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2014 ANNUAL
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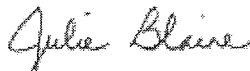
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DEC. 6-10, 2014

On behalf of the Learning Forward Board of Trustees and staff, we invite you to connect with us in Nashville for THE Learning Conference. This year's conference experience will offer a fantastic program that will make an impact on educators and students every day. Our sincere thanks go to the Nashville Host Committee and the Conference Program Planning Committee for challenging each of us to expand our vision and consider new strategies for advancing our impact and our learning.

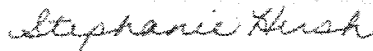
Once we return to our own professional settings, we can work within our spheres of influence to educate others who affect educational practice and student learning. As we share the examples, skills, knowledge, and insights we gained, we become advocates for all that effective professional learning can accomplish.

We have every confidence that Learning Forward's 2014 Annual Conference will empower you to be a part of an effort to improve the lives of students and educators as we connect, engage, and transform our schools into powerful places where all educators and students learn.

Please connect with us in Nashville.

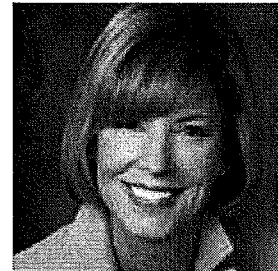


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What Makes Learning Forward's Annual Conference THE Learning Conference?

Learning Forward conference participants become a community of learners as they experience cutting-edge keynotes and general sessions, participate in interactive learning sessions, and form lasting professional relationships. Learning Forward's Annual Conference is the best investment you can make to promote professional learning that advances educator and student performance. Attendees rank this conference as the top priority in their annual travel requests because of Learning Forward's high standards for relevant and informative sessions.

The Program

- Develop new knowledge and hone existing skills.
- Engage in meaningful conversations with thought leaders and colleagues.
- Acquire tools and strategies to apply to your work with teachers and students.
- Attend preconference sessions to delve more deeply into priority areas.
- Learn about colleagues' accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned.
- Attend Networking Meet Ups, FastForward sessions, and other unique opportunities that match your individual learning style.

The Experience

- Family-style sit-down meals encourage conversation and promote relationship building.
- Reserved space in ticketed sessions means your presenter is expecting you and has materials ready.
- Small discussion groups allow reflection on new learning and its application.
- More than 60 exhibitors offer valuable products and resources specific to professional learning.
- Share your conference experience via social media with our Twitter and Instagram hashtag, #learnfwd14.

Access New Ideas
Gain New Knowledge
Learn from
Thought Leaders
Identify Resources
Make Connections

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Conference Overview

Friday, December 5, 2014

8:30 am □ 4 pm Academy 2015 & 2016 Sessions
5 pm □ 7 pm Registration

Saturday, December 6, 2014

7:30 am □ 5 pm Registration
8:30 am □ 4 pm Academy 2015 & 2016 Sessions
9 am □ 4 pm Preconference Sessions
12 pm □ 1 pm Preconference Lunch

Sunday, December 7, 2014

7:30 am □ 6:30 pm Registration
9 am □ 4 pm Preconference Sessions
12 pm □ 1 pm Preconference Lunch
4 pm □ 6 pm Exhibit Hall Open
4:30 pm □ 5:30 pm iPD Showcase & Learning Hangout Sessions
4:30 pm □ 5:30 pm Academy Graduation & Reception
5:30 pm □ 6:15 pm Learning Forward Experience for First-Time Attendees
6 pm □ 7 pm Member Reception

Monday, December 8, 2014

7:30 am □ 5 pm Registration
7:45 am □ 9 am Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall
7:45 am □ 6 pm Exhibit Hall Open
8 am □ 9 am Networking Meet-Up Sessions, iPD Showcase, & Learning Hangout Sessions
9:15 am □ 11:15 am Thought Leader Lectures TL01 & TL02
9:15 am □ 11:15 am Concurrent Sessions (A & B)
11:30 am □ 12:15 pm Lunch
12:15 pm □ 1:30 pm General Session 1
1:45 pm □ 2:45 pm Keynote QA1 and Panel Discussion
1:45 pm □ 3:45 pm Thought Leader Lectures TL03 & TL04
1:45 pm □ 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (A & C)
1:45 pm □ 3:45 pm Leadership Forum Sessions (LF1 & LF2)

