

Goodwin College Student Activities
Student Engagement Lecture Series
presents:

**“Engaging Students to Help Them Realize Their
Potential”**

**Seminar Room - 3001 Market Street, One Drexel Plaza, Ste.
100,
Philadelphia, Pa 19104, Monday March 7, 2011 at 4:30 pm**

Program Description:

Philip Beauchemin has worked extensively with kids from some of Philadelphia’s underserved neighborhoods and will discuss how to engage students through courage and creativity while giving weight to the importance of characteristics such as passion, compassion and thoughtfulness; all traits that would greatly benefit young, aspiring teachers and the children they would be in a position to influence. He will also talk about the efficacy of engagement in coaching from both an athletic and academic viewpoint. The lecture will last for approximately 30 to 40 minutes to be followed by 30 minutes of Q & A from both the in house and online audiences.

Speaker Bio:

Philip E. Beauchemin, Esq. teaches American history and social sciences, including political science and law at Overbrook High school. A veteran teacher of 37 years, Beauchemin received his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1970 and completed a master’s degree in education at Temple in 1974 before entering Temple Law School at night. For several years, Beauchemin maintained a part-time law practice in addition to teaching. Many of his clients were former students who needed legal help and couldn’t afford a lawyer. With few exceptions, he took cases on a pro bono basis and often operated at a loss. Forced to choose, he gave up his costly and time-consuming law practice to focus on his first love, teaching. Beauchemin chooses to stay at Overbrook despite the challenging environment and the seniority to teach at a more prestigious school. “What many people don’t realize is that there are a large number of truly serious kids who will do anything to get their education, despite the chaos in the school environment. Many don’t have supportive families. Their motivation comes from within and they have much more drive than many kids from privileged backgrounds.” Even though working conditions can be dangerous, Beauchemin is one of a number of teachers who’ve been assaulted at Overbrook over the years, but he doesn’t want to abandon the many students whose talent and motivation he clearly admires.

Beauchemin also serves as coach of the baseball team and the championship mock-trial team for Overbrook High School; thrice winners of the Pennsylvania Statewide Mock Trial Competition. In gaining the championship, Overbrook has beaten out more than 250 other high school teams. As a teacher in Philadelphia public high schools, Beauchemin has been coaching student athletes for parts of four decades, first coaching baseball at Robert E. Lambertson in the late 70’s. He’s coached mock-trial teams since the competition’s inception over thirty years ago, coaching teams at South Philadelphia and Washington High Schools, before coming to Overbrook in 1988. Beauchemin led Overbrook to state championships in 1997, 2004, 2008, winning nine Public League championships as well as eight Philadelphia city and regional championships.

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