September 6: Documentary “Waiting for Superman”
This feature film provides and engaging and inspiring look at public education in the United States. It examines the education system on a national, state, district, and local level. It also delves to the personal level by following five students as they navigate their complex public school systems.

October 18: Documentary “Two Million Minutes”
The first film in this series that focuses on international educational issues, “Two Million Minutes” follows two students from the United States, India, and China as they prepare for high school. It examines their everyday lives, pressures, and ambitions – revealing stark and often frightening contrasts.

November 1: A Series of Three Documentary “Shorts”
“Uganda: Education Reforms” traces the educational system of this East African country as it struggles with the legacy of former dictator Idi Amin. The film describes far reaching reforms enacted under current President Yoweri Museveni.

OVERVIEW: Why do we go to school? What does it mean to be educated? What differentiates a high quality from a low quality education? This film and speaker series – sponsored by Beyond the Classroom Living-Learning Program – examines these basic questions through film, guest speakers, and discussion. The course examines real-life policies and practices that shape educational experiences domestically and abroad such as No Child Left Behind, Education for All, merit based pay, high stakes testing, girls’ education, teacher training, non-formal education, charter schools, and privatization. The series investigates how traditional schooling has failed some students, resulting in series inequalities worldwide. It also looks at innovative and inspirational practices that are challenging traditional educational systems and making a difference in students’ lives.

OCTOBER

September 27: Panel of Learners from Academy of Hope
One in five adults in the District lacks a high school diploma, and one in three cannot read a newspaper or map. Academy of Hope (AoH) is a DC-based nonprofit that provides adult education services – such as GED and academic skills training – to empower the most marginalized people in the District through education. Meet learners who were failed by the public school system and who are succeeding through AoH’s programs.

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SEPTEMBER

October 4: Documentary “American Teacher”
Teachers and teacher unions are often demonized in the media as the source of the problems plaguing the education system in the United States. This film chronicles the frustrating realities of five different teachers from around the country in a response to that criticism in order to paint a broader picture of teachers’ experiences.

October 25: A Conversation with Documentary Maker Robert Compton
The filmmaker behind the documentaries “Two Million Minutes,” “A Right Denied,” and “The Finland Phenomenon” will discuss his experiences traveling around the world to make films about education. He will share what inspired him to tackle education through film, and his ideas for addressing some of the biggest challenges schools are facing in the 21st century.

November 5: Documentary “The Finland Phenomenon”
“Beyond Superman: Educational Challenges, Innovations, and Successes in the 21st Century”

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November 13: Documentary “South Korea: From Illiteracy to Affluence”
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