



EMMA WILLARD  
SCHOOL

*The Great Education Debate*

Event Schedule

January 7, 2014

8:30 AM	Registration, coffee, and breakfast fare	Lyon-Remington
9:30 AM	Keynote Address Leon Botstein, President of Bard College	Kiggins Auditorium
10:30 AM	Morning Sessions: What is the purpose of high school?	

(Sessions held in: Maguire Auditorium, Kellas Commons, Sage Student Center, and Dietel Library)

1. "In the age of Google, how much do we need to know?"

Panelist: Tobi Saulnier, CEO 1st Playable Productions

Panelist: Karen Gross, President of Southern Vermont College

Facilitator: Michael Mugits, Superintendent of Green Island Union Free School District

2. "What are the best ways to account for student learning?"

Panelist: Paul Zachos, Director of the Association for the Cooperative Advancement of Science and Education

Panelist: Peter DeWitt, Principal of Poestenkill Elementary School, blogger for Education Week

Facilitator: Fran Bisselle, Head of Maple Street School

3. "Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or a new horizon to address 21st century student needs?"

Panelist: Lawrence Charap, Lead for History and Social Studies Curriculum for the Advanced Placement Programs of the College Board

Panelist: Sally Mixsell, Head of Stoneleigh-Burnham School, instituted successful IB program

Facilitator: Chris Bender, Chairman of Brighter Choice Charter Schools

4. "Is the phrase "scholar athlete" a noble ideal or a deceptive euphemism?"

Panelist: Jim Knowlton, Director of Athletics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Panelist: Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, Head Coach of SUNY Albany Women's Basketball

Facilitator: Peter Ellard, Siena College Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs



11:45 AM Luncheon Kellas Dining Room

12:45 PM Afternoon Sessions: Are we running high school in the best ways possible?

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1. "Is there one size for school reform in the age of the common core?"

Panelist: Catherine Snyder, Associate Dean of the School of Education at Union College

Panelist: Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Superintendent of Albany City Schools

Facilitator: Andrew Davenport, Principal of Marbletown Elementary School

2. "Do girls still need single-sex schools?"

Panel facilitated by Scott Waldman, reporter for Capital New York

a. Megan Murphy, Executive Director of NCGS

b. Student from Emma Willard School

c. Student from Albany Academy for Girls

d. Student from co-ed public school

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3. "What should be the role of the teacher as the brick and mortar school becomes increasingly digital?"

Panelist: Brad Rathgeber, Director of the Online School for Girls

Panelist: Mark Lauria, Executive Director of NYSAIS

Facilitator: Alison Almasian, Associate Director of College Counseling at Taft School

4. "Are schools preparing this generation for the world of work?"

Panelist: Heather C. Briccetti- President and CEO of The Business Council

Panelist: Mubuso Zamchiya, CEO of Albany Charter School Network

Facilitator: Carolyn Curtis, HVCC Vice President for Academic Affairs

1:45 PM Afternoon refreshments Lyon-Remington

2:15 PM Concluding Remarks Kiggins Auditorium  
Lynn Pasquerella, President of Mount Holyoke College

3:00 PM Conclusion of event