



**Opportunity Education Offers Professional Development for International Educators**

Over the summer, Opportunity Education partnered with Louisiana College's School of Education to provide two professional development programs to educators from schools in developing countries. Such educational opportunities for teachers further support the Foundation's mission to make quality education available to all children.

For the first professional development program, five educators from Africa (two from Tanzania, two from Uganda and one from South Africa) were selected to spend the summer at Louisiana College's School of Education and participate in the TEACH Summer Institute. The Summer Institute focused on current teaching methods and educational theories. The educators participated in several different professional modules, including Components of Effective Teaching and Lesson Plan by Design. On their return home, these educators will share current teaching methods and best practices they learned with others in schools in their area.

**Message**



Opportunity Education is an international charitable foundation that provides quality educational opportunities for children in developing countries. The foundation supplies educational materials and support to almost 1,000 schools in Africa and Asia.

Opportunity Education also facilitates a Sister School Program by linking schools in our program with schools around the world. Students and teachers can exchange letters, make friends, and learn more about different countries and cultures.



The Foundation's second professional development opportunity took place in Tanzania in July. Staff from Opportunity Education and faculty from Louisiana College provided two three-day workshops to teachers in both Moshi and Mwanza. The response was amazing, showing the teachers' incredible desire to learn. 280 teachers attended the Moshi workshop and 210 attended in Mwanza. In all, 170 schools were represented and some teachers traveled two days each way to attend. Sessions were held based on the age of the students taught and topics covered included: whole-brain learning, holistic teaching, assessment, lesson design, creating a learning environment and teaching through music and dance.

Opportunity Education was pleased to offer these professional development seminars in conjunction with Louisiana College's School of Education to promote quality instruction and professional growth to teachers that work at the schools in our program.

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## Back to School Letter Writing Contest

Kick off the school year by sending letters to your sister school today! If you send letters to your sister school by September 15, 2011, you will be entered into a contest to win one of two **\$50 gift certificates** to [Playtime/Schooltime Equipment and School Supplies, Inc.](#) To enter the contest, please send an email to [anastase@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:anastase@opportunityeducation.org) with the name of your school and the date that you sent the letters.





**Featured School: MEC Convent in Faridabad, Haryana, India**

MEC Convent was founded in 1996 with the aim of imparting quality education and creating a spiritual and healthy atmosphere to foster the development of children's personality. The motto of the school is, "The Sky is our Limit." The school was originally the Modern Education Center but now goes solely by MEC. There are approximately 500 students and 30 teachers, and classes are provided from nursery to class 10. A major challenge is that the school facilities are rented and the school cannot afford to purchase its own premises. Other major needs for the school are a generator because of intermittent electricity supply and a bus to transport the students.



**Students Walk to Raise Tuition for Friends in South Africa**

Eighth grade students at Sauganash School in Chicago, Illinois participated in an eight mile walk-a-thon to raise tuition money to send to their sister school friends in South Africa. The students walked from their school to a Chicago Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field. The sister school partnership with Mamre Primary School in South Africa started in 2007 and students continue to write today!

## BeadforLife Curriculum: Teaching Youth About Global Poverty

If you are looking for a way to engage your students in global poverty issues, BeadforLife offers an interactive five-day service learning curriculum to help educators and youth join in the fight against poverty. The BeadforLife Curriculum includes step-by-step instructions, reproducible handouts, video, original music from Africa and more. Students learn what it is like to live on a dollar a day and simulate building a small, one room house that is typical in slums throughout the world. To help students better understand global poverty and learn how to make a difference, visit BeadforLife's Website.



## Explore the World with Your Students: Become a Sister School

Opportunity Education will partner your school with one of the nearly 1,000 international schools in our program through our free Sister School Program. Your students will learn about different cultures, send pen pal letters, and discover the similarities they share with children around the world! If you would like your school to participate in Opportunity Education's Sister School Program, send an email to [anastase@opportunityeducation.org](mailto:anastase@opportunityeducation.org). To watch our award-winning documentary about two schools in our Sister School Program, please visit our website at [www.opportunityeducation.org](http://www.opportunityeducation.org).

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