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**WHYY'S SPOTLIGHT EDUCATION WEEK CONFRONTS THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGES FACING THE U.S. EDUCATION SYSTEM**

**Philadelphia Pa** – WHYY-TV will air a week of primetime programming, focusing on the brightest ideas and toughest challenges facing America's education system. **SPOTLIGHT EDUCATION WEEK** starts Monday, September 12 and features eleven films and documentaries, special episodes of *NOVA*, *FRONTLINE* and *PBS NEWSHOUR*, the premiere of TED TALKS, "The Education Revolution," and concludes with the 5th annual AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY, a special broadcast celebrating individuals and non-profit organizations dedicated to helping youth stay on track to high school graduation.

The **SPOTLIGHT EDUCATION** line-up includes:

- **POV: All the Difference**  
*Monday, September 12, 10 p.m.*  
For many young Americans, the path to successful higher education is challenging. In this eye-opening documentary, Academy Award-nominated producer/director Tod Lending follows the lives of two South Side Chicago teens over five years as they work to achieve their dream of graduating from college.
- **FRONTLINE "A Subprime Education"/ "The Education of Omarina"**  
*Tuesday, September 13, 9 p.m.*  
In this one-hour special, "A Subprime Education," will take a fresh look at the troubled for-profit college industry; and "The Education of Omarina" shows how an innovative program affected one girl's journey, from a public middle school in the Bronx to an elite New England private school, and now on to college.
- **TED TALKS: Education Revolution**  
*Tuesday, September 13, 10 p.m.*  
This program features talks from educator Sal Khan, who examines what the classroom might look like in the future and the impact of online teaching, Victor Rios, who dives into the problems of the school-to-prison pipeline, and Principal Nadia Lopez, whose middle school is in the most dangerous borough in New York.
- **NOVA: School of the Future**  
*Wednesday, September 14, 9 p.m.*  
Can the science of learning reveal how kids' brains work and show which techniques are most likely to engage and inspire growing minds? What role should technology



play in the classroom? Teachers, students, parents, and scientists take center stage as NOVA explores a new vision for the school of the future.

- **PBS NEWSHOUR**

*Across the Week, 6 pm, 10 p.m.*

PBS NEWSHOUR will broadcast original stories focused on the state of education. The segments range from a closer look at the low college graduation rates among Latino males on campus and possible solutions to how coding boot camps are challenging the traditional college degree model.

Additional programming information including items not listed here can be found at: [pbs.org/spotlighteducation](http://pbs.org/spotlighteducation)

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