

Civitas: OBA LRE to Host Dominican Republic Delegation



Above: Members of the Civitas International Delegation representing the Dominican Republic, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Michigan, March 2009 at the Dominican Republic

February 4-10, 2010
Oklahoma will host the first group of Dominican Republic Civitas Exchange Delegates.



Above and right: Dominican Delegates and associates



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The Hatton W. Sumners Foundation has approved funding for the 2010 LRE Basic 101: Foundations of Democracy Teachers' Institute. The Hatton W. Sumners Foundation's statement of purpose is "to encourage the study, teaching and research into the science and art of self-government, to the end that the American People may understand the fundamental principles of democracy and be guided thereby in shaping governmental policies".

The Foundations of Democracy curriculum and Representative Democracy in America programs effectively advance student understanding of the principles of democracy. The OBA Law-related Education Department proudly offers summer training in these programs made possible by the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation. The institute application and program details can be found on pages 3 and 5.



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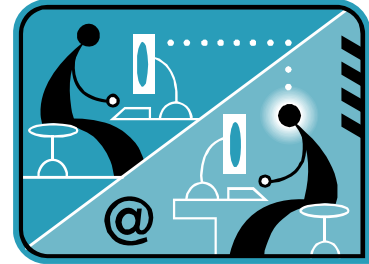
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Making Connections...

Jane McConnell, OBA/LRE Coordinator

Representative Democracy in America: Voices of the People is a national project created by the Alliance for Representative Democracy, an educational outreach program of the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the Trust for Representative Democracy at the National Conference of State Legislatures. The project introduces citizens, and particularly young people, to the representatives, institutions, and processes that serve to realize the goal of a government of, by, and for the people.



Knowledge Networks, a research firm that conducts Internet-based surveys, conducted their first survey for the Alliance, August 1-25, 2003. Their sample was stratified to over-sample the DotNets – those who are 15 through 26 years of age. KN's goal was to interview representative samples of DotNets and their older cohorts in the American public. The survey results reveal a breakdown in how older generations pass on the values of democracy to younger Americans, especially in the area of what it means to be a good citizen.

Our Law-related Education Department begins their second year launching a professional development initiative with the Alliance to increase the use of the various FREE Oklahoma PASS Correlated curricular materials. These supplemental resources are grade-appropriate for elementary, middle, and high school classrooms. www.okbar.org/public/lre/democracy.htm

Look for our booth and LRE presentations at the upcoming 2010 State Superintendent's Social Studies and Fine Arts Conference – Saturday, February 6, 2010 – Southmoore High School, 2901 South Santa Fe, Moore, Oklahoma 73160.



Mock Trial State Finals
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
5:30 pm
Bell Courtroom OU Law Center



Oklahoma Council for Social Studies Awards

OBA Law-related Education Coordinator, **Jane McConnell** was awarded the 2009 OCSS Service Award at the Oklahoma Council for Social Studies Annual Conference held October 1, 2009. The award acknowledges McConnell's commitment to the advancement of civics education.

LRE Project Citizen District 3 Coordinator, **Janet Cook** received the Elementary Teacher of the Year award for her contributions to social studies education.

OBA Law-related Education programs were exhibited at the conference, showcasing the wealth of **FREE** civic education resources available to educators. To see other OCSS 2009 award recipients follow this link: <http://www.okcss.org/awards1.htm>



Pictured: Kelly Curtright, Social Studies Education Director, State Department of Education and Jane McConnell



Hatton W. Summers Summer Institute

Foundations of Democracy: Law-related Education-Basic 101

Monday, June 14, 2010 – Friday, June 18, 2010

The third annual Hatton Summers Summer Institute focuses on the Foundations of Democracy curriculum offered through the Center for Civic Education. This textbook series instructs PK-12 grade students on the fundamental concepts of American Government: Authority, Privacy, Responsibility, and Justice. In addition to the Foundations program, training in our new Representative Democracy in America program will be included.

The conference will be held in Tulsa, OK. Meals, lodging, conferences costs, and training materials will be offered at no cost to the participant. A free classroom set of age appropriate textbooks will be provided to each conference participant.

Applicants must provide the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Completed Statement of Support

A \$50 deposit check made payable to the Oklahoma Bar Association, will be held and returned upon check-in June 14, 2010

This program is made possible through a generous grant from the Hatton W. Summers Foundation. The foundation was established in 1949 by former Texas Congressman, Hatton W. Summers, (1875-1962) to promote the study and teaching of the science of self-government.

