

CONNECTIONS CONFERENCES '99

Building Stronger Education-to-Careers Pathways

Program

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Crowne Plaza
Springfield, Illinois
June 7-8, 1999



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CONNECTIONS '99 CONFERENCE

AGENDA

Monday, June 7, 1999

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Opening Comments
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Presentation with Steve Rizzo
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Showcasing Education-to-Careers Innovations
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon in the Ballroom
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Showcasing Education-to-Careers Innovations
4:30 p.m.	All school teams from schools attending on the Connections Scholarship grants should meet in the Plaza E room at 4:30 p.m. This is an important meeting and will include information on how to access an additional \$1,000.00 in funding for your school.
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Networking Social in the Ballroom

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Showcasing Education-to-Careers Innovations
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon in the Ballroom
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Keynote Presentation with Keith Herral

NETWORKING SOCIAL!!

Share your experiences with your colleagues!

Tuesday, June 7, 1999 - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ballroom

Hors D'oeuvres and the live band Picture This

Food will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Fresh vegetables, dip & cheese buffet
- Old Bay deviled eggs
- Salami coronets stuffed with cream cheese
- Cherry tomatoes stuffed with herbed cream cheese
- Cold smoked Atlantic salmon, bagels, Sliced red onions and capers
- Roast tenderloin of beef with béarnaise sauce and cracked black pepper
- Smoked breast of turkey with mango nutmeg and honey mustard
- Chinese egg rolls with sweet & sour sauce
- Crab Rangoon with curried honey mustard
- Spanikapita phyllo pastry stuffed with cream cheese and spinach
- Fried chicken tenders with BBQ sauce
- Miniature pizza bagels
- Assorted sweet bites
- Coffee station (regular, decaf & flavored), teas. Special toppings including whipped cream, chocolate shavings, orange zest and sugar cubes
- Complimentary beer - compliments of Crowne Plaza & In Focus Audio Visual

CONNECTIONS '99 CONFERENCE

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Steve Rizzo

Keynote Session:

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Ballroom - April 20, 1999

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Steve Rizzo is an individual who doesn't always go with the flow of life; he sometimes dives into it. Some call him The Entertainer With A Message, and for good reason. He has been a headlining comedian for over 17 years and has appeared on HBO, Showtime, Evening at the Improv, Comic Strip Live, The Comedy Channel, and many other network and cablevision shows.

Now Steve coaches people on how to utilize their Sense of Humor as a tool so they can be More Creative, More Productive and Achieve Maximum Performance in the work place and in their personal lives.

Learn to Laugh Off Your Fears!

Learn How to Sway Your Emotions to Work For You not against you.

Learn How to Acquire a Whole New Attitude to dealing with negativity and the everyday pressures of life.

Keith Harrell

Keynote Session:

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Ballroom - June 8, 1999

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As a nationally acclaimed speaker, Keith Harrell is highly recognized for his innovative and enlightening presentations.

His messages have been described by many as powerful, dynamic, energetic, humorous and motivational!

Keith has traveled around the world positively impacting the professional and personal lives of people. His credentials include "BEST SPEAKER" by Guide Europe, Innsbrook, Austria, as well as, "BEST SPEAKER" of several national and international conferences.

Keith spent 14 years with IBM as an executive, and today he is president of Harrell & Associates, Ltd.

He is a member of the National Speakers Association and American Society of Training & Development.

Some of Keith's clients include Kodak, U.S. Sprint, Dean Witter, Texaco, IBM, the CIA and a host of others.

Keith's new book entitled "Attitude is Everything" is now available and it is the title of his closing keynote speech.

FEATURED SPEAKERS - CONTINUED

Chad Foster

Concurrent Sessions:

- Teenagers Preparing for the Real World: The Inside Scoop that You Won't Learn in School.
8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Plaza E - June 8, 1999
- Book Signing Session
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Plaza E - June 8, 1999
- Teenagers Preparing for the Real World: The Inside Scoop that You Won't Learn in School.
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Plaza E - June 8, 1999

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A much sought after speaker in the world of teenage motivation, Chad Foster's ability to see things as teenagers see them establishes an immediate bond between speaker and audience- whether the audience is filled with teenagers, parents or educators. His message is powerful, entertaining, and simple, all wrapped into one.

