

Cultivating Academic Success through the Effective Use of Character Preconference

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Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

Location: Indy Marriott, 350 W. Maryland St, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Agenda:

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Lynn M. Gangone, AACTE President and CEO
- Kirstin Werner, Program Officer, Kern Family Foundation
- Carole Basile, Dean, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Arizona State University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Plenary: Exemplary Models of Character Formation in Education Preparation and Liberal Arts Programs

Moderator: Carole Basile, Dean, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Arizona State University

Panelists:

- Stanton Wortham, Charles F. Donovan, S.J., Dean, Carolyn and Peter Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Boston College
- Meredith Critchfield Ph.D., Dean, College of Education, Grand Canyon University
- Deborah M. Boyd, Ed.D., College of Education, Dean Emerita & Professor, Lipscomb University

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Promoting Character-Building in Pre-Service Teachers

- Dr. J. Aaron Popham, Dean & Academic Vice President, School of Education, Western Governors University
- Carlyn Ludlow, Associate Division Director of Undergraduate Programs & Clinical Associate Professor Division of Teacher Preparation, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Arizona State University

Character Education Legislation: How State Policies Can be a Catalyst for Change

- Brenda Mendiola, Associate Professor, The University of Alabama

11:00 – 11:55 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

The Role of Teachers in Supporting the Development of Character in School-Age Students

- Melinda C. “Mindy” Bier Ph.D., Co-Director, Center for Character & Citizenship, University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Education
- Cristy Guleserian, Director, Principled Innovation, Arizona State University, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College

Applying an Equity and Justice Lens to Character Education

- Erlene Hertilien, Senior Director, Leadership Development, Building Excellent Schools
- Calandra Sales, Lead Founder, Independence Preparatory Academy

Character & Leadership in Rural School Districts

- Jim McIntyre, Dean, Belmont University
- Betty Sue Sparks, Assistant Professor of Practice, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Keynote

- Elizabeth “Liz” Huntley, Esq., President/Co-Founder, Hope Institute

1:10 – 2:00 p.m. Character Education Café

The Character Education Café will provide a collaborative space for participants to engage in table discussions to share and learn from each other. In two rounds, participants will engage in a 15-minute discussion with their peers. Each round is prefaced with a question that will encourage participants to exchange insights, ideas, and action steps on a particular topic.

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Closing