



## 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 35 years. **Dr. Mac's clientele is global.** She is a proud member of the Organizing Committee of the US-China Entrepreneurs' Federation (UCFED). MAC Testing has been recognized as one of the Top Learning Centers in America by the independent researchers at *Inside America*. Dr. Mac was named to *The 2014 Latino Who's Who*. In 2016, this researcher was also selected as an Honored Reviewer on the Editorial Board of the distinguished academic journal of Egypt's Kafr El-Sheikh University by both Dr. Yasser Elgendy, Vice-Dean of Post-Graduate Students, and the Faculty of Education.

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 by Touchstone Applied Science Associates, Inc.) and used throughout the world, *The MAC K-12* measures listening, speaking, reading and writing. ***The New MAC II K-12 Tests of English Language Proficiency*** will be available in 2016. Currently, *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 grade level MAC batteries are also mandated for statewide adoption. *The MAC K-12* was normed in New Jersey, as well as nationally. Additionally, Dr. Mac wrote the companion tests and served as a consultant for both the ***Viva el Español Series*** and the ***Hello English Series***, as well as penned ***The Complete ESL/EFL Resource Book: Strategies, Activities and Units for the Classroom*** (with Mona Scheraga), for National Textbook Company. Dr. Mac also edited the ***Breakaway Series*** for Thomas Nelson, wrote ***Entre Dos Mundos***, an autobiographical one-act play, and ***The Life of St. Francis of Assisi*** for the International Mother House to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of this religious order. She also taught technical writing in industry.

This 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade 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 a very brief stint at three 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 2016: **1 Long-Term Mathematics Issues for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults, 2a MAC Core Beliefs' Questionnaire for Middle School Test Takers, 2b MAC Core Beliefs' Questionnaire for High School Test Takers, 2c MAC Core Beliefs' Questionnaire for College and Graduate/Professional School Test Takers 3 MAC Stuff Happens Rating Sheets for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults, 4 MAC Diagnostic Checklist for Visual & Auditory Difficulties for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults, 5 MAC Learning Style Pathway Rating Scale for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults, 6 MAC Rating Scale of Hemispheric Mode Preference for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults, 7 MAC Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity (AD/HD) Questionnaire for Tweens, Teens, Young Adults, Parents & Teachers 8 Who Am I? Personality Types A, B, C, F, H & T and Behavior Descriptors for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults and 9 May I Have Your Order: Birth Order as a Powerful Personality Indicator for Tweens, Teens & Young Adults.** A full book version for several of these computer assessments will also be available in the near future. **DR. MAC'S ANSWER TO . . . Series** features the well-established MAC Method of Test Preparation, including Dr. Mac's revolutionary texts, ***Grammar Games*** and the four-part ***HuMATHities: An Exciting & Fresh Humanities-Based Approach to Mathematics***, among other transformative 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 three new workbooks, ***Money Words***, ***Turning Points: Right the Writing to Right the Reading*** and

*Navigating the “Geography” of Real Life Writing: Practical Templates to Advance Your Career or Save Your A—or Both*, for students from middle school to 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 do not just present and explain the five stages of the writing process, *i.e.*, prewriting, writing, rewriting, revising and editing, but they also apply brain research, personality style and neurolinguistics to the exciting and natural processes of writing and reading. Furthermore, they introduce and explain several totally fresh ways to learn and to enjoy vocabulary, as well as how to quickly and properly write powerful essays, letters, research papers and difficult explanations to real-life situations 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 respective essays and make the necessary emendations prior to submittal for teacher and/or admissions committee evaluations, or to the College Board, to the Honor Board, or to the IRB (Internal Review Board), and such. These computer and paper pieces are pivotal parts of **DR. MAC’S ANSWER TO . . . Series: Immediately Useful Solutions to Educational Challenges for Students, Parents and Teachers**. Similar materials for younger learners are tentatively in her plans.

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* (as part of a grant/symposium underwritten by Exxon Corp.) ♦ 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 its Hall of Fame ♦ 2,000 Notable American Women, as well as named to its 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 24-year-old MAC Testing All-Star Program in Red Bank and Tinton Falls, NJ, along with It’s a Wonderful Life Annual Drive which gives direct assistance to both the poor at home and abroad ♦ External Evaluator of America’s Top Secondary School Students for the National Alliance for Excellence ♦ Advisory Board of Trustees, Georgian Court University ♦ College Commencement Speaker ♦ PBA Woman of the Year ♦ Active member of the highly select circle of care for Tuesday’s Children, an innovative and pragmatic non-profit family service organization based in New York City and founded by the families and friends of September 11<sup>th</sup> victims to address the ongoing needs of thousands of children coping with the worst tragedy in the history of the United States. (Dr. Mac has guided 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 seniors through the entire college acceptance process—from rigorous SAT preparation, to extensive college searches, to thorough college applications, resumes and essay preparation, to proper NCAA Clearinghouse registration—to the final submittal of their respective applications for serious consideration by college admissions officers and then to graduate study, where applicable. ***It is significant to note that every senior earned a college scholarship and has now either graduated or is still in college working towards his/her undergraduate degree.***

**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 positively and powerfully transformed by their experience at MAC Testing. That their hope is restored, that their self-confidence is renewed, that their skills are enhanced, 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.**

***I am still learning.***  
**~ Michelangelo**