

Virginia Wesleyan College Announces Future Events for National Board Certified Teachers, NBCT Candidates and Take One Participants

The [Virginia Wesleyan College National Board Certification Program](#) is dedicated to offering information, outreach and support to candidates, NBCTs and Region II school divisions in all aspects of National Board Certification.

The National Board Certification Support Program is a partnership between [VWC](#) (Virginia Wesleyan College), [SEVA](#) (Southeast Virginia National Board Certified Teachers Regional Network) and [NBPTS](#) (The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards).

Below are listed upcoming events, workshops and support programs sponsored by VWC, SEVA and NBPTS.

We invite you and your teachers to contact us about participation in our programs and events.

If you are interested in finding out more information about our program or obtaining brochures and posters, please contact Tom Farley at 757-455-5725 or tfarley@vwc.edu.

Virginia Wesleyan College and Norfolk Public Schools create the nation's first National Board Academy

VWC and NPS have collaborated to create the first **National Board Academy** in the nation. The first cohort will begin in the Spring 2008 semester.

The concept behind **The National Board Academy** is to provide a timely and supportive environment for teachers who are interested in achieving National Board Certification.

Teachers will be given pre-candidate professional development, an NBPTS Take One Entry, and full classroom and mentorship support throughout the entire academy experience.

To find out more about developing a **National Board Academy** for your school division, visit the [VWC National Board Certification Support Program Web Site](#).

VWC National Board Candidate Course Participants Achieve National Board Certification

As most educators know, the success rate for National Board Certification for first time active candidates is around 40%. Virginia Wesleyan College has a course that now has a proven track record of helping guide students toward successful certification. The first participants garnered an 80% success rate.

Out of the five students, four achieved National Board Certification on their first attempt. Although the course (a guided study) was only a small part of the overall effort given by these NBCT candidates, they have told us that the [PDS-NB2](#) experience gave them the direction and focus needed to complete their task with greater confidence and success. A humble beginning....with amazing results.

We encourage future candidates and active NBCT Candidates to visit the [VWC National Board Certification Support Program Web Site](#) and investigate our Pre-Candidate and Active Candidate courses.

VWC Offers Active Candidate Support Class for Active NBCT and Take One Candidates - Spring and Fall 2008

This spring and Fall 2008 Virginia Wesleyan College is offering its PDS-NB2 course for ACTIVE NBCT candidates and ACTIVE Take One candidates.

[PDS-NB2 - Personalized Professional Growth and National Board Certification](#) is a guided study course that helps active candidates navigate the National Board Certification process. Taught in the Fall 2006 semester, 80% of the participants earned their National Board Certification in November 2007 on the first attempt. The course will be taught this spring and fall by Cathy Meador, NBCT and VWC Adjunct.

To find out more information, go to the [VWC National Board Certification Support Program Web Site](#).

Region II National Board Recognition Reception 2008 to be held at Virginia Wesleyan College

The [3rd Annual Region II National Board Recognition Reception](#) will be held at Virginia Wesleyan College on Friday evening, **February 8, 2008** in the Boyd Dining Center. At this time, all teachers in Region II who achieved National Board Certification will be honored by VWC, SEVA and NBPTS, friends, colleagues and family. The cost will be \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. We encourage your attendance in support of these teachers who have achieved one of the highest honors in their profession. For information and registration, contact Cathy Meador at cemeador1@cox.net.

Additional information can be found on the [YWC National Board Certification Support Web Site](#).

NBCT Advanced Candidate Workshop on January 12, 2008

Virginia Wesleyan College and SEVA (Southeast Virginia National Board Certified Teacher Regional Network) will sponsor an **NBCT Advanced Candidate Workshop** on Saturday, January 12, 2008 for all interested parties. The Workshop will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and, is free to all interested Advanced Candidates from the Region II area.

Interested Advanced Candidates should contact Isi Kessel at ikessel@sbo.hampton.k12.va.us.

National Board Outreach Presentations Available for Your School

National Board Outreach Presentations, facilitated by SEVA NBCTs, are available for your school and/or school division. Presentations include information about National Board Certification, THNI Initiatives, Take One Opportunities and National Board Academy opportunities.