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Home Address: _____

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School Name: _____ School Congressional District # _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ School County: _____

Email address at school: _____

Subject(s) taught: _____

Grade(s) taught: _____

How did you learn of this program? Newsletter Brochure Website Colleague Other

Deadline for submission: April 15, 2010
OBA/LRE, P.O. Box 53036, Oklahoma City, OK 73152 * (405) 416-7023

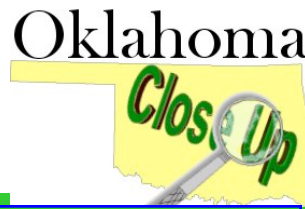
Oklahoma Close Up 2010

The 2010 Close Up Program will be held Tuesday, February 16 to Friday, February 19. This program affords Oklahoma high school students the opportunity to discuss issues with leading officials in state government.

Program events include:

- Seminars with government officials
- Meetings with legislators
- Capitol Tour
- Discussions regarding current issues
- Spend a day with a legislator
- Discussions with legislators, judges, elected and appointed officials, media representatives, lobbyists and special interest groups, the Governor and Lt. Governor and their staff

Additional information can be found at: www.okcloseup.org



Submit Your Oklahoma Supreme Court Teacher and School of the Year Nominations



Now!

Each year one school and one teacher are honored by the Oklahoma Supreme Court for innovative educational programs in civics education. Award recipients receive a trophy and \$1000 during a special Oklahoma Supreme Court Session.

Applications available at: <http://www.okbar.org/public/lre/awards.htm>

Deadline: Wednesday, January 13, 2010



PROJECT Citizen

Oklahoma District Coordinators attend the annual Project Citizen Conference held October 11th-13th, 2009 in Miami, Florida.

Pictured: L-R Donna Garrison, District 1; Charlie Bevers, District 4; Becky Walderbach, District 5, and Representative Ed Cannaday, District 2. Not pictured Janet Cook, District 3

News Media Online Education Resources

Newseum

www.newseum.org



TIME for Kids

www.timeforkids.com

Newspapers in Education

<http://nieonline.com>

Open Vault

<http://openvault.wgfh.org>



Doodlebuzz

www.doodlebuzz.com

Channel One Network

www.channelonenetwork.com



**LRE
CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS**

**2010
JANUARY**

13th
Supreme Court
Teacher and
School of the
Year
Nominations
Due

23rd
We the People
State Finals
At the
Oklahoma
History Center

27th
We the People
Competition
(Snow Date)
at the Oklahoma
Bar Center

FEBRUARY

16th-19th
Oklahoma
Close Up
at the
Oklahoma
Bar Center
and
State Capitol

23rd
The Oklahoma
Supreme Court
Honors the
School and
Teacher
of the Year
Oklahoma
Supreme Court

Hatton W. Sumners Summer Institute

LRE Basic 101: Foundations of Democracy

The Hatton W. Sumners Institute will focus on the Foundations of Democracy curriculum developed by the Center for Civic Education. This program addresses the four topics fundamental to understanding government and politics. The textbooks are available for levels PK-12. The curriculum addresses the following concepts:

Authority

- Distinguish between authority and power
- Examine different sources of authority
- Use reasonable criteria for selecting people for positions of authority and for evaluating rules
- Analyze benefits and cost of authority
- Evaluation, take, and defend positions on the proper scope and limits of authority

Privacy

- Understand the importance of privacy in a free society
- Analyze the benefits and cost of privacy
- Evaluation, take, and defend positions on the proper scope and limits of privacy

Responsibility

- Understand the importance of responsibility in a free society
- Analyze the benefits and costs of responsibility
- Evaluate, take, and defend positions on how conflicts among competing responsibilities should be resolved
- Evaluate, take, and defend positions on personal responsibility

Justice

- Understand and apply the basic principles of justice set forth in fundamental documents of our political and legal systems
- Consider fair distribution of the benefits and burdens of society
- Consider fair responses to remedy wrongs and injuries
- Consider fair practices for gathering information and making decisions
- Evaluate, take, and defend positions on issues of justice

The Hatton W. Sumners institute provides educators with classroom application workshops and lectures to enhance instruction of the Foundations of Democracy program. Classroom sets of textbooks and instructional materials are available to institute participants **FREE** of charge. These materials are available for review on a four week basis for curriculum approval.

The third annual ALL EXPENSE PAID Hatton W. Sumners Institute will be held in TULSA, June 14-18, 2010.

On the final day educators learn about the [Representative Democracy in America](#) project. The project mission is "to reinvigorate and educate Americans on the critical relationship between government and the people it serves". A wealth of supplemental resources for teaching civics education will be made available to teachers in attendance.

Applications are available online at:

<http://www.okbar.org/public/lre/files/HattonSumnersApp.pdf>

Register NOW to reserve a seat!

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www.okbar.org/public/lre/default.htm

What you will find on the LRE
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- News Releases
- Calendar of Events
- Description of Programs
- Useful links

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Supreme Court Award Applications

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