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This past summer, Jena DeMaio, English teacher at Coventry High School, was awarded a fellowship to participate in the Connecticut Writing Project, part of the National Writing Project, at the University of Connecticut. Every year since 1982, the Connecticut Writing Project brings together teachers from a variety of different disciplines. During the summer institute, teachers conduct graduate level research, present a workshop presentation, study current composition theories, participate in writing seminars, and create their own creative writing portfolio. Teachers write everyday, participate in response groups, and focus on helping their students become better writers.

This summer, Ms. DeMaio conducted research on revision in the writing process. She then conducted a workshop presentation, "The Art of Revision", which focused on ways that teachers can help students better understand and apply revision to the writing process. Her research looked at revision strategies students can use. At the same time, her research emphasizes the importance of students being able to effectively assess, reflect, and evaluate their own work.

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