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# EQUIPPING EDUCATORS TO CONNECT TODAY'S STUDENTS TO THE CIVIL WAR

# SUMMER 2014

## JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

## THE CONFERENCE

As part of the 2011-2015 commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and the Education 150 initiative, a select group of 50 middle school Social Studies and Language Arts educators will be invited to a conference that has been made possible by generous donations from the David Bruce Smith Education Initiative of the Robert H. Smith Family Foundation, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, M&T Bank, the Hershey Company and the IFC Foundation. The conference will help educators connect students to the relevance of the Civil War and confront challenges facing them in engaging their classes with this important chapter in our country's history. The conference will also

address the current curriculum needs of teachers including Common Core principles and active learning needs of students. This year, presenters will focus on document-based and place-based learning. Presented by Gettysburg National Military Park, the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg College, sessions will feature experts in education and history.

### EDUCATORS

The Richard Bartol, Jr. Educators' Conference in Gettysburg is for educators who teach the Civil War era to middle school students in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, New York, New Jersey and Washington D.C., and face challenges in connecting students to the Civil War or lack the

necessary tools and approaches to effectively engage their students in Civil War exploration.

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

Each day an inspiring keynote speaker will address a specific theme, such as "The Nation Moves Toward War," "Changing War" or "Civil War to Civil Rights." The keynote message will be followed by concurrent sessions and field trips that expand on various documents and places related to the day's theme. Sessions will focus on document analysis and developing critical thinking skills.

For example, if the keynote theme is "Willing to Sacrifice," a presenter may work with participants in Gettysburg's Soldiers' National

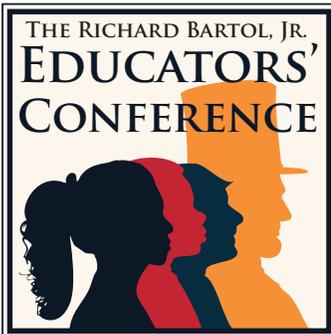
Cemetery reading letters grave-side and dissecting the Gettysburg Address. Later, participants may select concurrent sessions to match the documents with classroom activities and projects specific for your students. All break-out sessions will provide content and resources such as lesson plan modeling. Educators will leave the conference with experience from master teachers, a customized box of documents, multiple lesson plans, field trip ideas and inspiration.

For a complete list of curriculum tenants and assessment markers, e-mail: [GETT\\_Education@nps.gov](mailto:GETT_Education@nps.gov).



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### WHAT IS EDUCATION 150?

**E**ducation 150 is a three-phased initiative carried out for the first time from 2012 through 2013 and is being reintroduced by the Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg National Military Park and Gettysburg College in 2014. The initiative aims to engage a new generation of educators and youth in the relevancy of the Civil War, particularly Gettysburg, to their lives today through direct experience.

#### PHASE 1

Fifty language arts and social studies teachers from under served and middle schools will be invited to Gettysburg to take part in the fully-funded Richard Bartol, Jr. Educators' Conference where they will be equipped with teaching tools, custom lesson-plans and expert support to take back to their schools and districts.

#### PHASE 2

Gettysburg will become an outdoor classroom when teachers who attended the Bartol Conference bring a class to Gettysburg for a field trip with the help of funding from generous donors. Students are able to see history come to life at Gettysburg National Military Park and throughout Gettysburg.

#### PHASE 3

Teachers who took part in phase 1 of Education 150 will nominate incoming high school freshmen whom they see to be a leader among their peers, to Youth Quest, a 4-day student leadership experience to be held the summer of 2015 at Gettysburg College.

