



## VASCD Southwest Conference 2018

# DEEPER LEARNING THROUGH VIRGINIA'S FIVE CS

September 28, 2018

Higher Education Center, Abingdon

### Preliminary Agenda

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Check-In

9:00 a.m. Welcome, Setting the Stage for Learning

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Keynote Speaker – Stephanie Krauss, Director of Special Projects,  
Jobs for the Future

**The Future of Work and Learning in Southwest Virginia** - The world is changing in major ways. The jobs our children will compete for in adulthood and the skills they will need are not only different from our own, but are constantly shifting. Workers must also be learners. As we prepare our students for this future, we must also modernize our teaching practices. We must explore what we can expect the job market to look like and how we can rethink classroom teaching and school design to make sure all of our students can succeed after high school.

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Breakout Session 1

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. LUNCH

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Breakout Session 2

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker – Gena Keller, Acting Chief Academic Officer,  
Virginia Department of Education

**Virginia- Future Driven** - Our children are depending on us. Their world and the future of work requires our willingness to shift our thinking and our practice! With the approval of the Profile of a Virginia Graduate in November 2017 by the State Board of Education, educators across our Commonwealth have been given a remarkable opportunity to provide deeper and meaningful learning experiences for every child. Your commitment to assuring that all children leave our schools with skill sets and choices that are foundational for their success is appreciated and vital for their future.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Reflection Activity and Door Prizes

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## **Breakout Sessions –**

### **Practical Lessons for the Classroom**

Presenters: Sonya Redd and Donna Ogle, Carroll County Public Schools

Description: Cs Cs everywhere. But we want our students to have above average understanding and competency. How do you make the Cs palatable to students? Come get practical, classroom ready strategies across all disciplines. You will receive information about bell works, projects, and activities that can be adapted for any subject. You can use these ideas immediately upon return to your class. Set sail on a C adventure!

### **Coding to Learn: How to Integrate Computer Science with Core Curriculum**

Presenters: Tina Coffey, Sherri Rickman, Courtney Jones, Holly Ireland, Meg Swecker, and Ann Keith, Roanoke County Schools

Description: Come learn how our district is incorporating CODING TO LEARN in K-5 core subject areas to meet the new VA Computer Science SOLs. Participants will experience hands-on unplugged and plugged activities used in the classroom. They will walk away with ideas for integrating coding into the regular curriculum, ready-to-go unplugged and plugged activities for various subject areas and grade levels, and a list of tools to help with Computer Science integration.

### **The Five C's and Dealing with Demographic Diversity**

Presenters: Forest Jones, Salem City Schools

Description: I was the principal at Andrew Lewis Middle School for six years in Salem (2012-2016). I helped lead our school in working with the Cs while at the same time dealing with changing demographics (race, free and reduced lunch numbers). We had to take a focused look at what we did for teaching and learning and working with our changing student population. I will discuss strategies to get the staff on board and our journey with PBIS.

### **From Traditional to Innovative Teaching and Learning: One School System – A Transformation Process**

Presenters: Rob Graham and Ellen Denny, Radford City Schools

Description: Radford City Public Schools is committed to transforming its schools into innovative spaces that promote collaboration, communication, critical and creative thinking, citizenship, and a love of learning. We are currently exploring and implementing best practices in creating classroom environments that make learning more relevant, relatable, and rigorous. In this session, we will discuss our transformation process including the successes and challenges we've experienced to date, highlights from our visit to High Tech High, and our plans for a Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning that will serve Southwest Virginia.

### **Level Up! Pushing Students to the Next Level!**

Presenters: Susan Hoch and Jessica Kidd, Galax City Schools

Description: This session provides instructional strategies for incorporating the 5 C's using Fiction and Nonfiction texts. Our goal is to "hook" students, pushing them to the next level of exploration, investigation, and creativity in research and projects. Participants will take ideas back to the classroom for connecting oral language skills, fiction and nonfiction comprehension skills, writing skills, as well as research and creativity skills through related projects. Strategies included are: PBL, interactive reading, poetry, summarizing, making inferences through writing.

### **Teamwork Makes Our Dreams Work: Lessons in Collaboration**

Presenters: Shannon Wilson, Heather Hanks, Eriin Creed, Galax City Schools

Description: Do you struggle to collaborate with your students or even other teachers? Join three specialty as they discuss ways to collaborate to implement the Five C's in the classroom. We will explore ways for students and teachers to work together through presentation, activities, and real-life scenarios. You will learn how to apply this to you and your classroom.