Monday, December 8, 2014 (continued)

4 pm □ 5 pm Concurrent Sessions (D)
4 pm □ 5 pm FastForward Sessions
4 pm □ 5 pm Networking Meet-Up Sessions
4:30 pm □ 6 pm Exhibit Hall Reception
4:30 pm □ 6 pm iPD Showcase Sessions
6 pm □ 7:30 pm Host State (Texas, Tennessee, and D.C./Md./Va.) Affiliate Receptions
7 pm □ 8 pm Affiliate Networking Reception
8 pm □ 10 pm Foundation Concert featuring Little River Band

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

7:30 am □ 3 pm Registration
7:45 am □ 9 am Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall
7:45 am □ 1:45 pm Exhibit Hall Open
8 am □ 9 am Networking Meet-Up Sessions, iPD Showcase, & Learning Hangout Sessions
9:15 am □ 11:15 am Thought Leader Lectures TL05 & TL06
9:15 am □ 11:15 am Concurrent Sessions (E & F)
11:30 am □ 12:15 pm Lunch
12:15 pm □ 1:30 pm General Session 2
1:45 pm □ 3:45 pm Keynote QA2, Panel Discussion with Tennessee Leaders QA3
1:45 pm □ 3:45 pm Thought Leader Lectures TL07 & TL08
1:45 pm □ 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (E & G)
1:45 pm □ 3:45 pm Common Core Forum Sessions (CCF1 & CCF2)
4 pm □ 5 pm Concurrent Sessions (H)
4 pm □ 5 pm Networking Meet-Up Sessions
4 pm □ 5:30 pm TL09 and Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

7 am □ 10 am Registration
8 am □ 10 am Thought Leader Lectures TL10 & TL11
8 am □ 10 am Concurrent Sessions (I)
10:15 am □ 11 am Brunch
11 am □ 12 pm General Session
12 pm Conference Adjourns

REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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HOW TO REGISTER

Fill out the next two pages. Registration forms may also be downloaded from the Learning Forward website (www.learningforward.org) or you can register online with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Registrations will be accepted online, via mail, fax, or scanned (see form for address and fax number). If you register online, by fax or by scanning, do not mail a copy of your form. This can cause duplicate charges. All registrations require payment before they are processed. If you use a purchase order for payment, it must accompany the registration form and Learning Forward will issue an invoice on the P.O. which must be paid before the conference.

MEALS, RECEPTIONS, AND EXHIBITS

Fees for Saturday and Sunday include coffee breaks, lunches, and materials. Fees for the 3-day conference include breakfast and lunch on Monday and Tuesday, the member reception, exhibit hall reception, and affiliate receptions, brunch on Wednesday, and materials. The Wednesday 1-day fee includes brunch and materials.

DEADLINES AND DISCOUNTS

If your registration is postmarked on or before October 15, 2014 you may take a \$50.00 discount from a 3-day or 5-day registration. Learning Forward members receive a \$69 discount on their conference registration. Non-members receive a complimentary digital membership. Please call 800-727-7288 to see if you qualify for the group discount.

CONFIRMATION

You will receive registration confirmation via email, so please make sure we have your current email address. Please call the Learning Forward Business Office at 800-727-7288 if you have not received confirmation within two weeks of registering. Please bring your registration confirmation to the Learning Forward conference registration area to receive a name-tag, session tickets, and conference materials.

SESSION SELECTION

You must select sessions before your conference registration can be processed. Pages 132 and 133 must be submitted to complete your registration. In order to get the best selection of preconference and concurrent sessions, please register early. Because the number of participants for each session is limited, it is important that you indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for each time period. Full and cancelled sessions will be listed on our website. If you register after October 15, be sure to go to <http://learningforward.org/learning-opportunities/annual-conference> to see what is full.

LECTURE TRACK

Choose the Lecture Track and you will receive tickets for all Thought Leader Lectures, panels, and Q&As.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be sent in writing to the Learning Forward Business Office by Nov. 9, 2014 to receive a full refund. A 50% refund will be given to written requests received by Nov. 19, 2014. A processing fee of \$50 will be deducted from all refunds. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after Nov. 19, 2014. Learning Forward reserves the right to process refunds after the conference concludes.

QUESTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER?

Call 800-727-7288 • Monday-Friday • 9 am - 5 pm Eastern to immediately talk to a helpful Learning Forward staff member.

4 simple ways to register.

ONLINE ... www.learningforward.org/learning-opportunities/annual-conference

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SCAN office@learningforward.org

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Conference Features

General Sessions

General sessions begin after lunch on Monday and Tuesday, and after brunch on Wednesday. General sessions feature Learning Forward leaders, special guests, and student performances. Learning Forward has a long-held tradition in which participants eat meals together in the spirit of camaraderie and networking. We encourage you to come to each general session and sit with different people each time. Learning Forward allows 30 to 45 minutes for sit-down meal service.

Keynote Presenters

Our general session keynote speakers will motivate, inform, and engage you. Monday's keynote features three speakers in a TED-talk style format. Barrington Irving, Jr., Pearl Arredondo, and Michael Ungar will provide insight into the grit it takes to overcome obstacles. Tuesday's keynote, John Hattie, will share his work on visible learning and teaching. Learn how teachers can understand learning from the perspective of students and how this helps teachers become their own teachers. Close out the conference on Wednesday with Steve Gross, co-founder of Life is Good. Learn how to use play to strengthen, energize, and heal children whose lives have been impacted by trauma.

Meals and Receptions

Individuals who register for a preconference program will receive coffee and lunch on preconference days. Individuals who register for the three-day regular conference program may attend the member reception on Sunday evening and the Exhibit Hall reception on Monday evening. A continental breakfast is

provided in the Exhibit Hall Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8:19 a.m. Lunch is served on Monday and Tuesday; and brunch is served on Wednesday, before to general sessions. Conference meals meet a variety of dietary needs and preferences.

Thought Leader Lectures/Q&As
Thought Leader (TL) lectures and panel discussions feature selected leaders in professional learning, school improvement, and other areas of interest.

Lectures and panel discussions are scheduled throughout the conference on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Register for TL01, TL02, etc., or select the Thought Leader track to attend all lectures and panels and Q&As.

A Question and Answer (QA) period with moderated panel discussion follows the general session keynote Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Register for QA1 on Monday, December 8 from 1:45-2:45 p.m. to participate in the discussion. Register for QA2 on Tuesday, December 9 from 1:45-2:45 p.m. to participate in the QA period following the general session keynoter John Hattie. Register for QA3 on Tuesday, December 9 from 2:45-3:45 pm to attend a panel discussion and QA period on The Tennessee Story.

Learning Forward Experience and Opening Reception

If this is your first time at a Learning Forward Conference, don't miss The Learning Forward Experience session starting at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Get the insider's scoop on making the most of the conference, start networking early with fellow attendees, hear tips and secrets for using the conference app in cool ways, and meet some of the people who make this THE Learning Conference. There will be prizes and surprises, so don't be late. The member reception follows this event at 6 p.m.

Extend your Learning all Year Long

Engage in learning before and after the conference through webinars, live chats, and ongoing discussions with session presenters on the Learning Exchange. Collaborate with presenters and colleagues virtually and get a head start on your conference learning in our PLUS session communities. Share the strategies you learned at the conference and successfully implemented in your work, and maintain lasting connections with colleagues via social media and online communities. Use the conference as the largest of many opportunities to continue your learning throughout the year. Look for this icon + to find sessions with PLUS communities.

Host Committee Service Project

Areas of Focus:

Creating Connections

Cultivating Leaders

Embracing Technology

Innovating for Learning

Raising the Bar



The Nashville Host Committee selected the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as its service project because it is a national cause that makes a local impact. Donations support children and their families who are in need of a miracle. Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt cared for more than 300,000 children last year—providing quality health care, educational services in collaboration with the Metro Nashville Public Schools, and support for the entire family. "The moment a child arrives... a miracle is in the making. With your support, we can give more kids the miracles they deserve."

You can make a donation at www.childrenshospital.vanderbilt.org/learningforward or at the Nashville hospitality table in the Registration area during the conference. Join the Host Committee in making miracles happen!