Entering business at age 19, Chad had to rely on the relationships he developed and the skills he learned as a teenager, to prepare him for the real world. The preparation paid off as he developed and marketed a unique product made from recycled tires. That product is soft playground surface that you see at McDonald's restaurants throughout the country.

Retired at age 33, the author and speaker is committed to sharing his skills of success with America's teenagers, as they prepare to face their own real world. Chad is a native of Louisiana and now makes his home in Atlanta, Georgia, where he spends his time writing, speaking and fly fishing.

Harlan Cotter

Concurrent Sessions:

- The Real Story of the Classroom Wars
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Plaza F - June 8, 1999
- A Ten Year Look at Block Scheduling
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Plaza F - June 8, 1999

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Butch Cotter, Superintendent of Seneca High School, has been in public education for twenty-nine years as a coach, teacher, and administrator. Butch has spoken throughout the United States, Central America, and South America more than thirteen hundred times to educational and business audiences. Butch is in his sixteenth year at Seneca High School, and is considered the FATHER OF BLOCK SCHEDULING in Illinois, Seneca being the first school in Illinois to use the concept of longer class periods.

Butch earned his Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and psychology from Illinois State University and has earned graduate degrees from Northern Illinois University and Illinois State University in educational administration. He serves many school districts as a consultant and is a special consultant to the State Department for Overseas Schools.

When Butch grows up he claims he doesn't want to be a Superintendent, but rather a return to the Friday night lights and wars of football coaching. During his thirteen year coaching career, teams playing for Coach Cotter won 90% of their games earning Butch the reputation of a great motivator for students and adults. His unique presentation is similar to a half-time talk to get his audience ready to play a great second half.

FEATURED SPEAKERS - CONTINUED

Susan Goodale

Concurrent Sessions:

- Team Building: We Are All in it Together
8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Plaza I - June 8, 1999
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9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Plaza I - June 8, 1999
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10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Plaza I - June 8, 1999

Susan Goodale is an engaging, inspiring, and dynamic presenter and workshop trainer with more than 30 years experience in education and human behavior. With masters degrees in both educational administration and mental health counseling, she has been a teacher of high school, community college, and university graduate students, a school administrator, feature writer, marriage and family therapist, and a business and educational consultant who presents to audiences across the nation. She is a highly requested and often featured speaker at state and national conferences and holds membership in a national speakers' bureau and the International Platform Association. In addition, Susan is a certified school counselor and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor who has received state and national recognition for her work with families and young people.

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Harvey Alston

Concurrent Sessions:

- Be the Best
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Plaza I - June 7, 1999
- Be the Best
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Plaza I - June 7, 1999

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Harvey Alston has a background in counseling, teaching, head football coach of Columbus East High School in Ohio to Assistant Director of Student financial Aid at the university level. As an educator Harvey has served in the language arts, science and mathematics curricula. He was instrumental in the promotion and direction of physical education and body building programming. At the university level, Alston's works include teaching, administration, and student counseling. Alston served in both business management and in supervisory positions in the restaurant business. He is the recipient of literally scores of community awards and continues as advisor to numerous civic boards, panels, and commissions. Alston has spoken to thousands of groups and presents his program called "BE THE BEST" Alston is the author of four books which are "BE THE BEST"; "BLACK MALES"; "BOOK OF WISDOM FOR TEACHERS"; AND "BOOK OF WISDOM FOR SPEAKERS".

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- For each session attended, please fill out an evaluation form and return it to the presenter.
- Also, at the closing luncheon, a Connections '99 overall conference evaluation form will be placed at the tables. Please complete the form and leave it on the table after the luncheon.
- If you have not received a receipt for your registration payment, please contact the Illinois State University's Conferencing Unit at 309-438-2160. They will not be provided at the registration tables.
- After the conference, instead of throwing your name badge/tie and program booklet away, we urge you to recycle them at the registration tables in the boxes marked recycle.
- Chad Foster will be available for signing his book "Teenagers, Preparing for the Real World" as well as selling additional copies of the book in Plaza E, at 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on June 8, 1999.
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Capital III

Levels:

- Secondary
- Postsecondary
- Business/Industry

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- Business
- Connecting Activities
- Computer Tech

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Empower Students with MOUS Certification

Diane Kruger, Instructor, Belleville Area College

Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS) Certification: What is it? Who needs it? What will it do ... for business? Educators? Students?

