



# Nassau TRACT

## Teacher Center



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### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### COLLEGIAL CIRCLES – FEBRUARY 27 AND APRIL 9

This collegial circle provides the forum for high school and college teachers to create an on-going professional dialogue regarding student writing skills. Professionals will share with each other their ideas and pedagogical knowledge in Writing. Discussions will focus on examining examples of good writing; effective assessment tools and creative writing prompts. Discuss the expectation teachers have for students' content and structure in writing in preparing them to be successful writers in college. Together with your colleagues, explore and identify what good writing looks like on both the high school and college level. \*Please come to this collegial circle with writing samples demonstrating any or all of the above mentioned topics/skills. (Please make 10 copies of each sample.)

#### UNDERSTANDING BY DESIGN - IN-SERVICE WORKSHOP - MARCH 29 AND APRIL 5

This two-day workshop, based on the nationally recognized Understanding by Design program, will enable participants to learn a curricular and instructional design model that promotes rigorous learning, increases achievement levels, and supports a deeper understanding of content. Specifically, participants will learn how to: • Apply a backward design-planning model to develop powerful units of study; • Incorporate standards into meaningful learning goals; • Identify “big ideas” and develop essential questions worthy of understanding; • Develop assessments that measure performance and promote understanding; • Promote more thoughtful and reflective learning; • Plan instruction that helps students construct meaning and build understanding. Participants will also examine ways to use technology to foster understanding based curricular and instructional practices.

**Course Catalog is available for viewing at [www.nassautract.org](http://www.nassautract.org) and follow links to My Learning Plan to register**

#### TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE – JANUARY 17, 2008

WITH ALAN NOVEMBER

#### PODCASTS, BLOGGING, WIKIS AND SMARTBOARDS

#### FULL DAY CONFERENCE – FEBRUARY 4, 2008

“WHAT EVERY NEW TEACHER SHOULD KNOW” WITH ANNETTE BREAUX  
PRACTICAL, EASY TO IMPLEMENT TECHNIQUES THAT IMPACT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

#### PARENT UNIVERSITY – MARCH 18, 2008

**Mail- in only registration forms are available at [www.nassautract.org](http://www.nassautract.org) and follow links to conferences.**

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