




Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education
Annual Conference

*Making a Difference:
Educational Practices That Work!*

Three days of intensive learning with educators who are making a difference for all students.

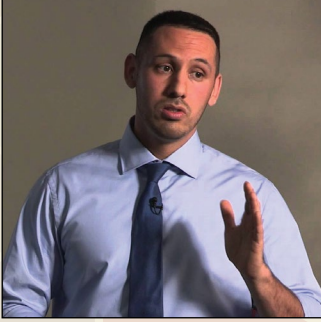


March 11-13, 2019

Hershey Lodge and
Convention Center

“Can’t Miss” Keynotes

Paul Hernandez, Ph.D.



Author of *The Pedagogy of Real Talk: Engaging, Teaching, and Connecting With Students at Risk*

Overcoming the Impossible

Join Dr. Hernandez as he reveals his personal journey from gang member to educational leader; and, find out how he used education as a source of empowerment to change his life. In this keynote address, Dr. Hernandez will offer practical tools and strategies for creating transformative programs for middle and high school students at risk of dropping out of school.

Paul Hernandez, Ph.D., earned his doctorate in Sociology, specializing in the sociology of education, social inequality, and diversity. Dr. Hernandez is a nationally recognized speaker and leader in college access and success, community outreach, and pedagogy for educators working with underserved/underprepared students and students at risk of dropping out of school. Dr. Hernandez has been nationally recognized for his work and was awarded the National Education Association Reg Weaver Human and Civil Rights Award, the Michigan Education Association Elizabeth Siddall Human Rights Award, the Equity in Education award by the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, and an Honors Professor of the Year Award for teaching.

Drew Dudley



Author of *This is Day One: A Practical Guide to Leadership That Matters*

The Leadership Test: Six Questions That Transform People and Organizations

“How many of you are completely comfortable with calling yourself a leader?” Leadership author and educator Drew Dudley has asked that question to thousands of audiences around the world, and in fewer than one percent of those audiences were the majority of people willing to call themselves leaders. In this engaging and empowering keynote, Mr. Dudley aims to demonstrate that there is a form of leadership that is driven by a daily commitment to acting on six key leadership values: impact, courage, growth, empowerment, class, and self-respect. Sharing stories from small town Canada to the deserts of Qatar, and insights from leaders of all types, this presentation will change the way participants think about leadership in their lives and workplaces.

Drew Dudley is the Founder and Chief Catalyst of Day One Leadership, Inc., which helps organizations around the world increase their leadership capacity. Mr. Dudley has been featured on The Huffington Post, Radio America, Forbes.com, and TED.com, where his “TED talk” has been voted “one of the 15 most inspirational TED talks of all time.” TIME, Business Insider, and Inc. magazines have all named his talk as one of their “10 speeches that will make you a better leader.” Mr. Dudley’s first book, “This is Day One: A Practical Guide to Leadership That Matters” debuted at #6 on The Wall Street Journal Bestseller List and has gone on to become an international bestseller.

Dan Habib



Producer and Director of *Including Samuel, Who Cares About Kelsey?* and *Intelligent Lives*

Mr. Connolly Has ALS

At Concord High School’s 2015 homecoming parade, documentary filmmaker Dan Habib watched his son Samuel have a conversation with Principal Gene Connolly. But neither spoke. Samuel and Gene used hand gestures and communication devices to interact—Samuel because of his cerebral palsy, and Connolly because ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Lou Gehrig’s disease) had taken away his ability to speak. “Mr. Connolly Has ALS” chronicles Connolly’s final year as principal of the school and features CHS students asking Connolly about the most profound and personal aspects relating to his life with the disease. Join us to explore the themes that Connolly’s ALS catalyzed in the community: how to live life fully; the benefits of inclusion; what it feels like to acquire a disability; how people perceive individuals with disabilities; and how to approach an inevitable death with honesty and dignity.

Dan Habib is the creator of the award-winning documentary films “Including Samuel” and “Who Cares About Kelsey?” Habib is a filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire’s Institute on Disability. Habib gave a widely viewed TEDx talk, “Disabling Segregation,” received the Champion of Human and Civil Rights Award from the NEA, and the Justice for All Grassroots Award from the American Association of People with Disabilities. In 2014, Habib was appointed by President Barack Obama to the President’s Committee for People With Intellectual Disabilities.

Why You Should Attend —

- Admission to over 40 sessions packed with information from over 30 nationally-renowned speakers.
- Access to over 50 vendors exhibiting new resources, technology, and services for you and your students.
- An opportunity to view poster presentations that highlight effective practices used by local educational agencies and programs throughout the state.
- A forum for meeting and talking with Pennsylvania Bureau of Special Education advisors.

Registration coming soon at tinyurl.com/PAedConference

Talks by Nationally-Renowned Speakers

Amy Armstrong, Ph.D.

- *Appreciative Leadership*
- *Facilitating an Appreciative Culture in the Workplace*

Denise Bissonnette

- *Creative Tools for Uncovering Gifts and Values*
- *Cultivating the Spirit to Work: Inspiring Change*

Mike Bovino

Unified Sports Programming From K-12

Jenni Brasington

- *Can Families Really Help Students Learn?*
- *Moving From Good to Great: Harnessing the Power of Families to Support Learning*

Drew Dudley

This is Day One: Defining the Things That Define You

Lucille Eber, Ed.D.

- *Building Interventions for Students With Serious Mental Health Challenges Via a School-wide System of PBIS*
- *The Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF) for Integrating Mental Health Within Multi-Tiered Systems of Support*

Batya Elbaum, Ph.D.

Engaging Families in Career Readiness

Pamela Emery, Ph.D.

