

Welcome to Rockbridge Academy's 2017 Summer Teacher Training! Equipping teachers to engage both the hearts and the minds of their students is our passion. This year we have overhauled our plenary and workshop offerings to both inspire your vision and to broaden your practical skills in the classroom. Maintaining a Christ-centered and academically effective classroom takes cultivation, vigilance, and the humility to realize that we all stand on the shoulders of great teachers who have gone before us. In this conference, our most experienced administrators and faculty will share their wisdom, vision, and passion for making your next school year the best ever. I invite you to learn more about our presenters by visiting us online at www.rockbridge.org/teacher-training. We look forward to seeing you this July at the conference.

In Christ,



ROY GRIFFITH

ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY HEADMASTER

“ *I learned so much about how to integrate the beauty and order of God throughout all subjects.*

I am inspired to improve all of my teaching by reveling in the wonder of God's revealed creation and challenging my students to find Christ in all things.

The humble sharing of practical knowledge/experience/best practices as well as the encouragement to carry on in the strength of the Lord are as valuable as I go into my 5th year as it was going into my 3rd year of teaching.

This was a conference that truly equips. Vision and practicality were nicely blended. I am grateful.

This was just what I needed to remind me of why I love classical schooling. I am coming away with new energy, refreshed to start putting these things into practice. ”

PAST CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

“ *The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they BECOME by it.* ”

JOHN RUSKIN



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WASHINGTON, DC MONUMENTS! WORKSHOP ON ACTIVE LEARNING AND FIELD TRIPS



So much to see, so little time! How can you create meaningful field trips that are integrated with your curriculum? Join our Upper School Principal Jerry Keehner on an optional day trip to catch some of the highlights of our nation's capital while also discussing best practices in field trip selection and planning. We will leave from Country Inn and Suites (Annapolis) at 8:30 AM. We will carpool to the DC

Metro, then take the train downtown. The official field trip will end around 1:30 PM, though we will remain downtown for lunch, other sightseeing, and conversation. We will return to the Metro station around 4:30 PM and carpool back to the hotel. Cost for this field trip experience is \$50.00 per person. Metro and lunch are *not* included. Spaces fill quickly; sign-up early!

8:15-8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & SINGING OPTIONAL LUNCH* WITH SPEAKER PANEL Q & A

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- The Necessary Foundation of Theology
- Communication and Inspiration: Building Faculty Unity

WORKSHOPS:

- *Grammar*: Teaching Bible
- *Grammar*: The Sights and Sounds of Grammar
- *Grammar*: Teaching Shurley Grammar
- *Grammar*: The Grammar of History
- *Secondary*: Teaching Theology
- *Secondary*: Assessments for History and Literature
- *Secondary*: Assessments for Math and Science
- *Secondary*: Teaching in the Negative Space
- *Secondary*: Grading Classroom Discussions
- *Administration*: Mentoring and Nurturing Teachers
- *Administration*: Teacher Observation and Evaluation

*Options for lunch will be made available at the conference.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Deadline for early registration discount is June 26, 2017.
Please note: All fees are non-refundable.

\$290 per person (3 or more per school, \$275 per person) for registration fees received by **June 26, 2017**.

\$320 per person (no discount for multiple attendees) for registration fees received after **June 26, 2017**.

\$50 per person for the optional Washington, DC Monuments Trip. Metro and lunch are *not* included. Seats must be reserved by **June 26, 2017**.

\$75 per session fee for those just wanting to attend an individual session or workshop.

Options for lunch on Wednesday and Thursday will be made available at the conference.

Payments may be made online via MasterCard or Visa or mailed to Rockbridge Academy at the address below. To register, visit our website at www.rockbridge.org/teacher-training.

CURRENT ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY PARENT?

This valuable conference is *FREE* to all current Rockbridge Academy staff, faculty, and parents.

CERTIFICATES

ACCS endorsed teacher training certificates will be distributed to those who complete the conference.

LOCATION

BAY AREA COMMUNITY CHURCH

884 Chesterfield Road • Annapolis, MD 21401

All sessions and workshops will take place at Bay Area Community Church. Directions may be found online via Google Maps or MapQuest. If further assistance is required, please contact Rockbridge Academy.

LODGING

COUNTRY INN & SUITES

2600 Housley Road • Annapolis, MD 21401 • Tel: 410-571-6700

Rockbridge Academy has reserved a group block of rooms at the Country Inn & Suites in Annapolis. Complimentary hot breakfast and free WiFi are included. Reservations must be made on or before **July 1, 2017**.

After this date, rooms will be released, and you will not be able to receive our group rate. Ask them about their free shuttle service. Call them directly and mention *Rockbridge Academy* or reserve online at www.countryinns.com/rockbridgeacademyrate.

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7:45-8:15 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

8:15-8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & SINGING

LUNCH IS PROVIDED

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- Classical and Christian Education: What's It All About?
- School Culture
- The Seven Laws of Teaching

WORKSHOPS:

- *Grammar*: Shepherding Hearts: Practical Applications, Grades K-6
- *Grammar*: Lesson Planning for the Grammar Level
- *Grammar*: Grammar School Tools and Sample Lessons
- *Secondary*: Shepherding Hearts: Practical Applications, Grades 7-12
- *Secondary*: Lesson Planning for the Secondary Level
- *Secondary*: Pitfalls of the Classroom

8:15-8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & SINGING

11:30 FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISMISSAL

ACCS endorsed teacher training certificates will be issued upon completion of the conference.

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- The Imperative of Beauty – Every Bush Afire with God
- Classical Christian Education: Historical Tools for Today's Challenges

WORKSHOPS:

- *Music*: Teaching Musically Literate Worshipers
- *Grammar*: Art Instruction in the Classical Christian School
- *Grammar/Secondary*: Communicating with Parents
- *Secondary*: Logic
- *Administration*: Business Functions

“ If we let ourselves, we shall always be waiting
for some distraction or other to end before we can really get
down to our work. The only people who achieve much are
those who want knowledge so badly that they seek
it while the conditions are still unfavorable.
Favorable conditions never come. ”

C. S. LEWIS

*Options for lunch will be made available at the conference.

8:15-8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & SINGING

OPTIONAL LUNCH* WITH ROCKBRIDGE FACULTY

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- Why Read Great Books (and How Do We Choose Them)?
- A Christian Philosophy of Science

WORKSHOPS:

- *Grammar*: Teaching Reading Effectively, Grades K-2
- *Grammar*: Loving Literature, Grades 3-6
- *Grammar*: The First Two Weeks
- *Grammar*: Classical Science: Building Wonder at the Grammar Level
- *Grammar*: Principles of Time Management
- *Grammar/Dialectic*: Latin Essentials
- *Secondary*: Teaching Literature
- *Secondary*: How Do We Develop Study Skills that Work?
- *Secondary*: Science: Moving from Wonder to Understanding to Mastery
- *Secondary*: Classical Christian Math
- *Secondary*: How Do I Teach Writing?