

Teacher Spotlight

Renaissance man: Kenneth Dale Ingham

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One thing is certain: Dale Ingham is not the run-of-the-mill professor of English Composition. And he wouldn't have it any other way. A filmmaker, satirist and "frustrated actor," Ingham is a very creative and busy man.

Always drawn to acting, Ingham's first "performances" began at the age of 5. Using a tape recorder, he created his own "radio show," complete with "guests" and even commercial breaks. Years later, this love of performing for an audience would become a reality when he became a disc jockey and radio news director.

Ingham has been an adjunct professor at RACC for 11 years, teaching Communication courses such as Composition and Literature and Fundamentals of Speech. The distinct similarity between performing on stage and imparting information to a classroom full of students quickly attracted him, and the halls of academia became his new stage. Not surprisingly, he loves what he does.

"Any course in which the students actively participate is my favorite," Ingham said, "but I think I like teaching Film and Comp & Lit the most."

Filmmaking is one of Ingham's other passions. He has been making movies since he was 16 years old, and his film company, KDI Pictures, fulfills a life-long dream. Ingham produced his first feature film, "Seduction of Innocence," in 1991, and is currently working on a Hitchcockian suspense-thriller.

A Pottstown, Pa native, Ingham still resides there with his wife Angie, his stepson, Zach, his 87-year-old mother, Ruth, and pet cat Chaplin—named after the legendary actor/filmmaker Charlie Chaplin.

Students at RACC who find themselves in one of his classes will soon realize their luck. As a professor, Ingham is fair and knowledgeable in the subjects he teaches. His unrestrained sense of humor makes the learning process fun.

"I enjoy my students, and learn from them, too," Ingham said. "If I live to be 80—and I will if I give up bacon—I will continue to learn something new everyday."

Dale Ingham's performance in the classroom deserves two thumbs up.



Photo courtesy of Dale Ingham.

- **Education:** B.S. and M.S., Kutztown University
- **Favorite quote:** "The less satisfaction we derive from being ourselves, the greater is our desire to be like others." —Eric Hoffer, philosopher
- **Favorite activities:** Outside of the classroom, Ingham can be found working on a film production, traveling, spending time with Angie, or enjoying Thoroughbred horse racing.
- **Favorite music:** Ingham enjoys a variety of music from Broadway to metal, but his all-time favorite is the "sound-track of America," music by Frank Sinatra.
- **Daring Do:** Ingham ziplined over lions and tigers at Safari Park in San Diego while on his honeymoon with Angie in 2012.

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