Finally, an industry-endorsed certification is available for Office Technology students! No longer will educators have to wonder what skills employers are seeking. Nor will businesses have to wonder just what skills a student possesses. If a student is certified as "Proficient" or "Expert" in any of the Microsoft Office applications, employers will know exactly what skills the student can perform.

Participants in this session will learn how MOUS certification helps educators achieve Education-to-Career goals by ... providing a common standard for assessment ... providing students with a transportable credential ... providing a means for articulation.

Capital IV

Levels:

- Secondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Curriculum Integration
- Improved Instruction
- Language Arts

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The Miracle Worker Goes Down With The Titanic: A Flexible Approach to Non-fiction

Robert Taylor, Chair English Department, Carbondale Community High School

The literature dominated non-fiction unit commonly taught in freshman and sophomore English classes should be changed to emphasize different contents and different skills. The unit that will be presented includes non-traditional content that can include contract, policy memos, editorials, and journal articles. Reading and summary writing skills are the initial focus of instruction with a multitude of possibilities thereafter. This session will show you how to teach this unit.

Capital V

Levels:

- Elementary

Audience:

- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Agriculture
- Curriculum Integration
- History/Social Studies
- Improved Instruction
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science/Social Science
- Special Needs

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The Wonderful World of Work: Thematic Units for Elementary Students

Leonard Bogle, Superintendent, Virginia CUSD #64

This program was developed by the staff at Lincoln Elementary, Jacksonville, Illinois, to provide the students with exposure to a wide variety of jobs available within the community. All subjects from the core subject group to art, P.E. and music were involved in the development of these activities. Students developed the identified academic skills of the district while working in cooperative groups with all subjects for the entire week focusing on the work world. Explanations of how to set up a similar project, the steps necessary for proper implementation, funding assistance and handouts of completed lesson plans will be made available during and after the presentation.

Governor

Levels:

- Elementary
- Middle/Jr. High School
- Secondary
- Business/Industry

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Connecting Activities
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology Education
- Work-Based Learning

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Challenge, Exploration, Connection

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Challenge, Exploration, Connections. A 3-tier approach to recruiting and retraining students in nontraditional programs. Learn strategies to integrate equity into career and technical education plans for elementary, middle and secondary students. Enlist the help of parents, youth groups and community organizations in promoting nontraditional career options and advocating gender-fair practices in all Education-to-Careers programs.

Illinois

Levels:

- All

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- All

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Education-to-Careers-- Clarifying the Vision

Susie Morrison, ISBE

This presentation will provide an overview of the Illinois Education-to-Careers initiative. The ETC initiative, linked to high learning standards, can strengthen education, support meaningful career preparation and promote lifelong learning.

Plaza A

Levels:

- Elementary
- Secondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Guidance Counselors
- Parents
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Fine Arts
- Business
- Career Development
- Curriculum Integration
- Connecting Activities
- Family & Consumer Science
- Improved Instruction
- Mathematics
- Program Development
- Science/Social Science
- Special Needs
- Technology Education
- Work-based Learning

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SPICE (Cinnamon, Nutmeg & Sugar) - TOOLS FOR LEARNING

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Frank Willis, Music Department, Williamsfield
Cathy Shover, 3rd Grade, Williamsfield Grade School
Starla Yelm, Media Center Specialist, Williamsfield

In the world of learning, many principles enter into the child's concept of how this will apply to the world of work, or will I be able to use this later in life? At Williamsfield District 210 high school students and third graders explored some of these options with an engaged learning project called "SPICE." The use of gingerbread houses and cinnamon ornaments led to some interesting learning concepts. All learners experienced a multitude of problem solving and teamwork skills. Careers were also explored in depth in the area of entrepreneurship and industry connections were correlated with the "SPICE PROJECT". The goals of the program were to integrate a number of programs within the school, encourage community participation, and explore business ventures that encourage our students to invest in our community.

