

CONTACT INFORMATION:**Fiona Scruggs****Writer & Digital Content Producer****413-644-4968**fscruggs@simons-rock.edu**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Simon's Rock to launch Curiosity Camp for Students Completing 9th, 10th, and 11th Grades**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—Curiosity Camp at Simon's Rock is a two-week exploration of college living and learning designed for students currently completing grades 9, 10, and 11. The camp will be held on Simon's Rock's campus from July 10- 23, 2022. Students can register for Curiosity Camp [here](#).

Curiosity Camp at Simon's Rock is open to inquisitive and motivated students interested in exploring their academic and creative interests in a college environment while they are currently completing grades 9, 10, or 11. Students will participate daily in Simon's Rock's signature Writing and Thinking Workshop along with a Seminar, and arts and science courses to experience diverse and exciting academic offerings. The program's cohort of 30 students allows for small class sizes where students and professors can collaborate and engage in dynamic discourse in this academic summer camp.

Students will have the opportunity to take advantage of this summer camp in the Berkshires on Simon's Rock's 275-acre wooded campus of natural beauty and trails, state of the art Kilpatrick Athletic Center, nearby downtown Great Barrington (rated the "No. 1 Small Town in America" by *Smithsonian Magazine*), and planned excursions to nearby cultural attractions in the Berkshires.

"Our students were deeply engaged with the material presented and this immersive experience allowed them to continue classroom conversations in the dorms and dining hall- exactly what one might expect of a college experience. Teaching at Curiosity Camp was a lot of fun because the students were so engaged and creative," shared visiting instructor at Curiosity Camp and Dean of Students at Bard High School Early College Cleveland Hannah Zipple. "The Simon's Rock campus is beautiful, woodsy, and the perfect setting for summer learning. Students can spend time together walking around campus, visiting the library, and using the athletic center. The small cohort helps our students to form a true sense of community, allowing for fun and connection during organized events and spontaneous activities. I'm looking forward to coming back this summer!"

More information about Curiosity Camp can be found [here](#). For questions, email curiositycamp@simons-rock.edu

About Simon's Rock

[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#) is the only college in the country specifically designed for highly motivated students ready to enter college after the 10th or 11th grade. Simon's Rock offers a challenging program in the liberal arts and sciences, taught exclusively in small seminars by supportive, highly trained faculty, who are leading scholars in their fields. The College grants degrees in more than 35 majors. The Princeton Review's *Best 380 Colleges* rates academics at Simon's Rock higher than Harvard and Princeton.

[Bard Academy at Simon's Rock](#) is the nation's first two-year boarding and day program designed to prepare 9th and 10th graders to start college early. A student entering Bard Academy as a high school freshman will earn an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College at Simon's Rock after only four years and a Bachelor of Arts degree after only six years. The Academy curriculum is designed and taught by students' future college professors who are leading scholars in their fields.

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