



Dear Friends,

As educators, we all know how challenging and stressful our chosen profession can be at times, especially in the wake of a pandemic, political strife, record levels of student trauma, etc. However, we also know the joys that come when we see that “a-ha” look on a student's face, when we collaborate with sympathetic and knowledgeable peers, and when we learn and hone our craft as professionals. That is why we designed this summer's ISI to focus on supporting teachers who seek to revitalize their teaching practice, rediscover their passion, and learn to not just survive but to thrive in this profession for the long haul.

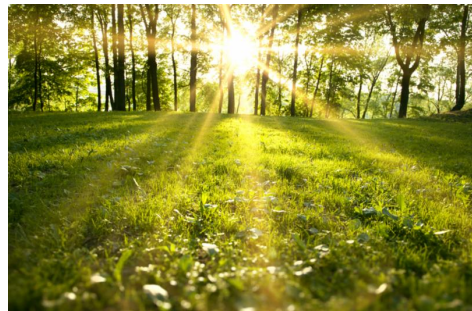
As teachers with close to 50 years in the classroom between us, we have some ideas about sustainability in this profession. Most important is community. When you attend the RWP ISI, you are "initiated" into our professional network of educators, and we will be there to support you long past your summer experience with us. In addition, we believe teachers need opportunities to rediscover or rejuvenate their passion. For example, we can create writing assignments and lessons that are not just effective, but engaging, relevant, and exciting. We can also refocus on powerful professional tools like building a reflective practice and developing our writing knowledge. And we can double down on ways to use writing to create a sense of belonging in our classrooms.

We hope that you will consider applying for what we hope will be our most dynamic and sustaining Summer Institute yet. School teams and returning RWP TCs are welcome. Please also share this information with colleagues who might be interested.

In solidarity,

*Nicolette Amann and Anne Hartline
ISI Summer 2024 Co-Directors*

Join us for the Summer 2024 Invitational Summer Institute



- Orientation: Saturday, May 25th 8am-12pm on Zoom
- Institute: Mon-Wed July 1st-3rd, Mon-Thu July 8th-11th, Mon-Thu July 15th-18th, all days 8am-12pm on Zoom
- Luncheon: Friday, July 19th 11am-2pm in Arcata

Participants will receive free professional texts and materials and upon completion will earn a \$600 stipend and be eligible to purchase five units of university credit. Apply [HERE](#) by Monday, April 15th.

What will we do during the Summer Institute?

- *explore best practices for teaching literacy with focus on compassion, empathy, and students' social emotional learning;*
- *build knowledge of literacy pedagogy through grade and subject-level appropriate readings;*
- *study and practice uses of writing, including for teacher rejuvenation and reflection;*
- *develop standards-aligned strategies and curriculum that fit a variety of teaching styles and address the specific needs of students, and,*
- *support one another through participation in a diverse, collegial, and collaborative learning community.*

APPLY HERE FOR THE SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Summer Institute is facilitated by Nicolette Amann, Cal Poly Humboldt English Dept. faculty & RWP Director and Anne Hartline, retired middle school teacher & RWP Professional Development Coordinator.

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