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SEDC SNAPSHOT

UTAH RURAL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Teacher Efficacy Equals Improved Student Learning

Professional educators from all over the State of Utah will gather at the **2019 Utah Rural Schools Association's Annual Conference on July 10-12, 2019** at USU Eastern Campus in Price. This is the conference for dialogue, learning, and exploration of topics critical to districts, schools, and individuals dedicated to the education, development, and growth of students in Utah's rural communities. Attendees will include district and school level administrators and teachers in grades pre-K through 12 in all subject areas. There will be break-out session that include practical, hands-on solutions and theoretical, research-based presentations. We traditionally offer a varied conference in which the professional educator can find what they need to support their professional learning goals. Session types include: **Over the Shoulder (OTC)** - brief 20 minute specific tool, or solution, based sessions; **1-Hour BYOD Workshops** - high audience participation /hands-on-activities; **1-Hour Traditional** - more presentation style with audience Q & A, and; **2-hour BOYD and Traditional** - allows for more in-depth information/exploration.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INLCUDE:

John Hattie & Cathy Lassiter- Professor John Hattie is an award winning Visible Learning education researcher and best-selling author with nearly 30 years of experience examining what works best in student learning and achievement. Cathy Lassiter is an education consultant with over 30 years experience as a public school teacher, principal, administrator, and consultant.

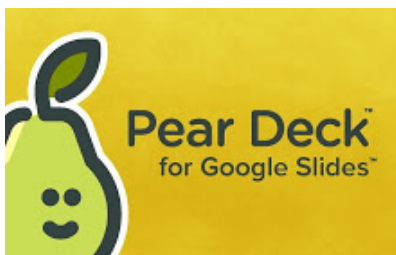
Joan Gore & Janet Corder- Joan and Janet, known as J2 Training are educational technology consultants who specialize in technology integration, BYOD implementation, interactive whiteboard technologies, and mobile learning devices.

Neal Peacock- Neal is a thirty year educator, coach, theater director and speaker. His unique style of speaking and teaching helps train other in the areas in which he has both randomly succeeded and dazzling failed.

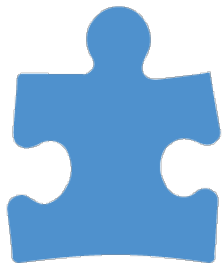


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SEDC OFFERS AUTISM SERVICES

With funding from a Department of Human Services Grant, SEDC continues to offer autism services to regional schools.

Paul Day has been SEDC's Autism Specialist for the past four school years. He is a school psychologist and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Paul has been working in the field of autism for the past 25 years. Paul has been an autism specialist for school districts for over 20 years. His specialty is in ABA based intervention programs. He has won awards such as Autism Educator of the Year and Disabilities Advocate of the Year. He provides training, support, and consultation to school directors, autism specialists, teachers, and parents about appropriate support for students with Autism. The main focus of SEDC's Autism Services is building capacity of the school staff to implement effective interventions.

According to the national development of autism, and it is often accompanied by sensory sensitivities and medical issues. Indicators of autism usually appear by age 2 or 3. Some associated development delays can appear even earlier, and often, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Research shows that early intervention leads to positive outcomes later in life for people with autism. "There is no one type of autism, but many."

According to the CDC, autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children in the United States today.

"We know that there is not one autism but many subtypes, most influenced by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Because autism is a spectrum disorder, each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. Several factors may influence the

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TEACHING:
Create
Intentional Spaces

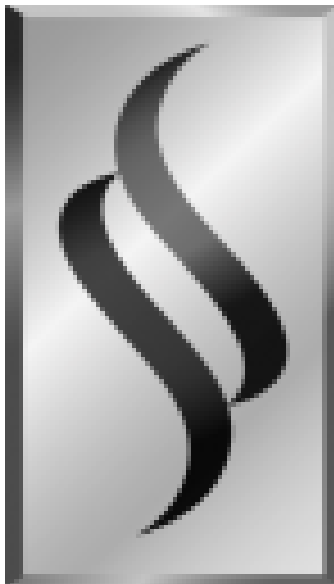


Physically and digitally, create specific spaces to organization, creativity, technology, etc. Think Pinterest boards, but for each area crucial to your success as a teacher. If it is important to you, make it a priority--and making a literal 'space' for it can make that possible.

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STERLING SCHOLARS

SEDC will host the 41st Annual Sterling Scholar Awards on April 4, 2019



One of SEDC's premier events each year is the Annual Southwest Sterling Scholar Awards. The Deseret News and KSL Broadcast Group developed this program in the 1960's to focus attention on outstanding academics. The program is meant to publicly recognize students and award scholarships from private donations and participating institutions. The Sterling Scholar Awards Program seeks to commend and encourage excellence among all nominees.

In a recent Deseret News article published online, a Sterling Scholar Advisor stated: "Sterling Scholars is a balance between academics, category expertise, leadership, and service. Kids have to be involved from the beginning. A student cannot start their senior year and accomplish all that is necessary to be successful, that is not what excellence is, that is not what a Sterling Scholar is." Students are required to compile all of their high school accomplishments into a portfolio. They are also asked to write a brief essay about how they have overcome challenges in their lives. On the day of the competition students are interviewed by a panel of judges that ask questions from the student's portfolio. Ultimately the judges choose a winner and two runner-ups in each category.

Categories for the Southwest Region include: Agricultural Science, Business & Marketing, Computer Technology, Dance, English, Family & Consumer Sciences, General Scholarship, Mathematics, Music, Science, Skilled & Technical Sciences Education, Social Science, Speech/Drama, Visual Arts and World Languages.



The Utah Coalition for Educational Technology (UCET) is holding their annual conference at the Utah Valley Convention Center. This conference provides many hands-on breakout sessions on ways to utilize technology in teaching and learning, and is perfect for educators of every grade level or subject area who are interested in technology integration. Last year over 1800 educators attended the conference to participate, present, and lead activities. The theme for the March conference is "Tell Your Story". Visit www.ucet.org