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STAC HOSTS THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ROCKLAND LITERACY EXTRAVAGANZA

(SPARKILL, NY – October 9, 2008) – St. Thomas Aquinas College will host the Thirteenth Annual Rockland Literacy Extravaganza on Saturday, October 18 from 7:30 am – 1:30 pm featuring three nationally recognized keynote speakers. Invited to attend are all teachers (pre-K-12), administrators, reading specialists, librarians, and teacher education students. For further information, contact Dr. Michael Shaw at mshaw@stac.edu.

All keynote presenters are generously supported by Scholastic Publishing, Inc. and the STAC Teacher Leader Quality Partnership grant. Keynoters include Linda Gambrell, past president of the International Reading Association, who is an expert on motivating students; Janet Angelillo, best-selling author on the teaching of writing; and Paul Janezcko, award-winning poet.

Participants in the event can enjoy more than 20 literacy workshops by noted educators focusing on exemplary classroom practices pre-K - 12. Workshop topics include: teaching struggling readers, teaching students from diverse backgrounds, motivating learners, reading and writing in the content areas, best-practices for teaching reading strategies, differentiating instruction, and using technology to learn. Additional benefits include a free book, continental breakfast, and free raffles for professional books. Certificates of attendance are provided for five hours of professional credits.

“Our Literacy Extravaganza highlights research-based best practices for teaching reading and writing across the curriculum,” said Dr. Michael Shaw, professor of education at St. Thomas Aquinas College and one of the conference organizers.

Interested participants can take advantage of a pre-registration discount. When two attendees pre-register together online by October 15, and sign in together at the event, they will receive a \$25 voucher redeemable at any publisher table for professional texts or materials. To register online, visit www.rockteach.org. On site registration is \$25. For more information contact Dr. Michael Shaw at mshaw@stac.edu.

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