National Writing Project has funded the Professional Development on Writing in the Content Areas Ferris High School, Jersey City project. Dr. Mia Zamora, English Department at Kean University, together with Trained Writing Project consultants, including Kimberly Kiefer, Dr. Mark Sutton, and Erica Holan will develop and deliver customized programming on writing across the curriculum based on writing process and pedagogy to include topics in technology.

The Kean University Writing Project is an approved site of the National Writing Project (NWP), the largest and most successful professional development program for teachers in the United States. Research-driven and research-proven, NWP sets forth an educational model for writing at all levels and in all subject areas.

The teacher-centered delivery will follow the National Writing Project model, offering the presentation of instructional strategies while encouraging response and reflection on ways to apply these, responsiveness to the audience’s reflection on how to apply these. The program will culminate in a conference-style PD day with concurrent sessions offering teachers highly-specialized training on the integration of writing (and technology) in the content areas.

The Kean University Writing Project (KUWP) at Ferris High School will focus on professional development activities for improving reading and writing skills that expands on previous programming on writing process and pedagogy. This year’s programming will provide support for the transition to the new Common Core Curriculum Standards (CCCS) for reading and writing requirements. Workshops will highlight best practices, engaging participants in discussion about their work in the classroom relative to ideas covered, ways to apply/adapt concepts in writing for content studies, and implementation challenges.