Plaza B

Levels:

- Secondary
- Postsecondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Business Industry/Labor
- Guidance Counselors
- Parents
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

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Education-to-Careers: Working in a Block Schedule

Bruce Dye, Director, Collinsville Area Vocational Center
Ms. Karen Perry, Assistant Principal, Collinsville Unit 10 School District

The staff at Collinsville High School has made the commitment to change from a traditional schedule to a block 8 schedule for the 1999-2000 school year. This change has resulted in the need for adjustments and expansion of the Career Pathways designed to meet the future needs of CHS students. We will explain the process that we used as well as opportunities and difficulties encountered as we made the change to a Block 8 Schedule.

Plaza C

Levels:

- Middle/Jr. High

Audience:

- Administrators
- Guidance Counselors
- Parents
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Curriculum Integration
- Connecting Activities
- Program Development

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Developing a Middle School Career Curriculum

Peggy Murphy, Middle School Counselor, Illinois Valley Central District #321
Jennie Hawkey, Illinois Valley Central High School

Educationally we are "requiring" our eighth graders to tell us what career pathway they are most interested in following in their search for a profession. We are asking eighth grade students, one-third of whom, according to research, do not even see the connections between school and their future. This educational and career aimlessness is addressed by having a career curriculum that helps students realize, through their activities, the connection between school and their future as workers. Many things we educators are already doing. We sometimes just need to make minor adjustments in our presentation so the students realize these things are a part of their future. Middle school students are in transition. With facts about the world-of-work and their options, middle school students will be able to make wise personal choices about their future profession and more immediately about their high school courses. At the conclusion of the session, you will walk away with a plan for a middle school career curriculum you can further develop and make your own. Plus, you will be given the letters, ideas, and handouts that you will be able to adopt for immediate implementation in your classroom, grade level, school building, or unit district. This is the product of five years of development and continual revision.

Plaza D

Levels:

- Elementary
- Middle/Jr. High
- Secondary
- Postsecondary
- Business/Industry

Audience:

- Administrators
- Business Industry/Labor
- Parents
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Connecting Activities
- Family & Consumer Science
- Improved Instruction
- Program Development
- Work-based Learning

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Illinois Partnerships 2000: A Guide for Schools, Families, Businesses and Communities

Gary Greene, Principal Consultant, Illinois State Board of Education

Illinois Partnerships 2000 (IP2) is a framework recommended by ISBE for analyzing partnerships already in place, meeting School Improvement Plan goals, and facilitating communication. All educational stakeholders need to know about IP2. This session will provide an overview of the framework and samples of its application.

Plaza E

Levels:

- Elementary
- Middle/Jr.
- Secondary
- Postsecondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Guidance Counselors
- Parents
- Teachers

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Curriculum Integration
- Connecting Activities
- History
- Language Arts
- Math
- Program Development
- Science
- Special Needs
- Work-Based Learning

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Self Employment Skills Training for Students: Option or Entitlement?

Zira Smith, Director of Education, Illinois Institute for Entrepreneurship Education

Illinois Institute for Entrepreneurship Education prepares teachers to recognize their obligation to ask today's students the question, "Did you know you could own your business?" The presenter will reveal some of the findings from a grounded theory dissertation study which analyzed input from unemployed students about whether a self-employment skills training program would correlate to participants' issues and problems concerning employment. The workshop will also address how research from this study currently impacts instruction in the nation's only state funded, tuition-free entrepreneurship teacher training program.

Plaza F

Levels:

- Middle/Jr. High
- Secondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Guidance Counselors
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Curriculum Integration
- Language Arts

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Show me the Skills! Teaching "Must Know" Skills for Career Success

Anna Cook, Educational Consultant, Anna Cook Presentations

Teachers, do you know what the "must know" topics are? This session provides comprehensive list of these topics including ethics in the workplace, dealing with diversity and making the transition from school-to-work/career. An up-to-date materials guide will be provided, along with student-ready lessons plans and activities that address these career-related topics.

