom settings.

Application deadline: May 30, 2005

Participants will receive: \$365 Stipend, *TI 84* and Curriculum Materials as well as Breakfast, Lunch and a Snack each day

WVU Graduate Credit in Mathematics or Special Education available for additional \$99 plus application fee

Where: TBA

When: August 8-12, 8:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.
Two follow-up sessions, dates to be determined

Participant Cost: \$150 each

Several Blue Ribbon Counties have agreed to pay the workshop fee for teams of teacher participants. Each team should include one mathematics teacher and one special educator. Blue Ribbon Counties include Doddridge, Harrison, Hampshire, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Upshur and Wood. In some cases, counties will pay travel/food and lodging for participants. Contact your board office to inquire if your county is participating. Other team applicants will be accepted if openings exist after May 16, 2005 in the order of reservations received.

Primary Instructional Consultants:

Ms. Murrel B. Hoover: Murrel is West Virginia's first National Board Certified Teacher. She has been program coordinator for the NSF funded project MERIT for the past five years. She is a certified High School Mathematics and English Teacher and has a Master's degree in Special Education. She has won numerous teaching and service awards and is recognized as a national leader in mathematics education reform.

Dr. Ann Richards: Ann is an assistant professor in the College of Human Resources and Education at West Virginia University. She worked as a learning disabilities specialist at both Manhattan College and University of Arizona. She also has experience as a self-contained and collaborative teacher at both the elementary and middle school levels as well as experience as a therapeutic recreation specialist for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

Dr. Laura Pyzdrowski: Laura is an assistant professor in the Institute for Math Learning in the Mathematics Department at West Virginia University where she is the pre-collegiate mathematics coordinator. She is the coordinator for the Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Committee which is a 12 county partnership focusing on professional development for mathematics educators as well as projects that can benefit students in transition from high school to college.

For additional information and application, see www.blueribbon.ws or contact:

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