A Three-day Workshop on How to Read, View, and Appreciate the Plays Held at the historic Wethersfield Estate in Amenia, New York

Thomas More College is pleased to announce a three-day workshop for homeschooled high school students, Understanding Shakespeare, to be held from August 11 - 13, 2015 at the historic Wethersfield House in Amenia, New York.

Participation in Understanding Shakespeare is open to homeschooled rising juniors and seniors and will be limited to twelve students. Each student accepted into the workshop will receive a scholarship for tuition, room, and board. Participants are expected to provide their own transportation to and from the event, and must purchase the required editions of the plays in advance of the workshop.

This year’s workshop will provide students with a foundational appreciation for the artistry of William Shakespeare’s plays, both through general guidance on how to read and view the plays, as well as through more detailed examination of the language, themes, and dramatic structure of a small handful of plays. A tentative schedule and link to the application form follow this announcement.

Workshop Participants are expected to have read The Merchant of Venice and Othello prior to arrival. Additional short readings will be provided on site.

Further information will be sent upon acceptance into the Understanding Shakespeare Workshop.

Applications must be received electronically or by mail no later than July 19, 2015. Students will be notified of their application status by July 30, 2015.
Tentative Schedule

**Tuesday, August 11**

1:00 – 2:00: Student Check-in
2:00 – 3:00: Welcome and opening reception
3:00 – 5:30: Session I: Understanding Shakespeare’s Language and Poetics (Dr. Fahey)
(Break from 4:15 – 4:30)
5:30 – 6:30: Dinner
7:30 – 9:00: Viewing Shakespeare: Film Adaptations

**Wednesday, August 12**

8:00 – 10:00: Breakfast and Reading Time
10:00 – 12:30: Session II: How to Read a Play (Dr. Powers)
   Act I, scene I of Coriolanus, Julius Caesar, Antony and Cleopatra
   (Break from 10:45 – 11:00)
12:30 – 1:30: Lunch
1:30 – 3:00: Tour of Wethersfield and Reading Time
3:00 – 5:30: Session III: Understanding Shakespeare’s Perennial Themes I: The Merchant of Venice (Dr. Fahey)
   (Break from 4:15 – 4:30)
5:30 – 6:30: Dinner
7:30 – 9:00: Dramatic Reading of Othello (Participants and Thomas More Alumni)

**Thursday, August 13**

8:00 – 10:00: Breakfast and Reading time
10:00 – 12:30: Session IV: Understanding Shakespeare’s Perennial Themes II: Othello (Dr. Powers)
   (Break from 10:45 – 11:00)
12:30 – 2:00: Final Luncheon and Closing Remarks
2:00 – Departure