

Leadership Conference 2008

True North: Leading Towards Achievement



October 22 - 24, 2008
University of Connecticut
Lewis B. Rome Ballroom
South Campus Complex
Storrs, CT

Leadership Conference Overview

Wednesday, October 22

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Conference Registration in Lobby of Nathan Hale Inn
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Morning Session
12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Consultancy
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet

Thursday, October 23

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.	School-wide Strategies Breakout Sessions
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Brand-Specific Breakout Sessions
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Classroom Strategies Breakout Sessions
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Role-alike Breakout Sessions

Friday, October 24

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Consultancy
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Closing Session

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

- 7:00 am – 9:00 am **Conference Registration** in the Lobby, Nathan Hale Inn and Conference Center
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast Buffet** in the Pavilion, Nathan Hale Inn
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am **Welcome** – *Lauren Rodriguez*
Location: Rome Ballroom A and B
- 9:30 am – 10:15 am **Nine Characteristics of Highly Performing Schools**
– *Gene Chasin, Director of IUSI*
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am **Arts Presentation** – *West Side Middle School* Select Boys Choir, Waterbury, CT
Adoramus Te, by Jerry Estes
Rhythm of Life, by Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields
Together As One, by Jay Althouse
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am **Beverage Break** in the Rome Ballroom Lobby
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Exploring the Nine Characteristics**
– *Denise Nelson and Eleanor Herr*
This session will direct participants to apply the nine characteristics to your school site in a carousel activity.
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Hot Lunch Buffet** in the Pavilion, Nathan Hale Inn
- 1:00 pm – 3:15 pm **Consultancy Protocol for Problem Solving**
Location: Rome Ballroom A and B
A Consultancy is a structured process for helping an individual or a team think more expansively about a particular, concrete dilemma. This session will introduce the protocol and we will begin the problem solving process by working in small groups.
- 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Beverages** available in the Rome Ballroom Lobby
- 3:15 pm **Closure**
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Meet and Greet** in the Pavilion, Nathan Hale Inn
Join us for some casual conversation, appetizers, drinks, and great music! Live music provided by The Sons. Cash bar available.

Thursday, October 23, 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast Buffet in the Pavilion, Nathan Hale Inn

9:00 am – 10:30 am

True North School-wide Strategies

**The session you attend will have been pre-determined on Wednesday.*

Positive Behavior Supports (PBS)

– Brandi Simonson, PhD, Location: Rome Ballroom A

This session will provide an overview of school-wide positive behavior support (SWPBS). SWPBS provides an organizational framework for improving the social behavior climate of the schools and supporting or enhancing the impact of academic instruction on achievement and increasing proactive management. Content will be presented in a lecture format with opportunities for participant questions and participation.

School Culture

– Lisa Jaszcz, Location: Rome Ballroom B

Come join in the fun! Together we will create a “buzzing” atmosphere that exemplifies a positive classroom climate through the use of tried and true examples, ideas and best practices. If you are interested in developing a positive climate in your classroom or school, this is the session for you!

Using Inquiry for Data-driven Decision-making

– Robin Totten, Location: Rome Ballroom C

Come learn a simple five-step process that can help your school use data to solve problems and make-decisions. This session will introduce the five steps of Inquiry and give an overview of how your school can use it for large problems, flexibly for smaller challenges, or for grade level and department teams.

1st and 2nd Order Change

– Dentse Nelson, Location: Rome Ballroom D

It takes more than laying structures in place to change schools. Transformation happens when the school culture (process, philosophy and beliefs) changes. These transformations have to take place in order to successfully accelerate student achievement. There are two kinds of change: First Order Change and Second Order Change. This session will explore school culture and how Second Order Change is an important tenet of a high performing school.

Thursday, October 23, 2008

10:00 am – 11:00 pm **CommPACT Board Members Meeting**

Location: Rome Ballroom Portico

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Beverage Break** in the Rome Ballroom Lobby

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Accelerated Schools plus Breakout**

Location: Rome Ballroom A

CommPACT Schools Breakout

Location: Rome Ballroom E

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Hot Lunch Buffet** in the Pavilion, Nathan Hale Inn

1:00 pm – 2:10 pm **True North Classroom Strategies**

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Academic Rigor

– Robin Totten, Location: Rome Ballroom A

Academic Rigor...one of the latest buzz words in education. In an interactive way, this session will explore the following questions: What is academic rigor? What does it look like in a classroom? Is instruction at my school academically rigorous? How can we increase academic rigor at our school?

Integrated Instruction

– Lisa Jaszcz, Location: Rome Ballroom B

Integrate derives from a Latin word that means to make whole or renew. This highly engaging, interactive session will help participants learn the basics of integrated instruction. We will explore the "what", "how", and "context" of powerful instruction through an integrated lens, while demonstrating the power of "integration" in the classroom in order to make learning whole for our students.

Motivating Learners Through Goal Setting

– Eleanor Herr, Location: Rome Ballroom C

Learn how to empower your students through goal setting, building on their strengths to achieve their goals, and assessing their own progress. Help your students take ownership for their learning! Learners who BELIEVE they can succeed at school do!

Join our Online Professional Courses !!

Institute for Urban School Improvement (IUSI) offers **Online Professional Development** to our affiliated schools. IUSI is offering three online courses – Acceleration, Powerful Learning, and Academic Rigor.

Acceleration

This course is designed to encourage and support dialogue/discussion and reflective practices in the areas of the principles of acceleration, the values of Accelerated Schools plus and the creation of an environment of acceleration through powerful learning.

Powerful Learning

This course explores Powerful Learning through practical application of the PL components. Participants reflect on their own teaching practices while discussing, revising and reflecting on their lessons.

Academic Rigor

This course is designed to help teachers define rigor while offering strategies and skills that lead to more in depth academic practice.

Courses Dates:

- Session: January 21, 2009 – March 4, 2009
(Registration: December 1, 2008 – December 12, 2008)
- Session: March 25, 2009 – May 6, 2009
(Registration: February 16, 2009 – February 27, 2009)
- Session: May 6, 2009 – June 17, 2009
(Registration: March 30, 2009 – April 10, 2009)

For more information, please visit www.acceleratedschools.net.
CEUs awarded for each session.