Plaza G

Levels:

- Elementary
- Middle/Jr. High
- Secondary
- Postsecondary

Audience:

- Guidance Counselors
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Curriculum Integration
- Computer Technology
- Science

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It's the Process that Counts!

Dr. Susan Maxam, Business Education Professor, Illinois State University
Deborah Woodman

Adding technology and multimedia to our classrooms alone will not improve student achievement. In this session Deborah Woodman and Dr. Sue Maxam, Illinois State University, will present an integrated approach to the development of thematic units that incorporates elementary and middle school grade level learning standards and best practices in the use of technology that have proved successful in increasing students achievement. Using science learning and school-to-work career paths, the presenters will show how a school district can develop a career portfolio that will ignite students' natural curiosity and harness that curiosity into in-depth learning.

Plaza I

Levels:

- All

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- Professional Development

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Plaza J

Levels:

- Elementary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Parents
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Career Development

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What's Your Line? Planning an Effective Career Day

Susan Forbes, Principal, Will County School District #92/ Walsh School
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This presentation will involve sharing information concerning how Career Day participants are selected, how a schedule is devised to accommodate over six hundred students, and what methods are used to provide an evaluation.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1999
10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. - BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Capital IV

Levels:

- All

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- Business
- Career Development
- Connecting Activities
- Program Development

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Getting the Word Out About Education-to-Careers

Debbie Fogler, Coordinator, WORC
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The Workforce Opportunities Resource Consortium (WORC) is one of 39 local Education-to-Careers Partnerships, with a geographical area of over 4,000 square miles. Join us to find out how our public outreach efforts have increased participation two-fold, with over 160 partners working together to actively support our local Education-to-Careers efforts. We will show you how to broaden your pool of participants through recognition, feature stories, video production, PSA's and much more.

Capital V

Levels:

- Secondary
- Postsecondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Business/Industry
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Connecting Activities
- Improving Instruction
- Program Development

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Occupational Skill Standards: Improving Instruction Through A Systems Approach

Rita Fischbach, Implementing Occupational Skills Standards: Secondary through Postsecondary, Illinois Central College
Carol Leach, EFE Director, PERFECT

The Central Illinois Tech Prep Consortia and the Central Illinois Education-to-Careers have initiated and begun implementation of incorporating Occupational Skills Standards into Secondary and Postsecondary curricula. Health (Nursing), Machining, Office Technology and Culinary Arts clusters have been selected for this year's project. A PowerPoint presentation will describe the process that was used. Samples of the materials that were used for the initiative will be distributed. Both the Secondary and Postsecondary effort will be described.

Governor

Levels:

- Secondary

Audience:

- Guidance Counselors
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Career Development

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Job Shadowing for Rural Students

Steve McClure, Midwest Central High School
Kathryn Cihlar, Midwest Central High School

Learn how to incorporate a job shadowing experience into any class. Procedures and forms will be explained in this session.

Illinois

Levels:

- All

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- All

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ETC and the Illinois Learning Standards: The Formula for Success

Jerry Ohare, Principal Consultant, ISBE
Veronica Haller, Principal Consultant, ISBE

This interactive session will explore the basic premises of Education-to-Careers and the Illinois Learning Standards to provide a framework for school improvement in Illinois. A variety of K-12 career development activities will be presented and participants will have an opportunity to align these classroom activities to the Illinois Learning Standards.

Plaza A

Levels:

- Secondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Guidance Counselors
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Agriculture
- Career Development
- Curriculum Integration
- Improved Instruction
- Program Development

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Agricultural Curriculum on CD-ROM and Agriculture Career Notebooks for Counselors

Larry Pefeiffer, Field Advisor in Agricultural Education, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
Jay Runner, Field Advisor in Agricultural Education, Facilitation Coordination in Agricultural Education

Participants will follow a demonstration of the innovative agricultural curriculum for secondary programs available on CD-ROM. Examples will be given as to how it is used to build PowerPoint presentations for the classroom and how the lessons are tied directly to the new state learning standards. Also, participants will learn about new materials designed to assist counselors in advising students who have an interest in careers associated with agriculture.

Plaza B

Levels:

- Secondary

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Work-Based Learning

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College YES!

