Hill Country Educator’s Conference
Schreiner University – Kerrville, TX

Preparing our Students and Ourselves for a New Century of Educational Challenges and Opportunities

Agenda

Date: Friday, October 25th, 2013
Time: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Audience: Teachers, Administrators, and University Educators - CPE credits awarded - 6 hours of professional development

8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration
9:00 - 9:15 Welcome to Schreiner University
9:15 - 9:30 Introduction to TALE (Texas Association for Literacy Education): Dr. Stephanie Grote-Garcia
Stephanie Grote-Garcia is an Assistant Professor of Teacher Education for the Dreeben School of Education at the University of the Incarnate Word. In addition to her work for TALE, Stephanie is the 2013 co-author for the annual What’s Hot list and co-author of Literacy Trends and Issues - What’s Hot.

9:30 - 10:30 Session One: The Challenges: Dr. Vicky Dill - University of Texas - Texas Homeless Education Office (THEO)
Vicky Dill, a senior program coordinator for the Texas Homeless Education Office (THEO) at the Dana Center, facilitates the work of public school personnel in understanding the needs and rights of homeless students. Central to all of Dr. Dill’s work is an understanding of the inestimable value of teachers and principals who build relationships with students. This central principle informs all of Dr. Dill’s work in teacher education, professional development, innovative principal internships, and nurturing effective schools for children in poverty and is evident in the numerous refereed publications, articles, and series she has produced.

10:30-10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:30 - General Session - The Opportunities: Dr. Katie Dawson - University of Texas
Katie is an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance at The University of Texas at Austin and serves as Director of the Drama for Schools program. Her areas of research include community-engaged outreach programs, arts integration, youth theatre, museum theatre, drama in education, theatre in education, and teaching artist praxis. She is the former coordinator of the Science Comes Alive interactive theatre program at the California Science Center. She spent three years as a classroom teacher and over twenty-five years facilitating arts integration lessons in schools in Ohio, Chicago, Montana, California, Texas, Washington D.C., and the northern interior of Alaska. Katie was named the 2005 Winifred Ward Scholar by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education for excellence. She has facilitated trainings, presented workshops, and given interactive keynotes at numerous locations across the United States.

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
1:20 - 2:30 Breakout Sessions: Breakout Sessions on Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, and Critical Thinking across the curriculum and a special session for administrators.

2:30 - 3:00 Exhibits and Collaboration

Free to all Hill Country Educators and Administrators - Lunch Provided