

Educational Services Quarterly



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Taking Charge of your Child's future

This special 60 minute television program, produced by WNED in Buffalo, NY, addresses the critical topic of how parents and schools can work together to help our highest needs students succeed in learning. This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is aligned with New York State education goals to motivate and inspire families to become meaningful advocates for their children's education. WNED was able to partner with the well respected parenting organization Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) to create this film highlighting three different "closing the achievement gap" stories, from families and schools around the state.

**Tune in to WPBS-TV on Monday, November 14th at 4:30 pm
and again on Saturday, November 19th at 4pm,
during *American Education Week*.**

PBS TeacherSource

Teachers don't forget to use the TeacherSource website:

<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>

You'll find teacher guides, lesson plans, activities, and information about programming.

A Year of Women: Lost in History



In August 2005, every school librarian and local librarian was sent a copy of the DVD and Teacher's Guide about Marietta Holley, the 19th century author from Pierrepont Manor. The film entitled Josiah Allen's Wife: The Story of Marietta Holley tributes Holley's life and the impact of her literary work. Her books and articles used humor and satire to fight the battles of women's and children's rights. Please seek out the resources sent to your school library. We hope that this DVD and Teacher's Guide will be of use teaching local history and for Women's History Month. If you would like your own copy of the Marrietta Holley Teacher's Guide please contact Leslie O'Hara, WPBS-TV, at 782.3142 ext. 314



EdVideo Online

WPBS-TV is proud to provide our local teachers with the largest and most current online library of K-12 digital video/video clips available today. The EdVideo Online service is available through ***unitedstreaming***[™] and Discovery Education and it's **FREE!**

Useful Features!

- Search video library by: keyword, subject area, grade level, state standards, new releases, all available titles and specific producers.
- Choose from a full video title or short concept clips to stream and/or download for classroom instruction or for use in multimedia presentations.
- Access a calendar of historical events directly linked to video clips.
- Create your own 'Playlists' to bookmark video clips for quick and easy use in lesson planning or in the classroom.

Here's How to Begin!

- Go to <http://wpbs.unitedstreaming.com> and enter your school building's passcode. If you do not have this, please contact Leslie O'Hara.
- After entering your Passcode you will create a username and password. Each time you wish to use *unitedstreaming*, enter your newly created username and password, rather than entering the passcode again.
- Search for video title(s) that you wish to view. The results of your search will be displayed in a list.
- The full video and the concept clips it is segmented into will appear.
- If you need further instruction click on 'HELP' at the top of your screen. Always feel free to call a member of the United Learning implementation team at 800.323.9084 to get a personal tour of *unitedstreaming*.

For More Information, contact: Leslie O'Hara at:

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PBS TeacherLine New York



PBS TeacherLine, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, is committed to helping pre K-12 teachers acquire the skills they need to prepare students for a successful future. TeacherLine provides online professional development through facilitated and standards-based courses, supportive and collaborative learning communities, and exemplary Internet-based resources.

WPBS-TV will be offering another round of Discounted Courses for Fall 2005 registrations. Courses begin October 17th.

Registration begins Sept. 1st.

Please visit: <http://teacherline.nylearns.org/>

For a full course listing.

Summit on New York Education

New York Learns – Airs November 14, 2005 10:30 PM on WPBS-TV

USNY, the University of the State of New York, is a great resource of schools, universities, and cultural institutions, among others. A **Summit on New York Education** is convening USNY to consider two great challenges in education. Achievement gaps that exist along the lines of income, race and ethnicity, language and disability must be closed and educational achievement must rise overall. The **Summit on New York Education** will feature leaders from across the state in spirited discussion about the educational needs of the state.



Check Out Homework Hotline!

Monday through Thursday

At 5:30 PM

Starting Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Teachers Joe Zuniga and Carol Smith help hundreds of students with homework problems. But you won't just find them doing so in a traditional classroom. They're the hosts of **Homework Hotline**, which airs Monday through Thursday at 5:30 pm on WPBS-TV. This half-hour, **live** call-in program helps students, grades 5-12, with homework questions in a myriad of categories.

****Kids can also call Dial-A-Teacher for one-on-one homework help over the phone Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. toll-free at 1.888.986.2345 during the school year.**** It is from these phone calls that the teachers decide which students should call back during the live show to ask their questions.



Assignment: The World on TV and on the Web

Watch Assignment: The World on WPBS-TV on Fridays at 12 PM each week during the school year, beginning September 9, 2005.

Teachers can tape the program for classroom use. Teachers can sign-up to receive weekly transcripts and guides by emailing atw@wxxi.org or go to <http://atwonline.org>

You can also watch the program weekly on the web to get news when you need it.

Go to <http://atwonline.org/clips>

Enter username: WPBS Password: geoworld

Assignment: The World Video Archive

Why use Assignment: The World streamed via the Internet?

