



Rice High School

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IONA COLLEGE and RICE HIGH SCHOOL (NYC) A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL (PDS) PARTNERSHIP

Rice High School is a professional development school of Iona College. Professional Development schools (PDS) are innovative institutions formed between P-12 schools and professional education programs aimed to improve student learning and to prepare students for 21st century workplace skills.

Having started this fall, the PDS is designed to mutually benefit students and teachers at Rice and teacher candidates at Iona College. The Congregation of Christian Brothers operates both of these educational institutions.

A key objective of the PDS is to enhance the training and development of teacher candidates in Iona's adolescent education programs, focusing in grades seven through twelve. The PDS will also offer training to Rice faculty to enhance their knowledge and teaching skills. Research on the educational process will occur and will be analyzed by both institutions.

Certain Rice teachers will be authorized as Iona adjunct faculty members to teach a variety of courses, called Bridge courses to be held at Rice high school. For example, a "Management Course" will be taught at Rice with students having the option of dual secondary and collegiate credit. Students will also have the opportunity to take certain college courses, call Link courses at Iona at a reduced rate.

Dr. Michael V. Pregot, a faculty member at Iona, will serve as mentor and supervisor to teacher candidates assigned to Rice and will be Iona's liaison for the PDS Partnership. Dr. Pregot can be contacted at mpregot@iona.edu or by phone at 914-633-2479.

Funds for the PDS will come from sources that include federal and private funds as well as the budget of Iona College's Education Department.