The New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education

and

The New Hampshire Bar Association

present

We the People: Project Citizen

August 1 & 2, 2019
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

U.S. District Court
55 Pleasant St.
Concord, New Hampshire
August 1

8:30 a.m.  Registration and continental breakfast
9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions: Hon. Landya McCaffery, Chief Judge, US District Court; Martha Madsen, NH Institute for Civics Education; Robin E. Knippers, NH Bar Association.
9:10 a.m.  Maria Gallo, Center for Civic Education:
What is Project Citizen? What is Public Policy?
10:40 a.m. Coffee Break
10:50 a.m. Group Participants, Identify Public Policy Issue -- Maria Gallo
11:20 a.m. Steps and stages -- Laura Dwyer, Maria Gallo, Maureen McGuirl, Shannan McKenna
Problem (Laura Dwyer,) Alternate Policies (Maureen McGuirl), Solution (Shannan McKenna), Action Plan (Maria Gallo.)
12:30 a.m. Lunch
1:00 a.m.  Research, binder assembly, typing written components
(Problem, Alternate Policies, Solution and Action Plan).
2:30 a.m.  Debrief & expectations for August 2 (Laura Dwyer, Maria Gallo, Maureen McGuirl, Shannan McKenna) Evaluation
3:00 p.m.  Close

August 2

8:30 a.m.  Working continental breakfast
9:00 a.m.  Introduction to the day and questions
Laura Dwyer, Maria Gallo, Maureen McGuirl, Shannan McKenna
9:15 a.m.  Continue working on binder assembly and portfolio creation.
12:15 p.m. Working lunch (Review presentation procedure/questions)
12:45 a.m. Organize presentations
1:45 p.m.  Presentations
2:30 p.m.  Debrief/Door Prizes/ Evaluation
3:00 p.m.  Close
**Our Presenters**

**Laura Dwyer** has developed successful Enrichment and Gifted & Talented Programs in NH and Massachusetts. Ms. Dwyer holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership with a minor in Arts Integration. Currently, she is completing her Principal Certification and plans to serve as a district-wide enrichment director in Maine starting in the fall. A true champion of civic education, she has worked with the Center for Civic Education for the past 15 years promoting and instructing their award-winning programs. She has successfully coached and coordinated Project Citizen Programs at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Her students have enjoyed state and national recognition. Laura’s innovative approach to hands-on learning will transform your students from being a passive learner to an engaged student ready to take on public policy!

**Maria Gallo** is currently the Director of Professional Development & Special Programs for the Center for Civic Education in Calabasas, California. She was formally the Director of the School Violence Prevention Program at the Center. Prior to joining the Center Ms. Gallo was a 20-year veteran of the classroom working in the Bronx and Queens New York. During her teaching career, Ms. Gallo taught most of the disciplines within the Social Studies umbrella, with government and constitutional law as her main focus. On the administrative side, Ms. Gallo served as Department Chair; I.A. Assistant Principal of Social Studies; Director of the Legal Studies program; and Director of the American History and Legal Studies Academies. In addition, Ms. Gallo was an Adjunct Professor in the High School Extension Program at St. John's University; Consultant to the New York State Department of Education; Senior Associate for the Choices in the 21st Century Program at Brown University. She is a member of the National Council for the Social Studies, National Social Studies Supervisory Association, California Council for the Social Studies and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Ms. Gallo earned her Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics and a Master of Science in Secondary Education at St. John's University.

**Maureen McGuirl** is a public school history teacher in Jamestown, Rhode Island. She has served as an Action Civics Initiative facilitator and as a facilitator at the 2015 Teacher Resource Summit in Providence, RI. She earned her BA in Political Science at St. Michael’s College, her MA in History at Providence College, and she was the recipient of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship at Georgetown University in 2008.

**Shannan McKenna** currently serves as the Director of Social Studies and World Language for the Windham School District. She began her career teaching middle school Social Studies prior to transition to the high school level, where she has taught a variety of Social Studies courses including Western Humanities, American Studies, Contemporary History, Psychology, Legacy of Greco-Roman Culture, AP European History, Political Science and Practical Law. She attended training on Project Citizen last summer and was pleased to have the opportunity to pilot the program at Windham High School during this last year.
From the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education’s founding document:

“Civics education must become a fundamental priority of our schools, and it must involve more than helping students gain an understanding of a substantial body of civic knowledge. To ensure active participation in our democracy, educators must help students engage with their communities and learn a variety of skills associated with political and community life. They also must help students cultivate attitudes and beliefs that might best be described as ‘civic virtues.’”

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Books of interest:

*Spectacular Things Happen Along The Way* by Brian D. Schultz

*Public Policymaking in a Democratic Society* by Larry N. Gerston