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A Message from the Executive Director



As we turn the corner from March to April, many of you will begin thoughts of spring break, spring cleaning, and fall planning. As a school administrator, this time of year was one of my busiest. I was looking at new budgets, professional development planning for summer, taking stock of hiring needs and maintenance requests. Interestingly, my work as the Executive Director of IAIE, falls along those same planning lines.

I always get excited when I think about our World Conference, but the planning this year is over the top! Invitational Education: Preparing the Whole Child for the Whole World is shaping up to be one of the best teaching and learning conferences of the year. The Ohio team is second to none when it comes to accessing the growing needs of teachers, administrators, and community members who are striving to create and sustain safe, and viable learning and living climates. The request for conference proposals is out and we are just beginning to receive applications. Registration for the full conference, school visits, and cultural excursions will be available at the end of the month. Watch for an email.

Just remember, as you are taking stock of your learning environment, reviewing the tenets of Invitational Education and climate, I invite you to consider including a professional development update on creating or sustaining an Inviting School. Please know that our regional consultants are available to assist you and personalized coaching is a wonderful option for those who need a jump start or follow up. I also invite you to consider purchasing copies of Dr. Purkey's latest book, *Creating a Positive School Climate Nuts and Bolts of Invitational Education*. It is packed with ideas that can easily be applied in your classroom and school today. This book would be an excellent resource for a team book study. To help facilitate these opportunities, I am offering this helpful tool at a reduced price. Regularly \$14.00 it is now on sale for \$11.00. Orders of 20 or more copies can be purchased at \$9.80. Feel free to contact me for orders or simply go to our IAIE website.



WILLIAM PURKEY

Other very valuable resources are also available which include books, and the IAIE toolkit.

Thanks again for all you do!

Kathy

News and Updates:

2019 World Conference



Ohio Chapter Planning Team

What an amazing visit I had with the Ohio Chapter this month, to make plans for the upcoming World Conference. This team is comprised of Long-Marchers and incredible IE leaders. They are working diligently to create a learning experience that is meaningful as well as enjoyable. Mark your calendars now!

Make plans now to attend the 2019 World Conference in Columbus, Ohio. This year's conference will be hosted by the Ohio IAIE Chapter and held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport. Invitational Education: Preparing the Whole Child for the Whole World, will provide opportunities to learn, share, and network. The full conference week, October 14-18 will be packed with school visits, keynotes, breakout sessions, and cultural excursions.

Requests for proposals will be forthcoming. Rooms are available now and may be reserved through the link below.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jim Mahoney

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Ivers

IAIE

2019 World Conference

Invitational Education: Preparing the Whole Child for the Whole World

SAVE DATES

Ohio

Oct. 14-17, 2019 @ Ohio, USA

Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport

Rooms are \$144.00 plus tax and include breakfast

Having Inspiration & joy in Ohio

<http://www.invitationaleducation.net>

Conference dates: October 14-17

October 14-15 IAIE School Visits and Cultural Excursions

October 16- Full Conference with Keynote Dr. Jim Mahoney

October 17- Full Conference with Keynote Dr. John Ivers

October 18- School Visit and Cultural Excursions

Our keynote speakers will be:

Dr. John Ivers

Dr. Jim Mahoney

Hotel information:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport

2886 Airport Drive Columbus, Ohio

Phone: 1-800-362-2779 Group Code: "IAI"

Reservations may be made by phone or link:

<http://group.embassysuites.com/InternationalAllianceForInvitationalEducation>

Rooms are \$144.00 plus tax and include breakfast

Sue Bowen Memorial Fellowship



As you know, this year we lost a very special member of our IAIE team. Mrs. Sue Bowen, who had held multiple positions of leadership in IAIE will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Fellowship has been established in Sue's honor. This Fellowship will provide 2019 conference registration and membership to a student who will benefit from learning more about Invitational Schools. If you would like to donate in memory of Sue, please make checks or money orders payable to IAIE and mail to PO Box 594, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340. Please denote on the check that this is for the Sue Bowen Memorial.

West Jessamine High School Teacher Education Class Learns About Invitational Education



*James Botts &
Janet O'Connell*

This month I had the opportunity to return to Jessamine County Schools to speak with Ms. Janet O'Connell's EDU 240 class. This group of young women will learn about educational practices as they explore teaching opportunities. I was honored to share my international experiences of Invitational Education. West Jessamine High is the home school of Trustee, James Botts. James is also a teacher of the social sciences and is managing the upcoming student exchange. Thank you to Janet and James for keeping the Invitational Education spirit alive at WJHS.



WJHS Pre-Service Teachers

Membership Campaign

As the holidays approach, it is a great time to think about sharing the benefits of IAIE membership with a colleague, family member, or friend. As a member, you are aware of the many benefits which include international networking, reduced cost for conference events, student/teacher exchange opportunities, and access to research.

The IAIE Membership Committee asks that all members suggest a colleague who may benefit from being part of our organization. Simply notify Dr. William Purkey, wwpurkey@aol.com with the name, address, and email. (Those of you who participate will be entered into a drawing for 2 free books of your choice.)

If by chance time has gotten away and you need to renew your membership, or perhaps you experienced issues during the website refresh, simply logon now to [our website](#) and visit the store to find the type of membership. * Remember, you may now login using your full email address or a previously used username.

Should you have any issues or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact, [Kathy Fields](#)



Cascade High A Welcoming Example of Invitational Education



Cascade High School

Thanks to Dr. Jetta Tarr, this year Cascade High School was nominated and received the distinction of a Welcoming School. Dr. Tarr was invited by Principal Jon Acton to join the staff last fall to fill in as an English teacher and while there, realized the incredible leadership, staff, and students of Cascade High. She quickly nominated them for the Welcoming Schools award and has since mentored them towards becoming a full-fledged Invitational School. This month, Charlanne Pook and I had the pleasure of visiting with Principal Acton and his team as we toured Cascade High. I would encourage every school leader and teacher to visit this amazing Blue Ribbon School to see the wonderful opportunities afforded each student. They are a hub in their community and have partnerships with local universities to



Jon Acton & Jetta Tarr

provide each student with the support and experiences each will need to become a viable citizen of Indiana. Thank

you to Dr. Tarr and Principal Acton for the dedication to creating and sustaining a learning environment that is welcoming and inviting for all.

Reaching Out to New Community Partners



Thanks to CK Fung, we have a new informational brochure to share with community partners. This spring and summer, we will be targeting early childhood and daycare centers. We can only continue to grow with your help! I encourage each of you to reach out to community centers to share the story and impact of Invitational Education. Remember to contact your regional representative or me if you need additional information. (These leaders are listed on our website.)

Share Your IAIE Story



Every day schools are asking for resources and reaching out to make connections with members and schools that can help make their work more meaningful or to help with a specific challenge.

I encourage you to share your story or success with others. Email [Kathy Fields](mailto:Kathy.Fields@iaie.org) today!