



AGATE

Pre-Conference Sessions

February 8, 2012

Donna Y. Ford, PhD.

“Multicultural Gifted Education”

This session focuses on the urgent need to infuse high quality multicultural content into the curriculum for all gifted students; this issue and need are couched in the context of the achievement gap. Learn about the rationale and need for multicultural curriculum, the Banks model, as well as Dr. Ford's own model that includes elements of models of both Banks and Bloom. Sample lessons will be shared by grade level and subject area. Teachers will also be given an opportunity to evaluate a lesson they have used and modify it using Dr. Ford's model. *Participants will receive a copy of the second edition of Dr. Ford's book, *Multicultural Gifted Education*.

Harry Dickens

“Using ‘Apps’ for Gifted Learners”

In this high tech world of the 21st century, our students are continually being exposed to new technology that is at their fingertips. The slogan, “there’s an app for that!” has now become a household phrase. This Pre-Conference session will expose educators to the apps and other resources that are available to educators. Key focus will be on apps that can be used in serving gifted students.

Join us February 8, 2012 for these awesome experiences! You do NOT want to miss the Pre-Conference!!!

Carolyn Coil

“Differentiating Instruction Using the Common Core Standards”

The Common Core Standards are based on the most effective standards from states throughout the country and from other countries around the world. They provide guidelines about what students should know and be able to do as a result of their schooling. Clear and understandable, they include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order thinking skills. In this workshop, you will learn how to incorporate these standards into your curriculum using a number of practical, user-friendly differentiation strategies. You will leave this workshop with many realistic and doable teaching ideas that you can use right away!



2012 Arkansas Excursion

“A Little Piece of the Arkansas Puzzle”

This annual event will take participants on a tour of the rich history and educational opportunities that are in the “Spa City.” From historic bathhouses to Al Capone and his gangster “friends,” Hot Springs has it all! This session is for any educator who wants to experience a piece of Arkansas firsthand. More details are to come on this amazing experience, but rest assured it will be one full of fun, learning, and exploration. Be ready to take a wealth of information back to your students!