

Every Student Succeeds and Achieves



Including Gifted

Saturday - April 29, 2017

GVSU Allendale Campus - Kirkhof Center

Registration: 8:00 am - Conference: 8:30 - 2:15 pm

Cost: \$35/person - Includes lunch

Join fellow teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, and education students from across the region for this exciting conference to learn about gifted students - characteristics and needs; strategies to challenge gifted students; and parenting joys and struggles.

SCECH hours available.

KEYNOTE

Dr. Christie McWilliams

Board Member, Michigan Association of Gifted Children



Title: Challenging All Learners: A System to Differentiate Instruction So Gifted Students Will Thrive

All learners deserve to realize their potential through challenging experiences—including the gifted! Educators can easily provide these experiences for their gifted students, even in mixed-ability, regular classrooms. During this session, Christie McWilliams will offer research-based, concrete strategies educators can implement immediately to maximize gifted students' learning and motivation, increase their own job satisfaction, and expand parental support. Specifically, she will present a system to differentiate instruction for students who show early mastery of content and skills, a system that involves deeper, more complex activities, rather than simply more work.

Register Now: <http://bit.ly/2hz9dx1>

Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Coffee

8:30 - 10:30 Welcome/ESSA Overview and Update/Keynote

Keynote: Dr. Christie McWilliams - *Challenging All Learners: A System to Differentiate Instruction So Gifted Students Will Thrive.*

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:45 Breakout Session 1 (choose one session)

A. Dr. Christy McWilliams - *Keeping Gifted Learners Engaged: Instructional Strategies That Add Breadth, Depth, and Complexity*

B. Kimberly Balsam - *Creating a Culture of Thinking*

C. GVSU Honors College Student Panel - Austin Senkowski; Amy Zahn; Katie Cook, Han Wos, Kelly Dykstra - *What Gifted Students Have to Say About Their K-12 Experience*

11:45 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 1:20 Breakout Session 2 (choose one session)

A. Christina Mendoza and Jo Anderson - *A School District's School-wide Cluster Grouping Model*

B. Dr. Rebecca Mann - *Recognizing and Nurturing Gifted Visual Spatial Learners*

C. Fred Williams - *ESSA and Gifted/Talented*

1:25 - 2:15 Breakout Session 3 (choose one session)

A. Jacque Melin - *Characteristics: Another Way to Look at Types of Gifted Learners*

B. Lori Sanders, Denise Smyk, Michael Dalman, Sharon Leerar - recipients of the Distinguished Educator Award - *Sharing Best Practices.*

C. Parent Panel Discussion - Panel members are parents of gifted elementary and middle school children. They will share their experiences of struggles and joys with their child as they navigate their way through life at home and the maze of public education. This will be an open forum discussion.

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