

Staten Island Academy Higher Education Collaboration Program with Wagner College

The Staten Island Academy (SIA) Higher Education Collaboration Program utilizes the rich educational resources of Wagner College and its faculty to enhance the academic experience of students at Staten Island Academy. In the program, Wagner College faculty and students guide Staten Island Academy faculty and students in a variety of initiatives. The Staten Island Academy Higher Education Collaboration Program impacts students and faculty in grades Pre-K3 - Grades 12.

Specific current initiatives include the following:

1. Staten Island Academy has worked closely with Dr. Lori Weintrob, Wagner College Professor of History, Director of the Holocaust Education and Programming Center. This partnership has welcomed Holocaust workshops throughout the year, taught by Dr. Weintrob and her students, to students and faculty at the Academy in Grades 6-12. Dr. Weintrob also facilitated having Holocaust Survivor Rachel Roth to speak at the Academy, commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz. This opportunity was truly a life-changing experience for many at SIA. Dr. Weintrob and the theatre department at the Academy are looking to create a Holocaust remembrance children's production, performed by Middle School students. This production would include songs written by children in the Concentration Camps and excerpts from survivors' stories with the understanding that we must keep their stories alive.
2. Staten Island Academy is excited to work closely with David Gordon, Wagner Assistant Professor in Education. His expertise is in special education concentrating on educational access and equity experiences for children with chronic health conditions. He has been instrumental to us as we look to enhance our Academic Resource Center for children with varied learning needs. Mr. Gordon has been working with the Academy administration, faculty and students exploring the best way to educate our current population of students with learning differences and what more we need to do for students entering our school in the future. Mr. Gordon and his students at Wagner will evaluate and provide constructive feedback to our program, building a partnership of learners for the college students at Wagner, the faculty and students at the Academy and so much more.
3. Staten Island Academy recently appointed Lily D. McNair, Ph.D. to their Board of Trustees. Dr. McNair is currently the provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at Wagner College. She holds a doctorate in psychology and has been involved with many programs to increase diversity, enhance use of technology and faculty development. Staten Island Academy looks to Dr. McNair's leadership on the Board as the Academy advances as an educational institution.

Staten Island Academy is proud of its relationship with Wagner College. Conversations with Wagner and its faculty to expand this Higher Education Collaboration Program are currently underway.