

SLC Success Conference

NEPs 6th Annual

Viva! Las Vegas

April 10-12, 2008

Leading Edge Professional Development to Change Your School

Sessions for Leadership

- 5 Keys for Successful Career Academies
- Needs Assessment & Design Strategy
- Increasing Capacity
- Creating Teacher Ownership
- Leadership for Change
- Is There Life After the Grant?
- Community partners
- Increasing Student Achievement

Sessions for the Classroom

- Meeting & Beating AYP!
- Powerful Teacher Teams
- H.O.T. Teaching (Higher Orders Thinking)
- Differentiated Instruction
- Curriculum Integration
- Reading in Every Subject Area
- Teaching Student Responsibility
- Increasing Math Mastery

Who Should Attend?

- ✓ State policy makers
- ✓ District Leaders
- ✓ Site-based administration
- ✓ Lead teachers
- ✓ Classroom teachers
- ✓ Guidance counselors
- ✓ Community partners
- ✓ Career academies
- ✓ Career pathways & clusters
- ✓ Freshman academies

The National Educator Program proudly offers its 6th annual *SLC Success Conference*. Whether your small learning community (SLC) or academy is new to the game, or is an established veteran, you will get important tools to maintain momentum and increase student achievement! Gather resources, get ideas, and make your initiative a big winner!

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Powerful Keynotes



Theresa Spangler
Savannah, GA

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Educating "Generation Y"

In her exciting and highly-charged style, Ms. Spangler shows you the characteristics and "uniqueness" of today's students and offers practical suggestions to prepare these students for life after high school. This rousing and engaging keynote session demonstrates successful

contextual teaching strategies that target Gen Y's hyper-tasking learning style and can be implemented in any classroom. Participants will receive ready-to-use activities and handouts, as well as a healthy shot of adrenaline as only Theresa Spangler can provide!



Steve Shekell
Cadiz, KY

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Connecting With Each Student

Through Mr. Shekell's interactive, energetic dialogue all participants will experience the deep meaning of relationships and how they impact student achievement. Explore the rationale for creating positive relationships with each student and why it is so important for educators. Steve will utilize a number of models

addressing and demonstrating the recognition of diversity, learning preferences, attitudes, and behaviors. He will explore the commonly held idea of "how you believe is how you behave" and it shows! Steve's enthusiasm and student advocacy contributes to his belief that all students can be successful in their respective learning environments. This leads to the creation of a positive learning experience for both educators and students.

Conference Schedule

Wednesday April 9, 2008

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration Table Open

Thursday April 10, 2008

7:00 – 3:00 p.m. Registration Table Open
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. General Session
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Break
9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session I
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 – Noon Concurrent Session II
Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Session III
2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break
3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Session IV
4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Optional Team Meetings
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Friday April 11, 2008

7:00 – Noon Registration Table Open
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. General Session
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Break
9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session I
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 – Noon Concurrent Session II
Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Concurrent Session III
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Session IV
3:45 p.m. Adjourn

Saturday April 12, 2008

Optional Post-Conference
(Additional fee applies)

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Full Breakfast Buffet
8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Morning Session
11:00 – Noon Plated Lunch
Noon – 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Session
3:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Important Opportunities

Meet the Presenters

Time is allotted every day of the conference to meet and chat with the presenters. If you have more questions than you can ask during a breakout session, or want to "pick the brain" of the of our national experts, you will have time provided to do so. There is no extra charge. This opportunity is included with your registration.

Conference Strands

For your convenience, all sessions are offered in one of three strands.

The **LEADERSHIP STRAND** addresses issues of whole district and whole school reform, strategic planning, and shared decision making.

The **CLASSROOM STRAND** addresses issues of excellence in instruction, student achievement, and ready-to-use classroom strategies.

The **FIELD STRAND** is reserved for schools to present on their achievements so far in the implementation of career academies, career pathways, and small learning communities.

To Register go to

www.neponline.org



Steve Sassaman
Harrisburg, PA

Motivating Unmotivated Students

Discover what causes kids to “tune out” and see how to tune them back in – in a BIG way! Use the opportunities SLCs provide to stimulate student engagement and achievement.

Teaching Students to Accept Responsibility for Their Own Learning

Today’s teachers are called upon to teach social skills, values, character education and (oh, by the way) content. When students learn to accept responsibility for their own behavior and learning, teachers are freed to focus more on content mastery and creating powerful learning experiences. Participants will get strategies to help students succeed.



Sandra Fink
Rochester, NY

Effective Leadership Decision-Making

Examine rationale that goes into decisions that lead to sustainability, as well as decisions that erode it. See how effective leaders match up their day-to-day decisions with their vision and goals.

Strategies for Struggling Students

This session will explore common misconceptions of who struggling students are and what they need. Sandra will also show ready-to-use-right-now strategies and tactics to help students in the lower quartile that every teacher can use.



Billie Donegan
Colorado Spgs, CO

Increasing 9th Grade Success: A Dozen Possibilities

Ms. Donegan is the foremost national authority on freshman academies, what makes them work, and how you can do it, too. If you are just starting an academy for ninth graders and want to know how to do it, or already have one and want to make it even more effective, Billie will give you concrete and ready-to-use ideas to help kids through that difficult transition year.

