

# GEAR UP / UHD Academic Literacy Symposium

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Auditorium, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Academic Building  
University of Houston Downtown, One Main Street

*Academic Literacy: Critical thinking, reading and writing skills are the foundation for college success*

*Academic Literacy: the responsibility of every teacher in every classroom*

*Academic Literacy: the ability to postpone judgment and tolerate ambiguity while honoring the dance between passionate assertion and patient inquiry*

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*Academic Literacy: requires imaginative and practical professional development...*

*Welcome*

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| 8:45 – 9:10   | Danish & Registration: Coffee House  |
| 9:15 – 10:05  | What is Academic Literacy? (Protocol A)<br>Room A409: Cynthia Hall<br>Room A423: Paula Roe<br>Room A430: Kristy Brown<br>Room A425: Deb Erhart<br>Room A424: Gladys Cartwright<br>Room Special Events: Cheryl Flores   |
| 10:05-10:15   | Break and Transition to the Auditorium   |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Freshman Snapshots: Auditorium (Protocol B)<br>Academic Literacy: A Consensus (Cynthia Hall moderates)<br>College Algebra: 10 minutes of critical thinking (Dr. Timothy Redl)<br>American History: 10 minutes of critical reading (Dr. David Ryden)<br>Composition 2: 10 minutes of critical writing (Dr. Robin Davidson)                |
| 11:00 – 11:25 | Gallery Walk & Talk and Transition to Demonstrations (Protocol C)  |
| 11:25 – 12:00 | Academic Literacy Demonstrations (Protocol D)<br><br>Speech (Dr. Jean DeWitt) in Room A425<br>English (Dr. Keith Yost) in the Special Events Room<br>Science (Kristy Brown) in Room A430<br>Social Studies (Enrique Hug) in Room A424<br>Mathematics (Dr. Timothy Redl) in Room A409<br>Computer Literacy (Dr. Isidro Grau) in Room A423 |
| 12:00 – 12:10 | Break and Transition to school groups  |

12:10 – 12:35 School Level Planning (session facilitated by GEAR UP coaches)  
(Protocol E)

Burbank MS in Room A409  
Cullen MS in Room A430  
EO Smith MS in A425  
Fleming MS' in Room A424  
Fonville MS in Room the Special Events Room  
Hamilton MS in the Special Events Room  
Henry MS in the Special Events Room  
Hogg MS in the Special Events Room  
Marshall MS in Room A423  
McReynolds MS in the Special Events Room  
Ryan MS in the Special Events Room

12:35-12:45 Evaluations (you will need these to get your lunches)

12:45 Box lunches available in the Coffee Bar area

**Teachers will receive \$70 for attending the Symposium and \$70 for submitting a lesson plan that incorporates Academic Literacy and requires students to reach new levels of performance.**

- ❖ Your coach will email you the electronic lesson plan format.
- ❖ Please email your completed lesson back to your coach **by Feb. 22, 2008** to receive the stipend.
- ❖ Selections of model lesson plans in each subject will be posted online.

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