

NEW YORK CIVIC LEARNING WEEK

March 6-10, 2023

REGISTER NOW!

Monday March 6 3:00 - 4:00 pm

A Conversation with U.S. Diplomat and Author Richard Haass

To kick off New York Civic Learning Week, DemocracyReady NY convener **Michael A. Rebell** discusses why we need civics with **Dr. Richard Haass**, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a renowned diplomat who served in high positions under four different U.S. presidents. The event will also feature opening remarks from **DeNora Getachew**, CEO of DoSomething.org, a youth-activism hub fueling young people to save the world.

Tuesday March 7 4:00 - 6:00 pm

First Annual Summit on Civic Readiness: Preparing Democracy-Ready New York Students

Welcome message from **Dr. Thomas R. Bailey**, President of Teachers College, Columbia University

Part I. What Does It Mean to Be Democracy Ready?

Michael Rebell, Center for Educational Equity, Teachers College, Columbia University & DemocracyReady NY

Part II. The Value of Civic Readiness for Students' Futures and the Future of the State: A Discussion with Policymakers

- **Betty Rosa**, New York State Education Commissioner
- **Catherine Collins**, New York State Board of Regents
- **Abby Jo Sigal**, Executive Director, NYC Mayor's Office on Talent and Workforce Development

Moderator: **Brett Levy**, Professor of Educational Theory and Practice, University at Albany

Part III. How Do We Ensure All NY Students Become Democracy Ready?

In this panel, moderated by **Christine Radez**, Statewide Coordinator of the Seal of Civic Readiness, NYS Education Department, several NY teacher-student pairs will discuss their experiences in the Seal of Civic Readiness graduation pathway, which was rolled out in 2021.

Wednesday March 8 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Civic Learning in the Early Grades: A Whole School, Whole Child Endeavor

Meaningful civic learning starts in the early grades. Hear from educators and other experts about how to lay a strong foundation for civic readiness in the elementary years with a whole child, whole school approach.

- **Pierce Berke**, student, John Jay High School, Katonah
- **Jaimie P. Cloud**, President, Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education, New York City
- **Patricia Crain de Galarce**, Director, Center for Inclusive and Special Education, Lesley University
- **Carri Manchester**, Office of Student Support Services, New York State Education Department
- **Chelsey Palmer**, Principal, Democracy Prep Harlem Elementary School, New York City
- **Michael A. Rebell**, Executive Director, Center for Educational Equity, Teachers College, Columbia University
- **Gail Sider**, elementary educator, Pelham Public Schools
- **Jacqueline Simmons**, Department of Curriculum and Teaching, Teachers College, Columbia University
- **Elizabeth Waters**, Director of STEM Outreach, The Cooper Union

Moderator: **Rashid Duroseau**, Civics Program Director at Democracy Prep

Organizers: **DK Holland**, Inquiring Minds Institute

Thursday March 9 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Beyond the Vote: Youth Civic Participation from Classroom to Community

Youth-organized and youth-led session

Panel 1: How can students be involved in the policymaking process affecting their schools?

An interview with **New York Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr.**

Panel 2: How can students be civically engaged in their communities?

Young local elected officials discuss how young people can be civically engaged even as non-voters outside of the classroom.

Panel 3: Making connections between civic learning in schools and communities

A panel discussion among school leaders about the opportunities for civic learning and engagement in the classroom and with local communities.

- **Justin Hubbard**, Salamanca High School social studies teacher, Civic Seal of Readiness coordinator
- **Eugenia Bamfo**, member of NYC Chancellor's Student Advisory Council and Youth Action Member at CCC NY

Available beginning Sunday March 5 4:00 pm

Decoding Democracy: Media Literacy for Civic Readiness

Note: This is a pre-recorded event available to registrants throughout Civic Learning Week

Join **Christopher Sperry** of Project Look Sharp, an outreach program of Ithaca College that provides media literacy training and professional development to educators, and **Arlene Laverde**, president of the New York Library Association. They will explore ways to bring media literacy into the classroom across subject areas and the ethical, safety, privacy, and technological challenges of the media literacy landscape. **Jaclyn Siegel**, New York State chapter leader of Media Literacy Now, will discuss avenues for advocacy to expand media literacy instruction in New York.

