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AP COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER



AP COLLABORATIVE VIRTUAL MEETING **FEBRUARY 27, 2024 | 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**

Join us for an engaging and informative session tailored specifically to empower district and site AP leads with valuable insights and foster collaboration among colleagues from Orange County. This interactive session will equip you with the knowledge and strategies to enhance your AP program, ensuring your students are well-prepared for success.

Please [Register Here](#). For more information, see our [Flyer](#).

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

FINALLY!

The new and improved [FAFSA application](#) is out! Please encourage and support your senior students to begin working on the application as soon as possible. The final date to submit is April 2nd, but it is highly encouraged to get this completed sooner rather than later.

OCDE OFFERINGS

[Expository Reading & Writing Curriculum \(ERWC\)](#)

[Literacy & Language Network](#)

[OCMAA - OC Music & Arts Administrators Network](#)

[OCSSA - OC Social Science Administrators Network](#)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ready or not, 2024 is here! I hope you and yours enjoyed the holiday season and feel rested and ready to tackle all that awaits you in 2024. In the world of AP, we have testing season and planning for the 24-25 school year in view - both formidable, but exciting tasks. A few items in this newsletter will assist you with these events and processes. We have an AP Collaborative meeting coming up at the end of February, where our College Board representative, Ricky Cherry, will join us to discuss the testing season as well as new course offerings for you and your AP programs to consider. In addition, we will once again offer our Summer APSI, AP in the OC, virtually at the end of July. This is an excellent opportunity for any new or seasoned AP teachers to attend an enjoyable and effective professional learning opportunity. As always, I am available and happy to assist with any questions or concerns you may have - please don't hesitate to reach out.

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AP IN THE OC

JULY 22-26, 2024

Do you have teachers to train for next year's AP courses or veteran teachers that need a course refresh? If so, please consider sending them to our virtual summer institute.

This virtual training for new and seasoned AP educators covers AP content intricacies, effective organization techniques, and modern teaching methods. Leave with renewed enthusiasm, fresh insights, and abundant resources to enhance your classroom and provide students an exceptional AP education.

New courses offered for 2024!

- Art History
- Calculus AB
- Computer Science Principles
- Physics 1
- Precalculus
- Spanish Language and Culture

Interested teachers can [Register Here](#). Please see [Flyer](#) for additional details.

APSI SCHOLARSHIPS

The AP Fellows APSI Scholarship is available to AP teachers in 2024. This scholarship is for teachers at schools with a majority underrepresented minority and/or low-income student population.

- Scholarship amount: \$1,000 max
- Eligible AP subjects: All AP subjects EXCEPT AP Capstone (Seminar & Research)

You can learn more about the specific criteria for this scholarship and access the application link by visiting the College Board [website](#).



COLLEGE BOARD CORNER

Career Kickstart

Career Kickstart is a new program in development that is designed to accelerate high school students on their paths to in-demand careers. Career Kickstart aspires to expand the successful AP model to the career and technical education space by offering high schools a new set of career-oriented courses and exams.

Visit the Career Kickstart [website](#) for more information.

AP Potential

AP Potential is a free, online tool that allows schools to generate rosters of students who are likely to score a 3 or higher on a given AP® Exam based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 8/9, PSAT™ 10, or SAT®.

Visit the AP Potential [website](#) for more information.

African American Studies Framework

The [African American Studies Course Framework](#) has been updated and released. Visit the College Board [website](#) for information on how to bring this course to your school.

WHAT IS THE AP COLLABORATIVE?

A network for new and veteran Advanced Placement district and site leads where we aim to:

- Share relevant information, resources, events, etc.
- Provide resources and methods for creating equity and access in AP Programs
- Partner with College Board to disseminate information regarding Advanced Placement
- Allow time for inter-district collaboration and networking to share best practices

This network exists to support AP Coordinators so they can provide the best possible services to achieve successful student outcomes in their AP courses, exams and programs.