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**Mount Everett Teacher Kevin Wolgemuth is First Recipient
of the Initial Early College Pedagogy Teaching Certification
with Simon's Rock and the Early College Research Institute**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—Local Mount Everett Regional School teacher Kevin Wolgemuth is the first recipient of the Initial Early College Pedagogy Teaching Certification through Bard College at Simon's Rock and the Early College Research Institute.

This certification is part of the ongoing partnership between Simon's Rock and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District to offer early college opportunities to public high school students in South County. As part of a grant awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Simon's Rock continues to offer Mount Everett Regional School students the ability to take Simon's Rock courses and receive fully transferable college credits at no cost. Teacher training is also provided through the Early College Research Institute to further expand Early College access.

"We're excited to award this first Early College Pedagogy certification to local educator Kevin Wolgemuth. I know that Simon's Rock and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District are proud of this partnership program and eager to see it develop even further," says provost John B. Weinstein.

For more information about the Early College Research Institute, visit [here](#).

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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