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The Doubletree Magnificent Mile
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March 9-12, 2011

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21st Annual Conference  
Innovations in Educator Preparation 21st Century School Staffing  

PRELIMINARY AGENDA  

Wednesday, March 9  
8:00-6:00  Registration Open  
9:00-4:00  Haberman Star Teacher Selection Training  
9:00-12:00  Professional Development Workshops  
1:00-4:00  Professional Development Workshops  
4:15-6:00  Committee Meetings  
7:30-8:30  Reception for State Representatives  

Thursday, March 10  
7:00-6:00  Registration Open  
7:30-8:15  Welcome Breakfast  
8:15-9:45  General Session  
Speaker: Rita Pierson  
10:00-10:45  Break-out Sessions  
11:00-11:45  Break-out Sessions  
12:00-1:30  Luncheon and General Session  
Speaker: Victoria Bernhardt  
1:45-3:00  NAAC Regional Meetings  
3:15-4:00  Break-out Sessions  
4:15-5:00  Break-out Sessions  
5:00-6:30  Networking Reception  
Sponsored by LiveText  

Friday, March 11  
7:30-9:00  Registration Open  
7:30-8:00  Breakfast  
8:00-9:15  Scholarship Presentations  
9:15-10:00  General Session  
Speaker: Jo Anderson  
10:15-12:00  Policy and Research General Session:  
Panel of State Agency Administrators  
12:00-12:30  Discussion Groups on Policy and Research  
12:30-1:45  Luncheon and Membership Meeting:  
State of the Organization  
2:00-3:00  Showcase of Successes  
3:15-4:15  Break-out Sessions  
4:15-5:00  Break-out Sessions  
6:00-8:00  Dine-Arounds  

Saturday, March 12  
8:00-11:00  Registration Open  
8:00-9:15  Closing Breakfast  
9:30-10:30  Break-out Sessions  
10:45-11:45  Closing General Session  
Speaker: Kathleen Paliokas  
12:00  Adjournment  

FEATURED SPEAKERS  

Rita Pierson  
Educator and Consultant, North Star Education  

Victoria Bernhardt  
Executive Director, Education for the Future Initiative  

Jo Anderson  
Senior Advisor to the Secretary, US Department of Education  

Kathleen Paliokas  
Program Director, InTASC Council of State School Officers  

SPECIAL PRESENTATION  

Wavelength  

The acclaimed Chicago comedy troupe offers a fresh perspective on the key challenges in education today. Wavelength’s founder, Jim Winter, will entertain us at the Networking reception on Thursday, March 10.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS
Wednesday, March 9, 2011

9 am – 4 pm; $200
Workshop 1: Haberman Star Teacher Selection Interview Training
Special one-time offer: As part of its ongoing sponsorship of the NAAC annual conference, the Haberman Educational Foundation will offer this preconference workshop for just $200 -- half the usual rate.

The Haberman research-based selection instrument is a valuable resource for directors of alternative certification programs and others charged with making hiring decisions. The interview selects teachers for the most challenging of students and boasts a 95% accuracy rate in predicting which teachers will stay and which ones will leave or fail. Trainees will learn the questions and scoring for each of the seven dimensions assessed, including active practice with trainers and video selections. The interview goes hand-in-hand with the Haberman online teacher pre-screener test.

This six-hour workshop does not include lunch. A minimum number of registrants is required. If the minimum is not met by February 11, the workshop will be cancelled and workshop registration fees will be fully refunded.
Presenter: Delia Stafford-Johnson, President and CEO, The Haberman Educational Foundation

9 am – 12 noon; $75
Workshop 2: Constructing the Blueprints of Nontraditional Teacher Preparation Programs
This workshop is designed for delivering agents (IHE’s, LEA’s, SEA’s, service centers, for profits, etc.) interested in the development of a program for a nontraditional pathway to licensure, or for agents interested in restructuring existing programs to yield greater impact. Participants will gain knowledge relevant to the structures, systems, and sustainability practices that can support a nontraditional program through the education remodeling process. Time will be provided to examine existing practices, and to draw blue prints that frame future actions that can inform decision making and lead to broader impact. This is an interactive session with handouts provided.
Presenters: Judie Hayes, Educational Consultant, Kelso, WA; Karen Peterson, Governors State University, and Nell Ingram, Director, Educator and Leadership Training, Dallas Independent School District

9 am – 12 noon; $75
Workshop 3: The Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching, Part 1
The Framework for Teaching is a research-based set of components of instruction, aligned to the InTASC Standards, and grounded in a constructivist view of learning and teaching. Levels of teaching performance (rubrics) describe each component and provide a roadmap for improvement of teaching. The Framework may be used as the foundation of a school or district’s mentoring, coaching, professional development and teacher evaluation processes, thus linking all those activities together and helping teachers become more thoughtful practitioners. This morning session will be similar to the 2010 workshop presented by Karyn Wright; however, the afternoon session (Part 2) offers more in-depth exploration of the concepts presented.
Presenter: Karyn Wright, Consultant, The Danielson Group