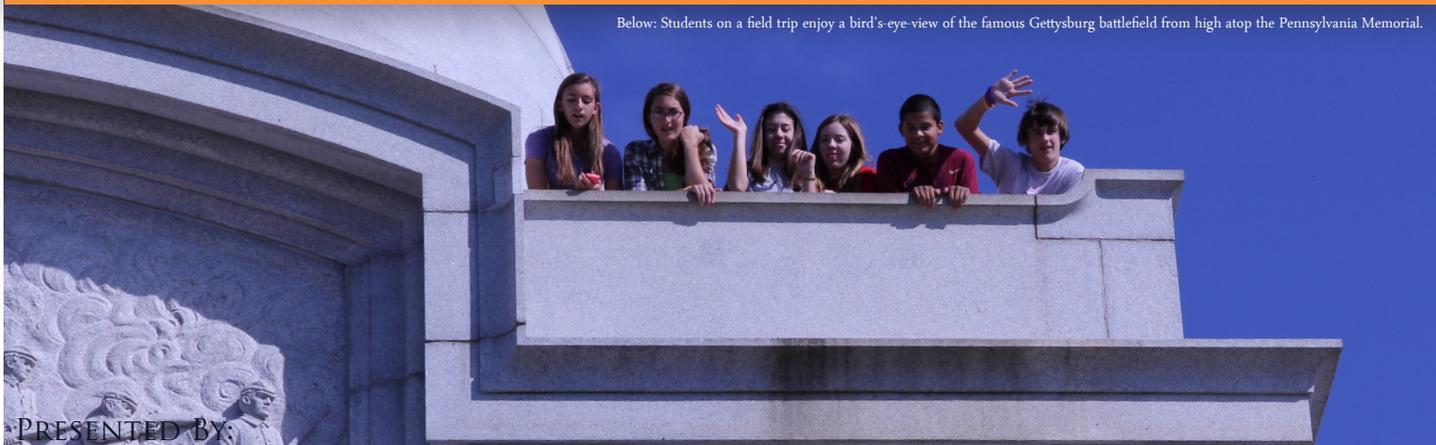
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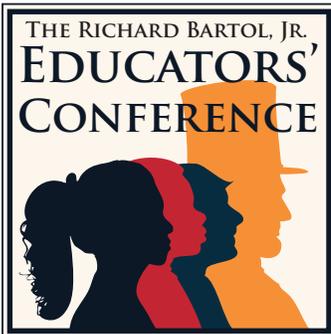
Above: Student leaders display team-work at Youth Quest 2013.

Below: Students on a field trip enjoy a bird's-eye-view of the famous Gettysburg battlefield from high atop the Pennsylvania Memorial.



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## CONFERENCE BENEFITS

### PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

- Expenses will be paid for conference sessions, most meals, lodging and materials. A travel stipend will be provided.
- Conference chiefly aligns with Common Core principles, as well as various state curriculum standards and NCSS.
- Letter of Certification for CEU credits.
- Customized box of teaching documents, Civil War content knowledge and lesson plans created on site with small groups and master teachers.
- Master Teacher support on-site and post conference.
- Field trips to include tours of Gettysburg National Military Park, the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, Soldiers' National Cemetery, David Wills House and other locations.
- Inspiration from multiple prominent Civil War scholars and National Park Service educators and historians.
- Some funding for post-conference field trips will be provided.



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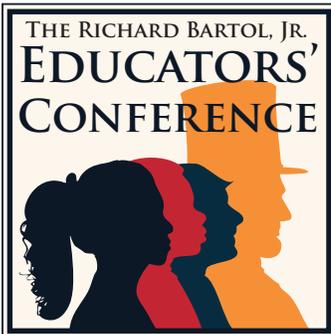
### PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete all pre-conference readings.
- Participate in online discussions, forums and activities pre- & post-conference.
- Attend and actively engage in all sessions.
- Return to school and share curriculum/lessons with students.
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- After the conference, demonstrate how lesson plans and materials have been used in the classroom.
- Commit to return to Gettysburg with your class for a field trip during the 2014/2015 school year, utilizing skills and lesson plans from previous workshop. (Limited field trip funding will be available.)
- Commit to nominating two outstanding students to apply for Youth Quest, a 4-day student leadership camp to be held during the summer of 2015 at Gettysburg College. (Scholarships are available.)



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## TO APPLY

Applications are due April 14th, 2014. Any submitted by mail must be postmarked by April 14th.

