

All SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APs: Social Sciences- PINSS Fall Training and Student Simulation

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Senior High)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To announce the training date and student simulation date for the fall 2014 Program in National Securities Studies (PINSS).

- The Department of Social Sciences, in cooperation with Florida International University's Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies, announces the training and simulation date for fall 2014.
- Program Information:
 - The Senior High School Program in National Security Studies (PINSS) challenges students with complex domestic and international security issues via hands-on information analysis and diplomatic negotiation simulations. Emphasis is placed on development of critical thinking and effective communication skills. Previous simulation scenarios have covered topics such as the Attack on Pearl Harbor, Globalization and Nigerian Oil, Weapons of Mass Destruction in North Korea, World War II War Crimes, Crisis in the Horn of Africa, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Japan's Strategic Planning before Pearl Harbor, the Food Crisis in Haiti, Energy Security in Brazil, the Spanish-American War, and Conflict in Kosovo. **The fall 2014 topic is: "Haiti's Food Crisis."**
- Training and Student Simulation Information:
 - Teachers wishing to be trained to prepare students to participate in the fall student simulation should register for training. The fall training will be **Thursday, Sept. 18, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at FIU's main campus, room CBC 240 (College of Business Complex).**
 - **The District is transitioning to a new PD Menu and Registration System, in order to register for this workshop, please search by clicking on the following: Find a Session; By Title; Instructional: "Social Studies Best Practices ½ day PINSS."**
 - Please note: it is the expectation that if trained, teachers will implement the program and bring a group of students to the fall simulation. The fall simulation date is Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Substitute coverage and transportation will be provided by the Department of Social Sciences. More information regarding the student simulation will be provided at the training.
 - The PINSS training and student simulation is ideal for students and teachers in AP World History/AP Human Geography, and/or regular and honors World History. The simulation requires student to analyze complex text and come to agreements through dialogue and negotiations.
- If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net_ or see the contact information below.

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