



# Strategies for Teaching an Increasingly Diverse AP Student Population



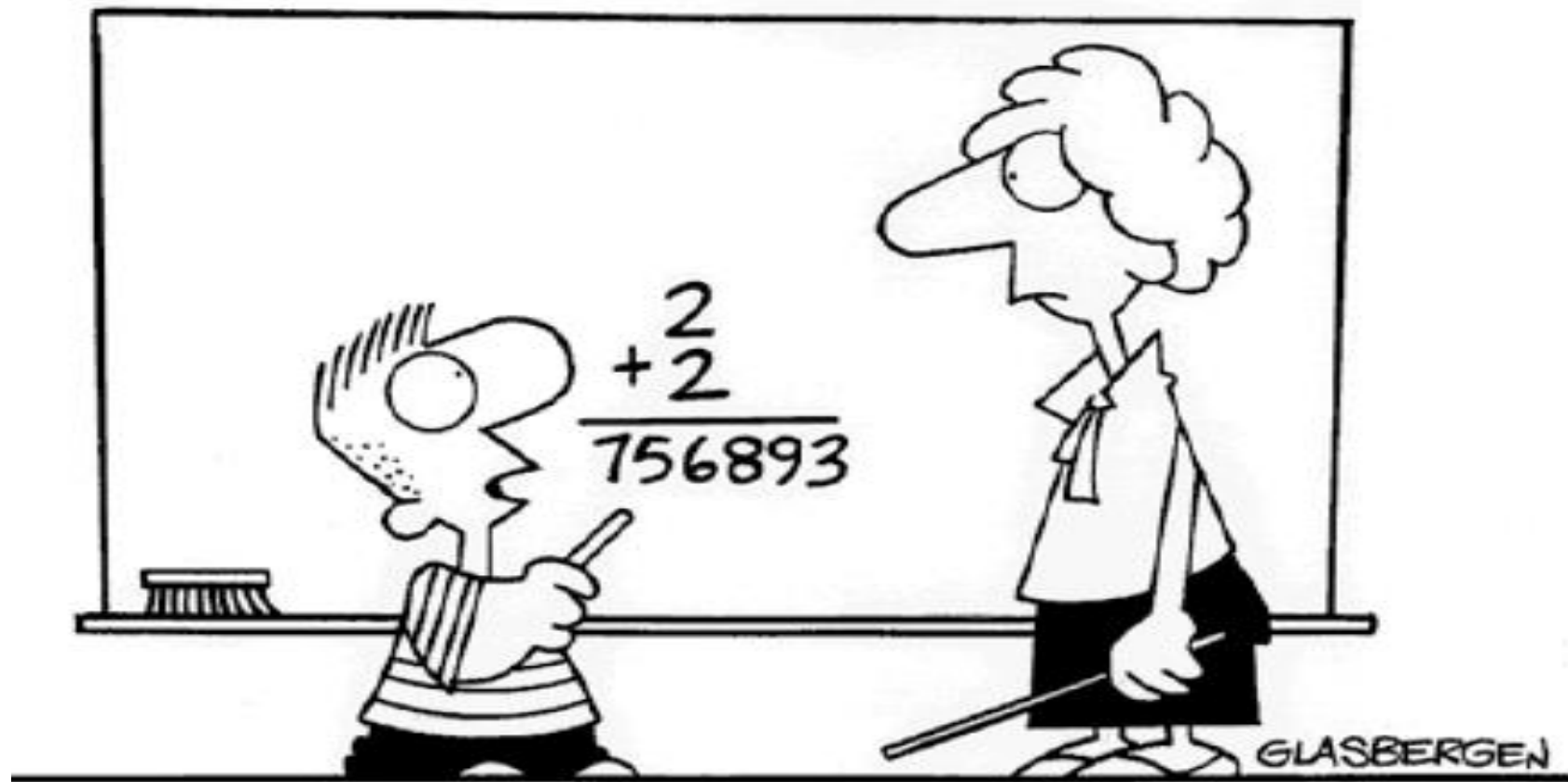
# Objectives/Goal of this Collaboration....

