



USDLA 2017 Virtual Conference

****Registration for the USDLA Virtual Conference will give you access to the following sessions – note all times are EST****

Monday, May 1, 2017

Opening Keynote

9:00am – 9:45am

Elliott Masie, Chair, The Learning Consortium

The Many “E’s” of e learning

Concurrent Sessions 1

10:00AM – 11:00AM

Tune Up Tips to Accelerate Learning: Reaching the Checkered Flag of Excellence!

Presented by: Cindy Cash and Angelia Yount (Ball State University)

Constituency: HE/Track: RE

What does it take to reach the checkered flag in a course? Regardless of the modality of learning all students should have an excellent learning experience in their course. This session will give the top ten tune up tips to keep in mind when designing courses.

Concurrent Sessions 2

11:15AM – 12:15PM

Driving into the Future with OER

Presented by: Rhonda Blackburn (BNED LoudCloud)

Constituency: ALL/Track: RA

There is a trend to adopting OER (Open Educational Research) for course materials. Why is this a good idea and how can this be accomplished? Come join the conversation to learn about OER, how you can redesign your course, where to find quality OER, the benefits, and any legal ramifications.

Concurrent Sessions 3

2:00PM – 3:00PM

Building a BBB Blended Learning Initiative

Presented by: Linda Dickeson (Lincoln Public Schools), Beth Kabes (ESU Coordinating Council), Craig Hicks (Educational Service Unit 13)

Constituency: K-12/Track: RE

Broader, Bolder & Better are words that describe Nebraska's blended learning initiative, BlendEd. Solutions and tools will be shared including a statewide portal system along with the process and resources for the BlendEd pilot. See how effective teamwork propels the project, and how the statewide high-speed network paved the way for success!



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Concurrent Sessions 4

3:15PM – 4:15PM

Telepresence and Robotics in the Classroom - Tips and Tricks for Implementation

Presented by: Jean Bouchard (University of Colorado, Boulder), Michael Griffith (University of Arizona, Tucson), Marci Powell (Marci Powell & Associates)

Constituency: HE/Track: RE

Synchronous multi-sensory learning is simple with the right tools. Directors from the Universities of Colorado and Arizona utilize robots on a video conferencing platform to meet the diverse needs of students in the higher education environment. Join us for a mock classroom experience and for practical technology implementation tips!

USDLA 2017 Awards Ceremony

7:00pm – 9:00pm (time may be delayed due to live dinner service)

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Concurrent Sessions 5

10:00AM – 11:00AM

Distance Learning Turbo Charging the Healthcare Workforce of the Future

Presented by: Janet Major (Arizona Telemedicine Program)

Constituency: ALL/Track: TF

Training the healthcare workforce of the future requires distance learning. We are team-treated by healthcare professionals and our curriculum must reflect training opportunities that develop the appropriate skills. The Arizona Health Sciences Center produces interprofessional events by videoconference to create virtual communities that will prepare our students for the future. Join us for an interactive discussion.

Concurrent Sessions 6

11:15AM – 12:15PM

STEM at a Distance: Project-Based Curriculum for Online Science Courses

Presented by: John Einterz (University of Colorado Boulder)

Constituency: K-12, HE/Track: RE

This presentation offers a gamification model for designing project-based STEM curriculum on the D2L learning management system. The presentation will display past project designs (visual stills and videos) and technical writings as evidence of how the curriculum can encourage both academic and creative skills in students.



Tuesday, May 2, 2017 (cont'd)

Concurrent Sessions 7

2:00pm-3:00pm

Circle City 4 (Virtual Room)

Work-Life Balance: Keeping it All in Balance Despite the Road Blocks Encountered

Presented by: Lyda Downs

Constituency: K-12, HE, COR/Track: RE

While the virtual workplace allots many conveniences, it also presents challenges, or even road blocks when attempting to balance work and life for busy academic professionals. During this session work-life balance will be explored and techniques for taking alternate routes will be presented.

Concurrent Sessions 8

3:15pm-4:15pm

Using Blogging to Contribute Expertise and Convey Credibility

Presented by: Janine Lim (Andrews University)

Constituency: ALL/Track: PR

A regular, useful blog is a true win/win, for the writer, the reader, and an entire community of interest. Learn five essential steps to setting up and maintaining your individual or your organization's blog. Explore best practices; learn to avoid pitfalls; begin to create networked writing. Learn a new skill!