- Teachers can preview the program or use it live in the classroom
- Students and parents can use it to review current events, participate in activities and discuss issue questions.
- Archives of the program can also be streamed.

Educational Program Highlights

NOVA

Airs Tuesdays at
8:00 PM

10/4: Sinking the Supership

In April 1945, the largest battleship ever built set out on the ultimate suicide mission. With its crew of 3,000, Battleship Yamato, the pride of Japan's fleet, sailed to a solo confrontation with the 1500-strong United States Navy. Attacked by a swarm of U. S. dive bombers, the battleship sank within minutes.

10/11: Einstein's Big Idea

Everybody's heard of it, but what does the world's most famous equation, $E=mc^2$ really mean? NOVA dramatizes the stories of the men and women whose innovative thinking across four centuries led finally to Einstein's bold breakthrough. Based on David Bodanis' bestseller, $E=mc^2$, EINSTEIN'S BIG IDEA celebrates the ingenuity and chronicles the human conflicts that ultimately unleashed the power of the atom.

10/18: Nova scienceNOW

This innovative science news and magazine show draws on a limitless range of potential stories. Correspondent Robert Krulwich of "Nightline" and ABC News hosts. Krulwich's enthusiasm for science, his quirky humor and his uncanny ability to make difficult subjects compelling and entertaining lend a distinctive flair to the series.

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 pm Frontline *The O.J. Verdict* Ten years after one of the most controversial verdicts in the history of the American justice system, FRONTLINE revisits the O.J. Simpson trial. For more than a year, the Simpson saga transfixed the nation and dominated the public imagination. The slow-speed chase, the "Dream Team" of defense lawyers, the bloody gloves, the 911 calls, and the Fuhrman tapes. In October, the tenth anniversary of the Simpson verdict, veteran FRONTLINE producer Ofra Bikel investigates the "perfect storm" that was the O.J. trial.

Wednesday, October 5

9:00 pm Making Schools Work This program focuses on educational success stories, highlighting the school reform models and district-wide reforms that have significantly raised student performance and closed achievement gaps for minority and poor students. From coast to coast and from inner city to rural America, more than a million students in seven different school districts have been affected.

Tuesday, October 18

9:00 pm Frontline *The Torture Question* In the uncertain weeks following September 11, an internal power struggle was underway deep inside the Bush administration. Waged between partisans at the highest levels of the government, that battle — captured in a series of blunt memos — exemplifies the struggle to create a legal framework to give the president authority to aggressively interrogate enemy fighters in the war on terror. FRONTLINE goes behind closed doors to investigate the struggle over how and when to use what was called "coercive interrogation."

10:30 pm Independent Lens *En Route to Baghdad* Prior to his death in a Baghdad bombing attack in 2003, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Sergio Vieira de Mello devoted his life to global humanitarian efforts in countries such as Mozambique, Cambodia and East Timor. This program is a portrait of Vieira de Mello and his extraordinary career and a tragic metaphor for the effort to bring stability to Iraq.



Tune In!
***In the Mix*: National award-winning TV series - by teens for teens**

Fit For Life: Eat Smart and Exercise on October 7, 2005 at 5:30 PM

There's no question that many teens are overweight and don't get enough exercise. In fact, an estimated 15% are considered obese, with the numbers growing. Even those who are thin often eat poorly. In this program, four diverse teen reporters point out the current and future dangers of an unhealthy lifestyle, such as low energy, difficulty concentrating, heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis and diabetes. To help viewers make smart choices, they give easy to use information about reading labels to check the fat and sugar in food; ways to exercise at home; eating well at fast food restaurants; changing family habits; and much more.

Stop Bullying...Take a Stand! October 14, 2005 at 5:30 PM

Hosted by Erika Harold, Miss America 2003, herself a victim of severe harassment, this solution-oriented program presents a comprehensive and multifaceted approach that includes peer educators in middle and high schools, principals, bystanders and former bullies. It also raises awareness about the various forms of bullying and harassment (physical, verbal, sexual), and addresses how to deal with the new trend of cyber bullying.

College: A Crash Course October 21, 2005 at 5:30 PM

Is college just about parties, pranks and professors? The program spends a day with Nathan Marshall, IN THE MIX reporter and freshman at Ithaca College, to find out what college life is really like, and follows Andrea Barrow, a high school junior, on the start of the long and winding college application journey.

School: Making the Grade October 28, 2005 at 5:30 PM

How cool is your school? Hosted by actor Donald Faison (who starred in the hit films *Clueless* and *Waiting to Exhale*) and *In the Mix* reporters, this show checks out unique school programs that are working to help students improve their grades, keep them from dropping out, and communicate better with teachers — and teach the teachers a thing or two about relating to their students!

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