



PHAA HIGH SCHOOL AT HOME CONFERENCE MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

PHAA invites you to the beautiful Bongiorno Conference Center to share the excellence in your homeschool program. Breakout sessions are available for students, parents and evaluators. Highlights include: panel discussions; seminars on citizen science, music and theater; student performances; and sessions on avoiding overload and helping students who struggle.

Registration is just \$39.95 (1st person in family), \$34.95 (additional family member).

To register: Go to www.phaa.org and click on 'Conference'

**How
homeschooling
can help you find
your passion**

**Interactive
sessions for
students and
parents**

**Positive
atmosphere**

**Buffet lunch and
snacks included**

**Great for parents,
students and
evaluators**

**PHILIP BONGIORNO
CENTER**

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Monday, April 24
9:00 AM-5:00 PM



Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency

Conference Schedule (as of February 22, 2017):

8:45-9:00 AM Registration and Snacks- Visit college, vendor, and co-op group tables in Hotel D

9:00-9:10 AM Welcome- Susan Richman.

9:10-9:50 AM **How Homeschooling Can Help You Find Your Passion in Life:** Keynote Address by Jennifer Campbell, homeschool and Peabody Music School grad, professional pianist, composer, piano teacher

First Breakout Session 10:00-10:50 AM

- A. **How to Achieve Excellence in High School at Home:** An introduction to the PHAA Diploma Program—Howard Richman, PHAA Executive Director
- B. **Join The Excelsior! PHAA's Student Newsletter- for students:** Learn how to hone your writing and journalistic skills, and make great friends, by working on the staff of The Excelsior!— Sierra RyanWallick, Excelsior! editor
- C. **Making Your Way through the College Financial Aid Maze:** Elizabeth Walter and Debra Thro, College Admissions HQ
- D. **Bringing Music into Your Life:** Great for students and parents. Making music a key part of your life—and maybe even your livelihood! – Jennifer Campbell.

Second Breakout Session 11:00-11:50 AM

- A. **Making the Transition to High School at Home – for mothers:** A panel of mothers who've successfully done it – moderated by Margaret Pasztor.
- B. **How to integrate Our Religious Faith into Our Homeschooling - for fathers:** Timothy Anger and Laszlo Pasztor.
- C. **Getting Involved in Citizen Science:** find out how to join folks from all across the nation to add to scientific knowledge and expand your science program! – for students. Eli DePaulis and student panel..
- D. **Confused about the Common App– for evaluators and parents:** Bonnie Gonzalez and Howard Richman.

Luncheon Buffet 12:00-12:50 PM: Head to the Dining Hall!

Third Breakout Session 1:00-1:50 PM

- A. **Advanced Placement Online Classes from PA Homeschoolers AP Online:** Adding unique excellence-- Susan Richman moderator and a panel of current AP teachers
- B. **Partnering with Your Evaluator: Roles and Expectations – for parents:** Timothy Anger and a panel of experienced PHAA evaluators.
- C. **High Tech Careers - Your Ticket to the Future:** Don Hill with panel of admissions officers from technical colleges.
- D. **Homeschool Theater: Gaining a Vision for What is Possible—**Beth Barshinger of [Players of the Stage](#), a homeschool theater group in Allentown. Getting started, getting students involved, reaching out to the community.

Fourth Breakout Session 2:00-2:50 PM

- A. **PHAA Evaluators' Meeting:** Discuss concerns and questions; clarify procedures and goals- Howard Richman (evaluators only) Suzanne Tallman, PA Dept. of Ed. Will be there to answer your questions.
- B. **Writing a Powerful College Application Essay:** Ruth Green, AP English Literature teacher. For students, parents welcome too.
- C. **Finding Balance in Your Homeschool Life and Avoiding Overload:** For parents, evaluators and students Bonnie Gonzalez, family counselor and AP Psychology online instructor; Laszlo Pasztor, veteran army officer.
- D. **Helping Students who Struggle—academically, socially, or with life-goals:** For parents and evaluators - Timothy Anger and Patti Stoudt

Afternoon Refreshment Break 2:50-3:20 PM - Free Snacks, visit tables in Hotel D.

Student Performances! 3:20 – 3:50 Work with Players of the Stage to develop impromptu performances

Fifth Breakout Session 4:00 to 4:50 PM

- A. **PHAA Annual Membership Meeting:** (PHAA members only – parents and evaluators) Elect a Board Member, consider by-laws changes- chaired by Howard Richman, PHAA Executive Director
- B. **Are the Military Academies and/ or Military Service for You?:** The how, what and why of military service- Julia Reed, AP Government online instructor, homeschooling mother and retired Air Force Lt. Colonel.
- C. **Community Service—making a difference!** – especially for students – Sierra RyanWallick and panel of students.
- D. **Co-op Learning—a natural for the high school years.** Learn the what, where, how, and why of being involved in co-operative learning—and how this can help you meet key PHAA goals! Denise George and Karen MacDonald, Excelsior Co-op.