

Block I- Friday Morning (10 – 11:15 AM) Professional Learning Breakout Sessions

A. Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching

What does education look like when A.I. can write essays, complete homework assignments, and write lesson plans? Will machines replace teachers? Are there ways to make sure cheating doesn't replace learning? Join us for a discussion about how technology will impact your future profession - and how you can lead your students into an unknown future.

Mr. Mike Soskil, 2017 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year

B. Landing That First Teaching Job!

This session will review the different aspects and techniques one can use to land one's first teaching job. Topics covered include Resume development, Job Search Plan of Action, Interview Strategies and Procedures, and General Helpful Hints and Tips

Dr. Vincent E. Citarelli, Garnet Valley School District Assistant Superintendent of HR

C. Teaching Contracts 101: What is a CBA and what should I look for when I'm exploring offers?

Within this session, we will discuss the basics of teaching contracts or collective bargaining agreements (CBA), common language that is helpful to understand, salary scales, and example collective bargaining agreements that are currently in use throughout Pennsylvania.

Mr. Joe Welch, 2020 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year

D. Building Wonderful Relationships in My Elementary Classroom and Creating Lifelong Happy Teacher Habits in the Process

In this session participants will come away strategies and approaches on how to create a strong sense of elementary classroom "family" that also develop happy habits that can bring joy to your classroom and balance to your life

Ms. Jess Porter, 3rd grade teacher, North Hills SD, Pittsburgh, PA, @freethinkingteacher

E. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in the Classroom Today: What is it and what does it look like in the classroom?

Participants will explore Social Emotional Learning (SEL) approaches, including a comprehensive model of SEL to integrate into everyday content instruction, no matter what subject or grade level they teach drawing on experts and authors in the field such as Nancy Frey, Douglas Fisher, and Dominique Smith, Marilee Sprenger, Jeffrey Benson, and more. Participants will come away with a toolbox of strategies for addressing essential competencies and real-world examples highlighting the many opportunities for social and emotional learning within their future classrooms.

Dr. Christopher M. Clayton, NBCT, Ph.D., PSEA Director Education Services

Block II- Friday Afternoon (2:10 – 3:25 PM) Professional Learning Breakout Sessions

A. Advice, Tips, and Strategies from the 2017, 2018, & 2020 PA Teachers of the Year

Participants will be able to ask questions and receive sage advice, techniques, stories, and strategies from the 2017, 2018, and 2020 PA Teachers of the Year! How awesome is that?! (K-12)

Mr. Mike Soskil, Ms. Jennifer Wahl, & Mr. Joe Welch

B. Mindfulness and Education of the Heart in the Elementary Classroom Today

This session focuses on keeping the whole-heart at the center of your elementary classroom using mindfulness and social emotional learning approaches, strategies, & resources.

Mrs. Lauren Sullivan & Ms. Jess Porter, 3rd grade teacher, North Hills SD, @freethinkingteacher

C. Technology in the Classroom Today: Approaches, Strategies, Techniques, and Resources for Today's Digital Age Teachers and Students

The session will explore the rapidly evolving and changing role that technology is playing in our daily lives and its connection to the field of education and the practice and craft of teaching. It will explore a variety educational technology paradigms and instructional approaches and will present attendees with information, strategies, and "take-away" tools and resources that they will be able to immediately actualize into their planning and instruction.

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E. The Power of Pedagogy!

It's time to push the pedal on pedagogy and unleash the power of instructional design starting with the learner in mind! In this fast paced and engaging session, participants will learn how their actions, judgments, teaching strategies, and understanding of their students' needs/backgrounds, transfer into an easy-to-use lesson design framework that personalizes student learning, increases learning and teaching outcomes, and creates an inclusive learning environment for all!

Ms. Meg Burke, Centennial SD Coordinator of Teaching & Learning

Block III- Saturday Morning (9:35 – 10:50 AM) Professional Learning Breakout Sessions

A. Student PSEA Alumni Panel: What might my first year OUT of college be like?

Panelists discuss different avenues that emerge in your first year out of college as an educator. (K-12)

Student PSEA Alumni Panel

B. Your First Three Years: How to Handle Trying Scenarios and Get Involved

We will discuss real life scenarios that have happened to actual teachers in their first three years in the job. In a table group exercise, we will troubleshoot and problem solve in ways that will help you make the best possible decisions for your future in education.

Ms. Jennifer Wahl- 2018 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year & Dr. Craig Miller, PA College Of Technology

C. Inside the Brainiac Mindset: Understanding Gifted Learners

Within your pre-service teaching experience, you may have received a brief overview of what gifted education is in your coursework or have obtained experience interacting and teaching gifted students. During this session, you will learn about what giftedness looks like, the parts of a GIEP, and expand your instructional practices to meet the needs of gifted students in regard to best practice in the field of education.

Dr. Ciminy St. Clair, Gifted Coordinator Norwin SD, PA Gifted Educators Vice-President

D. Literacy for All!

Looking for ways to ignite, inspire, and empower readers, writers, and thinkers? In this fast paced and energetic session, learn how the language of the PA Core Standards (PCS) and PA Eligible Content Standards apply to our current teaching practices across content areas and grade levels. Participants will leave with a simple strategy to try/apply in their instruction to transform the ways in which all students interact and access text and analysis.

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