Successful applicants will be notified by April 28th, and will have until May 12 to accept or decline the invitation. Selected educators will be regularly updated on important conference information, including required pre-conference readings and preparation via a conference website.

The following items must be submitted together in order to apply:

- Application
- Application Essay
- Reference Information

APPLY ONLINE AT:

[www.gettysburgfoundation.org/112](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/112)

OR BY MAIL:

Gettysburg National Military Park  
Attn: Education Specialist  
1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

## LOCATION

Conference attendees will be housed at Gettysburg College, a liberal arts college located in downtown Gettysburg. Food and lodging will be provided on the college's campus. Other conference events will take place in a variety of historic locations in town, as well as throughout Gettysburg National Military Park. Each setting will be relevant to the subject matter being discussed and enrich the learning experience.

## CONTACT

For more information about the conference, visit:  
[www.gettysburgfoundation.org/110](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/110)  
or email questions to:  
[GETT\\_Education@nps.gov](mailto:GETT_Education@nps.gov)

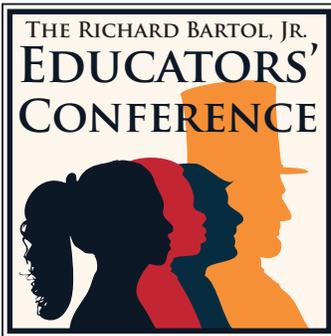
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-2012 Bartol Conference Educator



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## RICHARD BARTOL, JR. (1958-2011)

For thirty summers Rick Bartol, Jr. worked at Gettysburg National Military Park as a seasonal Park Ranger teaching Civil War history to visitors. He led by example and defined what it meant to be a good historian, a great teacher and an effective interpreter. Thousands of visitors were the beneficiaries of his good work.

As his full-time profession, Rick taught American History to high school students for nearly thirty years. Countless high school students were inspired by his passion and teaching style and more than a few were so inspired

that they became history teachers themselves. In the words of one of Rick's students, "...his knowledge was not the reason he was such a great teacher of history. It was how he taught what he knew. He had a unique teaching style that gave you a different understanding of history. He taught as if he was telling the story of history, an intriguing story that caught your attention. For all of us, he was an inspiration." Rick connected students with history by demonstrating his favorite theme, displayed in his classroom: "History is more than the thoughtful examination of who did what, when, and where; it is the thoughtful

examination of why they did it, how they did it, and how their actions affect me."

Rick Bartol, Jr.'s rare ability to genuinely connect with people and show them the relevance to their place in the world, and in turn, history, was the legacy he left on the lives of many.



Rick Bartol and his wife Keri.

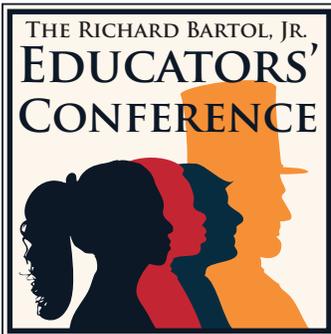
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## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

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### GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the battle of Gettysburg and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history. The park offers many educational programs for educators and students including curriculum-based ranger field programs, traveling trunks supplied to schools across the U.S. and abroad, distance learning opportunities and more. Information is available at: [www.nps.gov/gett/forteachers](http://www.nps.gov/gett/forteachers).

### THE GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION

The Gettysburg Foundation is a private, non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The Foundation raised funds for and now operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park, which opened in April 2008. In addition to operating the Museum and Visitor Center, the Foundation has a broad preservation mission that includes land, monument and artifact preservation, as well as education and battlefield rehabilitation—all in support of the National Park Service's goals at Gettysburg.

### GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective national four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition. The College is nationally known for its Civil War programs. The College's Garthwait Leadership Center (GLC) serves as an intellectual and experiential hub of leadership, providing students and alumni with knowledge, experiences, and resources. The GLC will play an integral part in Youth Quest, the experiential leadership camp for rising high school freshmen during the third phase of the Education 150 initiative.



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