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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Stephanie James Wilson, Executive Director
The Amistad Commission

SUBJECT: **Update – Northern region location change** and reminder for educators to apply for the 2016 Amistad Commission Annual Summer Curriculum Institute for Teachers

The Amistad Commission will present two residential programs to be held at two locations – the second Summer Curriculum Institute at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, **July 25-27, 2016**, and the inaugural Summer Curriculum Institute at Kean University in Union, NJ, **August 1-3, 2016**.

The curriculum institutes, which have an emphasis on social studies, are designed for public school elementary and secondary teachers and administrators and will give educators access to prominent historians and scholars. The commission encourages both administrators and teachers to apply for this free professional development opportunity.

Applicants are invited to apply to **either** the institute at Rowan University **or** the one at Kean University. Applicants are not restricted by geographic location.

Application is a two-step process:

Step 1: Register for one of the institutes. **Please note location change for the Northern Region; see below.**

- a. Southern Region: [Rowan University, July 25-27, 2016](#)
or
- b. **Update** – Northern Region: [Kean University, August 1-3, 2016](#)

Step 2: Submit an application to the Amistad Commission. The 2016 New Jersey Amistad Commission Summer Institute applications are available on the Amistad Commission's webpage at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/amistad>.

Completed applications should be submitted to the New Jersey Amistad Commission by **Monday, July 11, 2016. Space is limited and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.**

ELIGIBILITY

All New Jersey public (district, charter and Renaissance school) and nonpublic (parochial or private school) elementary or secondary teachers and other educators are eligible to participate. Applicants must complete the Amistad application and essay, and provide all of the information requested to be considered eligible.

First preference will be given to applicants who commit to full training at their chosen institute. If there are extenuating circumstances, let us know that on your application. Commuter applicants must select the commuter option on the application.

To be given full professional development credit, candidates selected to participate must attend the full sessions for which they are registered. **Partial attendance or daily visits are not permitted without prior authorization.**

All selected candidates will be notified no later than Friday, July 15, 2016. If there are any questions about the application process or the institute, please contact Glender Terrell or Shara Floyd in the Amistad Commission office at 609-984-6428 or at amistad@doe.state.nj.us.

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