9 am – 12 noon; $75
Workshop 4: Supporting Reflective Practice and Strengthening Retention Through Critical Friends Groups
Critical Friends Groups (CFG) can provide a powerful tool for supporting interns and lead to increased persistence and retention in the program and the field. CFGs are professional learning communities that enable educators to improve their practice through collaborative learning. They provide a framework for interns to meet regularly in structured sessions with trained coaches. Experience what it’s like to work in a CFG as you explore how to implement this model with a cohort of interns to encourage shared learning, provide mutual support, and establish a foundation for life-long reflective practice and professional development.
Presenter: Jonett Edwards Miniel, Grants Director, Alternative Certification Program, Houston ISD

9 am – 12 noon; $75
Workshop 5: Web 2.0 Tools for Teacher Preparation and 21st Century Classrooms
Explore Web 2.0 tools that can be incorporated into the online teaching and learning process. Use Wolfram Alpha, a search tool for in-depth research in science, mathematics, social studies and other subjects. Search YouTube and find ideal movie clips and learn to download them with a web-based tool called Clipnabber. Discover the collaborative tools in Google Docs and how Google Docs forms can be used for online surveys or tests. Explore private and public
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Wednesday, March 9, 2011

wikis and how they can be used for online collaboration. Discover Stixy, a bulletin board tool that students can use as a group or individually. Explore social bookmarking tools that are ideal and necessary for online research projects. Search Slideshare, a resource which is a repository for PowerPoint Presentations, pdf files, and/or Open Office documents. 

Presenter: David McCarthy, Professor, University of Minnesota, Duluth

1 pm – 4 pm; $75  
Workshop 6: The Charlotte Danielson  
Framework for Teaching, Part 2  
See description for workshop 3 This afternoon session offers more in-depth exploration of the concepts presented in Part 1, and is designed for anyone who participated in that workshop in the morning or at the 2010 NAAC conference. 

Presenter: Karyn Wright, Consultant, The Danielson Group

1 pm – 4 pm; $75  
Workshop 7: The New Teacher Center  
Induction Model  
Develop or improve your new teacher support program using the principles and practices of the highly successful New Teacher Center Induction Model. The model is guided by the belief that learning to teach requires support from skilled mentors who assess and respond to new teachers’ needs and promote classroom practices that improve all students’ achievement. This workshop is designed for educators who develop and implement policies and programs that support beginning teachers or oversee and conduct professional development for mentors who work with beginning teachers. 

Presenter: Cynthia Brunswick, Director, Chicago New Teacher Center

1:00 pm-3:30 pm; $75  
Workshop 8: The Ruby Payne Framework for Understanding Poverty: An Overview  
Those who prepare and support educators need to help novice teachers better connect to students by providing answers to the following questions: how does poverty impact learning, work habits and decision making? The reality of living in poverty turns student attention away from opportunities taken for granted by others. This workshop provides practical, real-world support and guidance for overcoming barriers and helping students succeed. 

Presenter: Lynda Byrd, Educational Consultant, Plainfield, IL

ABOUT NAAC

Advocating Educator Excellence for Every Student. The National Association for Alternative Certification (NAAC) is the professional organization that advocates for standards-driven nontraditional educator preparation leading to effective school staffing. NAAC reviews trends and issues to inform practices and policies relevant to recruitment, preparation, certification, support, assessment, and retention of high-performing educators.

INTERN STRAND

Spark the flame for life-long professional learning among your interns. We encourage each alternate route program to bring at least one intern to the NAAC Annual Conference to participate in a special Intern Strand. Interns will have the opportunity to attend all the plenary sessions, meal functions, and receptions and will attend special break-out sessions designed to meet their specific needs. This strand is specially priced to enable participation of more interns.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Doubletree Magnificent Mile, located between the famed Magnificent Mile shopping district and the excitement of Navy Pier is a stylish, comfortable urban oasis. This downtown hotel is 30-45 minutes from both O’Hare International Airport (ORD) and Chicago Midway Airport (MDW). The room rate is just $139 a night. Hotel reservations must be made by February 14, 2011 to be eligible for the discounted group rate.

Book online at www.doubleremenigmil.com and use the group code NAAC to receive the discounted rate. Or call 1-312-787-6100 to make your reservation and reference: NAAC National Conference. If you would like to book early or stay late, call the hotel to make your reservation.

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- Workshop 1: Haberman Star Teacher Selection Interview Training $200
- Professional Workshop 2: Constructing the Blueprint for Nontraditional Teacher Preparation Programs: Part 1 $75
- Professional Workshop 3: Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching Part 1 $75
- Professional Workshop 4: Supporting Reflective Practice and Strengthening Retention Through Critical Friends Groups $75
- Professional Workshop 5: Web 2.0 Tools and Their Potential in Teacher Preparation and 21st Century Classrooms $75
- Professional Workshop 6: Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching Part 2 $75
- Professional Workshop 7: The New Teacher Center Induction Model $75
- Professional Workshop 8: The Ruby Payne Framework for Understanding Poverty: An Overview $75
- Guest Registration Fee (Includes the two receptions and any non-food functions) $35

Optional:
- □ NAAC Membership Dues $50
- □ NAAC Intern Membership Dues $15

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Questions? Call Judy Corcillo at 202-277-3600 or email: judyc@alternativecertification.org

Registration and refund policy: Full payment or original purchase order must accompany registration and be completed online or postmarked by February 14, 2011. After February 14th, registration will only be accepted on a space-available basis and late fee will apply.
Cancellations/Refund requests must be made in writing and postmarked by February 14, 2011. Cancellations will be charged a $150 processing fee. No refund requests will be honored after February 14, 2011.

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