Teaching ALL Students as Honors

Every student, regardless of the obstacles, is capable of high academic achievement. All that is needed is opportunity and a teacher with demanding expectations and relentless support of the learner. Participants will see how expectations and support work together in their classrooms and how to tap into that amazing potential every student has!



Jean Miyahira
Honolulu, HI

The Perfect Mix: Maintaining Balance

Is it possible for educational programs to maintain a balance as the number-one issue on the minds of educators is meeting AYP for all students? How do you align values and interests and still be able to maintain accountability, commitment, and decision making to reach the next level? Learn how the Perfect Mix will reinforce your bridges for the balance you need: high expectations and achievement for students while tying into the important factors that engage and motivate learners.



Mark A. Thompson
Denver, CO

Needs Assessments that Work (& Keep On Working!)

Educational reform or flavor of the month? Whether your high school redesign succeeds over the years is often a matter of pre-planning, understanding national trends, and building on the Five Keys for Successful Career Academies. Look at essential elements of workable needs assessments and how to continue assessing your academies to insure they are the fundamental educational shift you want them to be!

Meaningful Instruction Through Curriculum Integration

Explore what makes instruction meaningful to the learner, how to create and develop integrated instruction, and down & dirty ways to plan it and document it with your team. You may never want to teach in isolation again!



Connie Majka
Philadelphia, PA

From Boring to Soaring: Creating Powerful Partnerships

Schools are eager to create successful partnerships with community organizations and businesses. They often discover they are speaking a different language from their desired partners. Connie draws on her many years of experience as an intermediary between schools and the community to share important tips and strategies to make your advisory committee a potent partner in student achievement!

OTHER GREAT SESSIONS INCLUDE

- Unified Leadership and Shared Vision
- Creating a Climate of Success
- Adding Up Math Successes in Your Academy
- Sustainability & Continual Improvement
- Taming the Master Schedule
- Language Arts Vertical Teaming
- Active Learning
- Middle School Transition
- Peer Coaching for Successful Teachers
- MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Organizations presenting include:

- High Schools That Work
- The National Academy Foundation
- The University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV)
- High schools from California, Illinois, Florida, Texas, New York, Nevada, Alabama, Oregon & Utah!

Viva! Spectacular
Venue



The NEP Conference Hotel
The World-Famous
Flamingo



3555 Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Ask for the NEP room rate of only \$139 per night.
Book your room on the conference webpage at
www.neponline.org

***** Book your room early! *****
This hotel will sell out.

Travel Information

The Flamingo Hotel is right on the historic Las Vegas Strip, and only a 10 minute taxi ride from McCarran International Airport. Once you are on-site at the conference hotel, many attractions, entertainment options and fine restaurants are within easy walking distance. For \$10 per day, you can catch the monorail at the conference hotel and ride it almost anywhere along the Strip.

If you wish to book a tour of the Hoover Dam for you and your team, or arrange travel to someplace further out, transportation and tour can be arranged with the concierge.

If you decide on a rental car, you will find all major car rental companies at the airport. Parking at the Flamingo Hotel is \$18 per day.

You really don't want to miss this.

Performance Learning Systems has provided onsite & online professional development, as well as college graduate courses on classroom excellence for over 35 years. To learn more, go to www.plsweb.com!

The National Educator Program (NEP) is the high school redesign division of Performance Learning Systems. For over a decade, the NEP has provided premiere staff development for educators in forty-one states and has hosted national and regional conferences for career academies and small learning communities for the last six years.



The *SLC Success Conference* is consistently identified as one of the best of its kind by participants because of the quality of content and presenters, and the unprecedented access participants are given to experts in the field. This is three days that will change your school!



To register go to www.neponline.org

Viva! **Optional Post-Conference**



Penny Jadwin
Panama City, FL

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Going Beyond Grades: Assessment for Learning, Self-Reflection & Goal-Setting

Twenty years of research prove the principles of assessment FOR learning increases student confidence as learners. It also increases desire to learn and improves academic performance – especially with under-performing students. Participants in this innovative post-conference session will learn how to quickly apply these techniques in working with students, designing assessments lined to standards-based instruction, teaching students to evaluate their own progress and set their own goals. See how to give students ownership of the learning process and watch their achievement soar!

COST: The post-conference session is optional and costs \$150 per person. Fee includes all materials, a full hot breakfast buffet and plated lunch. Prepare to be pampered while you make progress!

Register Online at

www.neponline.org

or complete the registration form below for mail or fax

Conference Registration Form

Participant Information

Name & phone number of person filling out form (if different from participant)

Full name

Position / Title

Employer / School Site

School Address

School Address 2

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

Payment Information

Check the following:

Early Registration \$389 per person
(On or before Feb 11, 2008)

Regular Registration \$439 per person
(On or after Feb 12, 2008)

Optional Post-Conference Session
\$150 per person

TOTAL \$

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1. Go online to the National Educator Program website at www.neponline.org/conferences.htm
2. Call (800) 757-3878
3. Fax enclosed form to (702) 752-1133

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IMPORTANT DATES

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