

Master the Possibilities Update

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Praise from Professional Educators

OCALA, FLA. – Educators from the nation’s most prestigious institutions, and professionals with successful careers in medicine, the arts and foreign service are among the more than 60 faculty members who share their expertise with the adult learners in On Top of the World’s Master the Possibilities educational program.

Here is what they have to say about this unique program that draws upwards of 17,000 enrollments this year:

- **Vincent Boudreau – *PhD, Cornell University – Director of the Colin Powell Center for Policy Studies and professor of political science at City College of New York.***

“I spend most of my time with very smart undergraduates, eager to get out into the world, to become something new, to move on. That’s very rewarding. But at Master the Possibilities, I’ve found something truly and extraordinarily different. Participants bring a lifetime of experience to our discussions, and an eagerness to

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think about issues that matter deeply in contemporary government and society. There is a sense of engagement in these classrooms that we work mightily, sometimes in vain, to achieve on college campuses. Whoever called this a retirement community got it completely wrong!”

- **Patrick Keane – BA, Fordham University; MA, PhD New York University – professor emeritus of English at LeMoyne University, Syracuse**

“Teaching at Master the Possibilities is a wonderful experience. Dan Dowd has been, for many, many years, the best generator of programs I’ve ever encountered. I find these classes intellectually invigorating for me; the only other teaching I do these days is spot classes at Skidmore. I would rank my experience at On Top of the World very high and I hear a lot of enthusiasm from others as well.”

- **Bill Stubbs – BA, Duke University, MA Emory University, London School of Economics – 30-year career with the U.S. State Department, serving in the U.S. foreign service in the Far East**

“Students are enrolled because they want to be, not because they have to be here. We limit lectures to 20-30 students, depending on the size of the classroom, and the students I’ve taught about history, culture and politics are very attentive. We have good, active discussions.

“I have been lecturing at various institutions since I retired in 1985 and I thoroughly enjoy this program. We are indebted to On Top of the World for offering such an educational program and to Daniel Dowd, who gave life to it.”

- **Doris Knight – BA, MA, University of Massachusetts – Retired University of Massachusetts professor of modern European history**

“My classes are on current events, and they are discussions, not lectures.

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This is a great way for people to talk about what is happening around them and to form their own opinions. I provide ideas and then let them go.

“Teaching younger students can be frustrating, so I enjoy teaching these older students because they are already interested, knowledgeable and aware.”

- **Thomas Lane, DVM – BS and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University – Professor Emeritus and Extension Veterinarian, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Founder, International School of Equine Sciences**

“Master the Possibilities is a wonderful concept, offering topics of interest to people with a keen interest in learning. The relationship of animals to people is very healthy, so I teach about dog and cat health, but also about bears, seals, whales and elephants.

“We take field trips to horse farms to give people a chance to learn about saddlebacks and thoroughbreds. And we visit thoroughbred rescue farms to see the work of the Horse Protection Association of Florida.”

- **Pat Wellington – BA, MA, University of Maryland, PhD, Florida State University – University of Miami English professor for 30 years**

“If I were to rate this program as we do the books in our book discussion, I’d give it a 10 ... 12 ... maybe 15. Master the Possibilities is very special. I don’t know of any other program quite like this. All the classes are well supported because there is such a variety and there’s something for everybody.

- **Lee Ann Oliver – Former director of arts and crafts, Hilton Head – 25-year career in ceramic technology, 30-year career in fiber arts**

“If people say they’re bored, it’s their own fault. I have seen programs similar

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to this, but not nearly as comprehensive. It has everything.

“I’m a hands-on instructor who shows students how to do things, and about 75 percent of students in these classes have never done what I’m teaching them, yet they produce gorgeous pieces.”