- *The Pennsylvania Career Ready Skills: Completing the Pathway to Employability*
- *Walking the Walk: Teaching Social Emotional Learning Skills in Today's Environment*

Linda Farrell

- *A New, Phonics-Based Method for Teaching High Frequency Words*
- *Understanding Balanced Literacy and Systematic Literacy Instruction and Why It Matters*

Erin D. Gilsbach, Esq.

- *Cyberbullying, Social Media, and FAPE: A Legal Analysis*
- *A Legal Look at the Confused, Complex, and Just Plain Confounding Reality of Today's SDIs*
- *Life After High School: Legally-Defensible Post-Secondary Transition Planning*

Dan Habib

- *ACTION! Effective Transition Practices Captured in Documentary Film*
- *Intelligent Lives (Screening and Discussion)*

Candace Hawkins

No Matter Who Wins, Everyone Loses: Restoring Relationships After a Dispute

Paul Hernandez, Ph.D.

- *Pedagogy of Real Talk*
- *Social Construction of a Monster*

Laurie Klose, Ph.D.

Ethical Practice and Decision Making in Schools (Psych Ethics credit awarded)

Nanda Mitra-Itle, NCSP, ABD

- *Legal Considerations for Gifted Assessment of Diverse Students*
- *MTSS and Gifted: It's a Beautiful Marriage*

Chemay Morales-James

- *How to Support Positive Racial and Cultural Identity in Classrooms*
- *What Does It Mean to be Culturally Responsive in Secondary Classrooms?*

Sharon LePage Plante

- *Educational and Assistive Technologies to Engage Students With Learning Differences*
- *Technol-OGy: EdTech to Enhance Structured Literacy Instruction for Students With Dyslexia*

Sarah Powell, Ph.D.

- *Effective Word-Problem Instruction for Students With Learning Difficulties*
- *Five Essential Components of Effective Mathematics Intervention*

Debbie Pushor, Ph.D.

- *Parent Engagement: Moving from "Random Acts" to a Systematic Approach*
- *Using Parent Knowledge in Teaching and Learning*

Jeff Remington

- *STEM for All! Applying Inclusive STEM Engagement by Creating a Toolbox for Implementation*
- *STEM For All! Understanding STEM and Inclusive Engagement to Help All Students be Future Ready*

Mark S. Seidenberg, Ph.D.

- *Can Reading Science Improve Literacy Outcomes?*
- *How Spoken Language Experience Affects Learning to Read and Contributes to "Achievement Gaps"*

Mark Sundberg, Ph.D., BCBA-D

- *Establishing Generative Language Learning for Children With Autism*
- *Using the VB-MAPP to Guide a Language Intervention Program*

Megan Tschannen-Moran, Ph.D.

- *Cultivating Trust With Students and Their Parents*
- *Fostering a Culture of Collegial Trust*

Parent Scholarships

The Bureau of Special Education and PaTTAN are pleased to offer a limited number of parent scholarships to Pennsylvania residents who are not employed in a professional capacity by an educational or advocacy organization. Parents of school-age (Kindergarten and up) students with a current IEP may apply.

All scholarship applications must be emailed or postmarked on or before January 27, 2019.

To apply go to:
tinyurl.com/PAedConference

Download the PDE Conference App!

Access conference information using your smart phone, tablet, or laptop computer! Using the PDE Conference app, you can:

- Access session information and presenter details
- Personalize your schedule to receive session reminders
- Take notes during your sessions
- View conference center maps
- Exchange information with other participants

More information about the app will be available soon at: tinyurl.com/PAedConference

What You Need to Know

Registration Information

IMPORTANT! Payment must be received prior to the conference. You will not be permitted to attend the conference unless your registration fee is paid in full.

- Registration Fee is \$179.00 (**Registration and payment must be received by 4:00 p.m., February 27, 2019.**)
- Payment may be made with check, cash, or purchase order; credit cards will not be accepted.
- **Include a copy of your registration confirmation email with your payment.**
- Make check payable to MCIU and mail to:
Business Office, PaTTAN
333 Technology Drive
Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355
- or send a purchase order to:
ConferenceBilling@pattankop.net
- Out-of-state registration is \$525 at any time.

Late Registration

After February 27, you may register by contacting Annette Bauerlein at abauerlein@pattan.net. You must pay the late registration fee of \$219.00.

Registration Cancellations

- If you are unable to attend the conference, you must cancel your registration by 4:00 p.m., February 27, 2019, by contacting Annette Bauerlein at abauerlein@pattan.net.
- **If you do not cancel your registration by the deadline, you will be required to pay the full registration fee to cover costs incurred by PaTTAN. You or your LEA will be billed for the late registration fee of \$219.00.**

Inclement Weather

The conference will take place rain or shine, regardless of weather conditions.

Lodging

Conference attendees may book a room at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania, at the conference rate of \$132.00 per night.

You may book your room at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/PATTAN2018> or, if you prefer to speak to a Reservation Agent, please call the Hershey Lodge Reservation office at 855-729-3108, and ask for the room block for the PaTTAN – PA DEPT OF EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, March 11-13, 2019.

Meals

- The cost for the Coffee House, all receptions, and Tuesday's luncheon are included in the conference registration fee.
- Participants are responsible for making arrangements for all other meals.
- No adjustments will be made to the conference registration fee.

Credit Hours



Credit will be awarded on a daily basis. Individuals attending this conference must arrive on time for the start of each day's sessions, participate in sessions throughout the day, and stay the duration of the day in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours.



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The Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology to offer continuing education for psychologists. PaTTAN maintains responsibility for the program(s). This workshop is offered for up to 11 CPDs.