- To **reflect** on the level of challenge in our AP classroom
- To identify effective strategies for teaching a diverse AP student population
- To promote academic excellence for all students within the classroom through abstract thinking and an engaging curriculum

# Meet your table group

- Please introduce yourself to your table group and share one big win you had last year related to a student in your AP course





**“In an increasingly complex world,  
sometimes old questions require new answers.”**

# Warm-Up Activity

## Paint the Picture

- Provide a visual representation that reveals your thinking and answers to the given question



# What does a challenging classroom look like, sound like, feel like?



# Question for Reflection and Table Discussion






- What are the characteristics of the classes that students love even though they are challenging/demanding?

# Access to Advanced Placement



New research shows the benefits of AP for all students.

AP students with an average AP Exam score of:

- 1  are 2–6 percentage points higher
- 2  are 7–11 percentage points higher
- 3  are 12–16 percentage points higher
- 4  are 17–22 percentage points higher
- 5  are 23–27 percentage points higher

in expected on-time college graduation rate compared to academically matched peers who don't take an AP Exam.



# Let's Brainstorm:



What are some teacher behaviors and instructional strategies that enable teachers to build a stronger teaching/learning relationship with their culturally or socio-economically diverse students

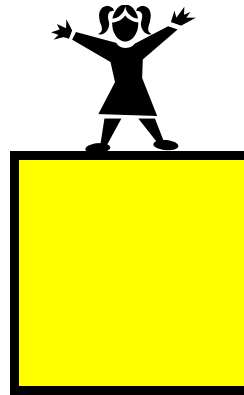
Please discuss as a table group, write your ideas down on your chart paper, and then post to the wall



# Let's take a walk....

- Starting at the poster to the right of your group's poster, read what the next poster says
- Continue around the room until you have read each group's poster
- Use your sticky notes to....


# process what you read...



Triangle – Three things you learned from the ideas on the posters

Square – One thing you have “squared” away

Circle – A question still circling in your mind

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- Appreciate and accommodate the similarities and differences among the students' cultures and life experiences.
  - Focus on the ways students learn and observe students to identify their task orientations.
  - Use a variety of instructional strategies and learning activities
  - Provide rationales and context
  - **Build relationships with students.**

# Recognize Students/Promote Your AP Program Publicly!

## SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL



## Celebrates our Advanced Placement Program!

### AP Scholars with Distinction

Students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Lucy Livingston • Bobby Meyers

### AP Scholars with Honors

Students who received an average of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

Caitlin Carpenter • Luke Cyr • Chloe Fugate  
Emmett Hightower • Shawn Howard  
Ashley Rodriguez

### AP Scholars

Students who received a grade of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams during their high school career

Ravi Abuvala • Will Dargavell • Chelsea Hewison  
Lindsey Jennings • Tristan LaNasa • Kristy Potter  
Meghan Ryan • Heather Wainright  
Cassidy Whitson

Congratulations to our Advanced Placement  
Faculty: Melissa DiCesare, Chip High,  
Dr. Cheryl Mixson, Patricia O'Brien-Murphy,  
Patricia Wickman

The following students scored 3 or higher on at least one 2011 AP exam

Ravi Abuvala • Blake Alexandre • Morgan Benjamin  
Raquel Bradley • Brenden Burson • Caitlin Carpenter  
Kaylyn Carter • Reed Coker • Luke Cyr  
Will Dargavell • Cheyenne Egstad • Chloe Fugate  
Jay Gatto • Chelsea Hewison • Emmett Hightower  
Shawn Howard • Wade Howard • Lindsey Jennings  
Amanda Laird • Tristan LaNasa • Jacob Leuze  
Lucy Livingston • Alex Lovell • Megan Macleod  
Nick Mayes • Alex McManus • Bobby Meyers  
Kate Pierson • Kristy Potter • Ashley Rodriguez  
Meghan Ryan • Sebastian Snedal • Cassidy Whitson  
Heather Wainright • Sam Wiscomb

# More ideas to celebrate AP students...

- Graduation honor cords (AP)
- Behavior you want repeated must be rewarded
- Student level incentives and/or prizes
- Ceremonies and recognition events
- Parent awareness events
- AP club
- Student led recruitment efforts
  
- *Can you think of any ideas to promote a culture of excellence and momentum for your program?*

# Take Baby Steps...

