



Meet Dr. Mac



Jean D'Arcy Maculaitis, Ph.D., NYU, not only is President of MAC Testing & Consulting, LLC, Tinton Falls, New Jersey but also one of the few professional test architects/test writers in the world. She holds a self-designed doctorate in the measurement and evaluation of the English language. This innovative researcher has been writing tests and teaching for more than 25 years.

An English language educator, international lecturer, education/testing expert in legal cases, consultant, professional editor, feature academic writer for *NJ Blitz Magazine*, professional guidance and career counselor and researcher, she is the author of, among other numerous non-technical and technical works, *The Maculaitis Assessment of Competencies: Comprehensive English Language Evaluation (The MAC K-12)*, a coordinated and developmental series of test batteries for non-native speakers of English in grades K-12. Now published by Questar (formerly Touchstone Applied Science Associates, Inc.) and used throughout the world, *The MAC K-12* measures listening, speaking, reading and writing. *The MAC K-12* is mandated in New Jersey, as well as in numerous other states, as part of that state's requirements for high school graduation. The six lower MAC batteries are also mandated for statewide adoption. *The MAC K-12* was normed in New Jersey, as well as nationally normed. *The New MAC III* will be available in 2013.

The researcher has taught testing workshops, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, English as a Second Language (ESL) Methods and Materials and Bilingual Vocational Education courses at New York University's campuses in New York City and Puerto Rico. Dr. Maculaitis has also been a 7th-12th grades program administrator and has taught English, Bilingual Math and/or ESL in grades ranging from primary through post-doctoral levels in various types of communities and institutions, including federal prisons for men and women in New York State.

Dr. Mac has been working for over a decade on the computer program for three levels of pivotal evaluative tools for native and non-native learners in grades 5-adult, viz., *The MAC Action Indicators: Insightful Assessments for Personal Empowerment* (aka *The Profile*). The initial computer version of the testing tools for this program for students from junior high through college became available in September 2004. The updated computer version will be available in the summer of 2012: *1 Long-Term Mathematics Issues for Young Adults and Adults*, *2 MAC Core Beliefs Questionnaire*, *3 MAC Stuff Happens Rating Sheet*, *4 MAC Diagnostic Checklist for Visual & Auditory Difficulties*, *5 MAC Learning Style Pathway Rating Sheet*, *6 MAC Rating Scale of Hemispheric Mode Preference*, *7 MAC Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Questionnaire & Guide*, *8 Who Am I? Personality Types A, B, C, F, H & T*, and *9 May I Have Your Order: Birth Order as a Powerful Personality Indicator*. The full book version for each of these nine computer assessments will also be available in early 2012. *DR. MAC'S ANSWER TO . . . Series* features the well-established MAC Method of Test Preparation, including Dr. Mac's revolutionary texts, *Grammar Games* and *HuMATHities: An Exciting & Fresh Humanities-Based Approach to Mathematics* and *HuMATHities: The Oh-So-Easy, Step-by-Step Answer Key Companion*, among other materials. Upon completion, Dr. Mac's gold standard Test Preparation Computer program will be available through the state-sponsored New Jersey Virtual High School, among other highly respectable sites. Additionally, she is field-testing two new workbooks, *Writing Reading & Reading Writing*, and *Va Va Voom Vocabulary*, for students from junior high to senior high school. Adults and non-native prospective college and graduate students will also find these practical and easy-to-understand materials immediately useful. Among other benefits, these texts not only present and explain the five stages of the writing process, i.e., prewriting, writing, rewriting, revising and editing but also apply brain research, personality style and neurolinguistics to the exciting and natural process of writing. Furthermore, they introduce and explain several totally fresh ways to learn and enjoy vocabulary, as well as how to write powerful essays, letters, research papers and difficult explanations for writers of all ages and competency levels, especially when writing oneself out of trouble or into a scholarship, and the like. These absolutely fresh, fun, brain-friendly materials are also designed to teach students of all ages and abilities how to holistically and discretely evaluate their essays and make the necessary emendations prior to submittal for teacher and/or admissions committee evaluations, or to the College Board or the Honor Board, and such. These pivotal computer and paper pieces are also part of *DR. MAC'S ANSWER TO . . . Series: Immediately Useful Solutions to Educational Challenges for Students, Parents and Teachers*, a work in progress. Currently, she is also designing and field testing similar material for younger learners. Dr. Mac's

