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A Message from the Executive Director



I grew up in an fairly large extended family. As the oldest of 28 grandchildren many of the toys and clothes I used were often passed down to my siblings and cousins. I quickly learned that what was used and worked was of value. I have applied that thinking to my professional life as well. Many times, professional companies tout that they have "the silver bullet" that will fix anything that is broken in a school; and perhaps all too often, schools throw out what is really working just to latch on to the newest product available.

As a principal and superintendent, I continuously stressed the need to assess what was making a difference in our school and district. When we did those assessments, we literally listed each program, product, strategy, etc. Those that were producing the desired results we kept and those that were not we abandoned.

At a time when our schools, communities, nation and world face a "new normal", I encourage you to be diligent in holding intentionally to the old norms of kindness, respect, optimism, care, and trust. **Yes, these are the tenets of Invitational Education. Yes, Invitational Education has been around since the 1980's. Yes, there are data to support that Invitational Education still works. Yes, there is still time to incorporate these tenets in your classroom, business, community, and life!**

I encourage you, as a member or friend of Invitational Education to help spread the word regarding our beliefs and philosophy. Just because these strategies were applied 36 years ago, doesn't mean that they are not applicable to living and learning today. In fact, the very opposite applies! **The methodology of Invitational Education is tried and the research proven.** Simply applying with fidelity provides successful results. In today's newsletter and in upcoming editions, you will see featured schools that are successful and that apply the strategies of Invitational Education.

Together we really can make an Invitational difference!

Kathy

News and Updates:

Invitational Alliance for Invitational Education World Conference 2018

Beyond Safe Schools :
Invitational Living
and Learning

Dates: October 9 (pre-conference)
October 10-11 (full conference)



Make plans now to attend the 36th annual IAIE World Conference in beautiful Georgetown, Kentucky, **October 9-11**. We will kick off that week, **October 8-9** with an opportunity to travel to IE schools in Central Kentucky and to attend a Pre-Conference that will feature workshops by Dr. Sally Butzin and Mrs. Angela Miller. Dr. Butzin will be presenting on her new book, *Creating Joyful Classrooms* which will be available for purchase in the bookstore. Angela Miller will be presenting invitational classroom strategies that are a proven success with her students and pleasing to their parents.

The Full Conference will be held **October 10-11** and will include keynotes by IE Board of Trustee member and principal, **John Young** from Australia, IE Founding member, **John Novak**, Canada and **Sweethearts and Heroes**, a team of men who travel the world sharing their positive anti-bullying message. Other speakers and breakout presentations will include IE members from around the world who will share experiences and practical implementation of Invitational Education. Continuing Education Credits will be available as well as an opportunity to participate for college credit through Muskingum University of New Concord, Ohio.

We will wrap up the week with an International Day which will be sponsored by IAIE Hong Kong and will provide the opportunity for US and International Schools to share about their classrooms/schools and to further discuss student and teacher exchanges. You will not want to miss this event. Dr. Peter Wong, IE Trustee and founder of IAIE HK, will be sharing about the powerful work taking place in Asia as well as Dr. Gary Cox, Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, sharing the work of educators of pre-service teachers here in Kentucky.

And of course, no conference would be complete without the networking and school visits. Opportunities are available to see Kentucky educators at work and to spend time visiting with colleagues and new friends. Don't delay. Register now! For further information and to register for the conference and excursions, visit our website www.invitationaleducation.net.



Air travel:

Auto travel: [110 Grandstand Drive, Georgetown, KY 40324](#)

Hotel Accommodations for the 2018 World Conference may be made by contacting the Hilton Garden Inn in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling:
 Hilton Garden Inn, Georgetown, Kentucky
 110 Grandstand Drive
 502-863-009

Ask for the IAIE World Conference room rate of 112.00 (includes all hotel tax and breakfast each day)

World Conference 2018

Conference Theme: Beyond Safe Schools: Invitational Living and Learning

Pre-Conference~ October 9	IE Members	150.00
	Non-Members	199.00
Full Conference~ October 10-11	IE Members	325.00
	Non-Members	399.00
Reduced Rate for Conference Presenters		299.00

Conference fees include:

- Lunch and break-time snacks
- All conference materials
- Invitations to hear all keynotes and to attend all breakout sessions

Planned Excursions include opportunities to network and enjoy the sites of the beautiful Commonwealth of Kentucky. Excursions may be purchased individually and will be listed soon on our website.



John Young, Principal of Clarkson Community High School, and mentee of Dr. John Hattie, *Visible Learning* to Keynote at 2018 Conference

We, too, have a dream for developing passion in learning and developing an education system that values inviting all students to come and learn, to belong, and to reinvest in their own learning." Hattie & Zierer, 2018, (p. 167)

Making learning visible within an invitational framework is central to school improvement at Clarkson Community High School (CCHS) in Western Australia. Overcoming inequalities associated with the Index for Community and Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) and associated background factors of disadvantage, has provided a challenging context for school improvement and reform. An emphasis on research and data has focused teachers' attention on the why, how and what of accelerating student learning.

At CCHS the importance of data and equity when making learning visible is always contained within an unconditional circle of intentional respect, trust, optimism and care. At Clarkson the faculty and staff recognize that each student is unique. Each student is able, valuable and responsible and is treated accordingly.

The work of Principal Young and his staff continues to produce amazing results! IAIE is honored to have him share the strategies for student success at our 36th annual World Conference!

To view the entire article, please click on the link below.

<http://www.clarksonchs.wa.edu.au/index.php/docman-home/invitation-education/157-education-today-john-young-an-invitational-road-map-july-2018>

2018 Membership Campaign

As many of you are closing one school year and starting a new one, this is 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 or **Sue Bowen**, csbowen@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.)



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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@invitationaleducation.net

College Credit Available Through the Conference

Muskingum University of New Concord, Ohio, is pleased to offer graduate credit for the 2018 IAIE Conference for one semester hour at a cost of \$130.



Attendees will receive the course syllabus and application materials for online credit card registration at conference registration time. To receive credit they will be asked to attend both full days of the conference and submit short reflections of selected sessions and keynote presenters by October 27.

Georgetown College Hosts 2 Annual Summer Camp

For the second year, Georgetown College and Dr. Laura Hunt have graciously hosted a Summer Camp for exchange students. Students from Hong Kong applied and once accepted spent two weeks in Kentucky, attending classes at Georgetown College, experiencing cultural events, and touring the beautiful Commonwealth. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Marlene Wright and Dr. Peter Wong for helping to make this life experience so rewarding to these students.



Back to School IAIE Resources

Don't forget that the Toolkit, [Fundamentals of Invitational Education](#), [Nuts and Bolts](#) and many more professional tools are available in our bookstore. Just logon to [IAIE bookstore](#) and check out our many available resources. These work perfectly for school/district-wide book studies or for individual saw sharpening.