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College YES! Is a cooperative venture between CILCO and Illinois Central College to provide an enriched program for 15 to 20 Peoria Manual High School students. The purpose is to provide a variety of extra-curricular activities aimed at promoting academic and social integration in order to enhance persistence and goal attainment. Participating students will be assigned a mentor who will provide guidance and a variety of business, professional and social growth opportunities for the students. Students are selected for the program at the end of their sophomore year and work with their mentor the remaining two years in high school. Mentors will likely share many of their own high school and college experiences with their student in an effort to encourage them in challenging times.

Plaza C

Levels:

- Secondary
- Postsecondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Guidance Counselors

Topic Areas:

- Connecting Activities

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Education-to-Careers at the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, SIUC

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An important role for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (ASA) in Education-to-Careers is to provide a connection for both community college and high school students to access technical career paths that require the baccalaureate degree. This presentation will review ASA's Education-to-Careers initiatives starting with ASA's Enrollment Services and baccalaureate transfer programs. Literature and faculty contacts for all of ASA's baccalaureate degree programs will be provided. In partnerships with community colleges, ASA currently has signed articulation agreements and numerous others are in process. Presenters will review the process for developing college and program articulation agreements. In addition, presenters will demonstrate the College's new web-based connection program that links community college programs to career paths in ASA baccalaureate degree programs. Finally, suggestions for students interested in transferring will be provided to ensure that they understand admission and Capstone Option requirements. Through Education-to-Careers, ASA is striving to partner with high schools and community colleges to inform students of the many career paths offered through its baccalaureate degree programs.

Plaza D

Levels:

- Middle/Jr. High
- Secondary
- Postsecondary

Audience:

- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Curriculum Integration
- Connecting Activities
- Language Arts

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Real-World Applications for Small Group Communication

Connie Link, Chairperson, Language Arts, Heyworth High School
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In conjunction with the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association, presenters with a communication education background will continue a series of communication applications using Education-to-Careers foundations for teachers who have limited communication education and wish to incorporate such education into their classrooms. The communication series started with Tech Prep speaking activities in 1997, added Tech Prep listening activities in 1998 and now submits Tech Prep activities for small group and handouts that can be used in the classroom at the secondary and community college levels. The presentation will also include a bibliography of educational resources for teaching small group and a packet of group activities assembled by the presenters, the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association and the newly formed Communication Education Association, a national organization founded by teachers to provide curriculum development and actual lesson plans to classroom teachers.

Plaza E

Levels:

- Elementary
- Middle/Jr.
- Secondary
- Postsecondary

Audience:

- Administrators
- Guidance Counselors
- Parents
- Teachers

Topic Areas:

- Career Development
- Curriculum Integration
- Connecting Activities
- History
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Plaza E

Levels:

- All

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- All

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Expand Your Mind In '99

Donald E. Smoot, Director of Tech Prep, Joliet Junior College
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“Expand Your Mind in ‘99” was the theme for the 4th annual Student Tech Prep Conference. The student Tech Prep Conference provides unique teaching and learning opportunities.

Students are responsible for the complete planning and presenting of the day-long adult-type conference. Students select the theme, conduct the evaluations, and everything in between. Teachers use the conference to incorporate workbased learning activities into their curriculum. Business people work with students in helping the children develop the skills and abilities outlined in the SCANS report.

Visit this presentation to learn more about replicating this activity for your region. The 1200 students attending the conference voted to do it again next year. They had fun!

Plaza G

Levels:

- Secondary
- Postsecondary
- Business/Industry

Audience:

- Administrators
- Business Industry/Labor
- Instructors

Topic Areas:

- Technology Education
- Work-based Learning

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Creating a Multimedia CD-ROM

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This session will explain the steps needed to create an interactive CD-ROM. The CD produced last year by the yearbook staff at Coal City High School will be demonstrated as well as clips from their current CD. Hardware, software, timelines and the manpower needed to complete a project like this will be shared. There will also be discussion on how this tool could be used to promote Tech Prep programs, school districts or other projects.

Plaza I

Levels:

- All

Audience:

- All

Topic Areas:

- All

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