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CULTURIZE 2024 INSTITUTE SCHEDULE



May 2, 2024

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- 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM** **Welcome and Introductions to Culturize with Dr. Garth Larson**
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM** **Keynote Speaker**
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Jimmy Casas
- 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM** **Break and Networking**
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM** **Presentation**
NAVIGATING BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES
CORE VALUES: CHAMPIONING FOR STUDENTS; EXPECT EXCELLENCE; MERCHANT OF HOPE; CARRY THE BANNER
Nicole Mashock
- 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM** **Break and Networking**
- 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM** **Presentation**
BEYOND SCORING: SUPPORTING DIVERSE LEARNERS IN ASSESSMENTS
CORE VALUES: MERCHANT OF HOPE
Becky Pepler
- 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM** **Lunch**
- 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM** **Presentation**
CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE
CORE VALUES: CHAMPIONING FOR STUDENTS
Greg Wolcott
- 1:15 PM - 1:30 PM** **Break and Networking**
- 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM** **Presentation**
EMPOWERING LEARNING SPACES: THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF ACTIVE SUPERVISION FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS
CORE VALUES: CHAMPIONING FOR STUDENTS; EXPECT EXCELLENCE; MERCHANT OF HOPE; CARRY THE BANNER
Gabe Hackett
- 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM** **Break and Networking**
- 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM** **Closing Presentation**
KIDS NEED MORE DISCIPLINE! BUT WHAT DOES THAT REALLY MEAN?
CORE VALUES: MERCHANT OF HOPE, EXPECT EXCELLENCE
Rufus Lott III
- 3:15 PM** **Culturize Closing**

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Jimmy Casas



Eradicate Average! CULTURIZE Your School. Average schools don't inspire greatness--and greatness is what our schools need if we are going to produce world-changing learners. In this presentation author and education leader Jimmy Casas shares his 4 Core Principles - Champion for All Kids, Expect Excellence, Carry the Banner and Merchant of Hope, to maximize student learning and

remind us that every child deserves to be a part of something great. Jimmy draws from his personal experiences as a struggling student and his insight from working in an inner-city school to remind you of your purpose and reignite your passion as a paraprofessional. This session will inspire you to go do whatever it takes for all students to be successful!

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Nicole Mashock

Join Nicole Mashock in a session designed to empower educational paraprofessionals with practical strategies for supporting diverse student behaviors. In this workshop, we will explore effective approaches to understanding and managing challenging behaviors in the educational setting. From fostering positive relationships to implementing targeted interventions, participants will gain valuable insights and tools to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment. Walk away with a toolkit of evidence-based practices and a renewed confidence in your ability to make a positive impact on student behavior and well-being.

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CORE VALUES: MERCHANT OF HOPE

Becky Pepler

In this session, paraprofessionals will be equipped with tools and techniques to support struggling learners through assessment practices. The session will explore the purpose of assessment, differentiating assessments to cater to diverse learning needs, including modifications for students with IEP's and those who face academic challenges. Attendees will learn about formative assessment strategies such as scaffolding, providing feedback, and using alternative forms of assessment to best meet the needs of the learner. The session will also cover effective communication and collaboration techniques with teachers to ensure a unified approach in supporting each student's unique learning journey. Through interactive scenarios and discussions paraprofessionals will gain experience in applying these strategies to real-world classroom situations.

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Greg Wolcott

One of the most difficult aspects of being a paraprofessional is knowing when to provide students with support and when to press them to higher success. In this informative session, Greg Wolcott, author of the best-selling book *Significant 72: Unleashing the Power of Relationships in Today's Schools*, provides staff with not only knowledge about the when and why of challenging students, but also the words, phrases, and actions needed to help students feel empowered and ready to attack the next hurdle they face.

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Gabe Hackett

In this session, we will explore the significance of active supervision as a key component of creating inclusive, supportive, and effective learning environments. In the classroom, on the playground, in the hallways, and the cafeteria, our paraprofessionals play a vital role in providing individualized support to students, and understanding how active supervision enhances their impact is essential for promoting student success. Join Gabe Hackett, Director of the PLC Center and Middle School Principal, as we discuss the pivotal role of active supervision in maximizing the impact of paraprofessionals in educational settings. As the education landscape evolves, so does the importance of intentional and engaged supervision, especially in collaboration with paraprofessionals.

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Rufus Lott III

21st century schooling is rapidly changing, Join Rufus Lott from Lott educational consulting as he discusses the true meaning of the word discipline. In this session he will be discussing how schools are moving to a differentiated discipline model to increase accountability and teach expectations.

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