innovative work, *An Interactive Spiritual Day Book and Journal Honoring the Life of Jesse Dweck A"H*, will be available at a future date in print, as well as on the computer. These materials have been specifically designed by the author not merely to enable the reader to recognize and live God's plan for that individual but to record and chart his or her personal evolution with ease and accuracy, as well. All monies raised will be donated to the Jesse Dweck Learning Centers in New York, New Jersey and Israel.

Among Dr. Maculaitis' many professional honors: Test Reviewer, Buros Institute of Measurement, University of Nebraska at Lincoln ♦ **Select Member, International Platform Association (the oldest and most prestigious speakers' organization in the world)** ♦ Author of *Guidelines for the Preparation and Certification of International Studies/Global Education Teachers in the US* ♦ Elected to *Phi Delta Kappa*, an international fraternity dedicated to research, service and leadership (member NYU Chapter) ♦ Featured in *Educator's Deskbook of Ideas and Activities from Award-winning Teachers* and in *Highlights Magazine* ♦ Cited as "An Outstanding American Educator" by the National Conference of Christians and Jews ♦ Elected to *Kappa Delta Pi*, a national honor society in education (member NJUC Chapter) ♦ Distinguished Alumna ♦ Who's Who in America ♦ Who's Who in American Women ♦ Who's Who in American Education ♦ World Decoration of Excellence for Outstanding Achievements in the 1980's ♦ First Five Hundred in the World ♦ World Who's Who of Women as well as named to Hall of Fame ♦ 2,000 Notable American Women as well as named to Hall of Fame ♦ Who's Who in Bilingual Education in the United States ♦ Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges ♦ Board of Directors, Hispanic Affairs Resource Center of Monmouth County ♦ Founder and Principal Facilitator of Learning for SAT Apollo Programs, Asbury Park High School and Long Branch High School and the MAC Testing All-Stars in Red Bank and Tinton Falls ♦ External Evaluator of America's Top Secondary School Students for the National Alliance for Excellence ♦ Advisory Board, Georgian Court University ♦ College Commencement Speaker ♦ PBA Woman of the Year ♦ Active member of the highly select circle of care of Tuesday's Children, an innovative and pragmatic non-profit family service organization based in New York City and founded by the family and friends of September 11th victims to address the ongoing needs of thousands of children coping with the worst tragedy in the history of the United States. (Dr. Mac guides these youngsters through the entire college admissions/college application process, including college selection, P/SAT preparation, essay writing, resume preparation and the like.) ♦ Dr. Mac is a select corporate partner of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, as well as a NJSIAA keynote speaker. ♦ She is the recipient, with her husband Anthony Tamburello, of the 2009 Jim Sullivan Award, presented to the individual who has made outstanding contributions to the game of basketball in the Jersey Shore area. Candidates are nominated and elected by the Shore Board No. 194 I.A.A.B.O. ♦ Since December 2010, Dr. Mac has been intensely mentoring and educating 15 high school MAC All-Stars from the Boys & Girls' Club, Asbury Park, NJ Unit. She has taken this select group's 10 seniors through the entire college acceptance process—from rigorous SAT preparation, to extensive college searches, to thorough college application, resume and essay preparation, to proper NCAA Clearinghouse registration—to the final submittal of their respective applications for serious consideration by college admissions officers.

While these and other honors Dr. Mac has received over the years are notable, the most notable accomplishments are the young people whose lives have been transformed by their experience at MAC Testing. That their hope is restored, that their self-confidence is renewed, that their skills are evinced, that their souls are healed and that their futures are redefined are the accolades that have the most meaning to her. Everything else pales in comparison. Dr. Maculaitis' life is totally and unabashedly dedicated to children—all children.

