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Keynote Session

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Monday, October 19th (Luncheon Speaker)

Unshakeable: 3 Keys to Enjoying Teaching Every Day, No Matter What

Angela Watson

Many teachers enter the profession of teaching full of excitement, but later find their enthusiasm waning as they cope with the reality of the job's daily stressors. In this keynote, you'll learn teaching strategies, daily routines, and mindset shifts that will infuse your day with joy and purpose. Reconnect with your passion for teaching while inspiring your students to unleash their passion for learning!

A dedicated classroom teacher for 11 years, Angela Watson has turned her passion for helping other teachers into a career as an educational consultant. As founder of Due Season Press and Educational Services in Brooklyn, NY, she has published 4 books, launched 2 online courses, hosts a weekly podcast, designs curriculum support materials, provides instructional coaching services, and conducts seminars in schools around the world.

Angela will also host a breakout session...

Keynote Discussion: Practical Steps For Aligning Your Life With Your Vision

Monday, October 19th (1:30 pm–2:45 pm)

The principles from “Unshakeable” sound intriguing, but how can you integrate them in YOUR classroom? Come discuss your next steps in this roundtable session. Angela will share actionable tips for managing your energy level and creating time for what matters most. Share strategies with your peers and ask for advice on issues you're facing with mindset, time management, motivation, and more.



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70+ Engaging Breakout Sessions! Including these featured speakers...



Justin Ashley

Award-winning Teacher, Speaker, Author, and Education Advocate

Justin Ashley's teaching career began in 2007 in Charlotte, North Carolina. His teaching honors include Charlotte's East Zone Teacher of the Year in 2011, North Carolina History Teacher of the Year in 2013, and North Carolina Social Studies Teacher of the Year in 2013. As a popular speaker and education advocate, he has motivated educators at various venues across the state and is currently finalizing his first book, called *The Balanced Teacher Path*.

SESSION 1

Purple Cows in the Classroom

When my son was one, he would yell "Moo!" to the cows he saw near our house. But after he turned two, something changed. He stopped mooing. He had seen far too many brown cows. But what if there was a purple cow? I bet you he would yell "Moo!" again.

Classrooms work the same way: When a teacher presents a typical lesson, students no longer moo, but when something unusual is added, teachers hear the big moo. Learn to take your class by surprise with water balloons, historical holograms, historical text messages, commercial creations, music mixing and much more! Learn how to go purple. It makes learning more fun for your kids...and for you.

SESSION 2

The Balanced Teacher Path

Fifty percent of teachers quit within their first five years. Why? Because they try to be perfect. There isn't enough time each day to do the job, so they work nights and weekends. They sacrifice their families and sanity for the path, but the perfect teacher path is not sustainable because it forces them to think too much about their current students and too little about their future students, their families, and themselves.

Teachers can avoid this painful path by embracing an alternative: *The Balanced Teacher Path*. You can be a great teacher and still live a happy life. Do you want to learn how to be more balanced? Maybe. Maybe not. But you deserve to know.



Kathy Bumgardner

National Literacy Specialist-Consultant/Author

Kathy Bumgardner is a North Carolina veteran educator, with more than 30+ years as a classroom teacher, literacy coach, and instructional specialist. She is a passionate presenter who combines research-based interactive instructional best practices and positive humor at every opportunity in her sessions. As a veteran teacher with experiences spanning a variety of grade

levels, diverse classrooms, and literacy positions in North Carolina Schools, Kathy fully understands the value of sharing “REAL WORLD” teaching strategies that are researched-based and that “really” worked with students in her own classrooms. She strives to support teachers with the overwhelming challenges that teachers and educators face today in preparing students to be “College and Career Ready” for the 21st Century Global Economy.

Kathy is the creator of THINK ALOUD CLOUDS and other engaging hands-on student/teacher literacy tools that she shares on her website and in sessions. The tools and materials that Kathy shares are proven valuable resources that she strives to share with other educators TODAY so that they can use them with their students TOMORROW!

Kathy also works as a national consultant/speaker for McGraw Hill Education and is a consulting author for the newest reading program “WONDERS”. In recent months, Kathy has been conducting webinars and filming her demonstration of best instructional practices in literacy in real classrooms across the country in order to support teachers in seamlessly transitioning to successful classroom instruction with the higher expectation of the new Common Core Standards.

SESSION 1

K-5 Classroom Literacy Instruction That Really Rocks!

Is balancing successful instructional strategies with the rigorous demands of the Common Core State Standards a weekly challenge for you? Then this session is for you! Practical strategies that work towards engaging and focusing students to become Real Readers and Writers will be shared from a “real world” and “teacher/student-friendly” point of view. Walk away with some great strategies and teaching ideas!

SESSION 2

CONFUSED and BAFFLED About WRITING INSTRUCTION in Your K-5 CLASSROOM?

What are the biggest challenges that all teachers are facing as we strive to ensure our students will be COLLEGE and CAREER Ready in WRITING? If you feel like you are STILL trying to get your head around how to plan for and implement effective writing instruction, then this session is for you. Participants will walk away with ideas and strategies they can learn about today and use with students tomorrow.



Laura Candler

Retired Teacher, Educational Consultant and Author

Laura Candler is the past NCAEE President and a former 5th grade teacher from Fayetteville, North Carolina. She has presented educational workshops to teachers around the country for over 21 years. Laura is the creator of the *Teaching Resources* website and *Corkboard Connections* blog. She is the author of 10 books for teachers as well as over 100 digital resources. Laura's workshops bridge the

gap between theory and practice. Participants experience the power of proven, classroom-tested strategies. They walk away energized, with loads of ideas and materials designed to ensure classroom success.

SESSION 1

Title: Interactive Teaching Made Easy

Teaching is more than telling. To be effective, the teaching and learning process must be interactive.

Developing an interactive teaching style allows you to assess your students' needs on the fly and adjust instruction accordingly. Fostering an interactive learning environment will keep your students engaged and will encourage them to explore the lesson content in meaningful ways. During this session, Laura will share a variety of easy-to-implement strategies that can be used to make any lesson more interactive. Participants will try many of the strategies during the session, and will discover the transformative power of these simple techniques! Interactive teaching is easier than you think!

SESSION 2

DonorsChoose – A Jackpot of Classroom Funding!

Do you regularly spend your own money on classroom supplies? If so, attend this session to learn how you can hit the DonorsChoose jackpot!! You'll learn a simple, step-by-step process for writing proposals to obtain funding for your classroom projects. Seventy percent of projects are fully funded; you'll learn tips and tricks to increase the odds that your projects are funded, too. The session will end with FIVE drawings for \$100 DonorsChoose gift certificates, but you have to be present to win!



Jill Thompson

Personalized Learning Program Manager, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte, NC

Jill Thompson is globally involved in education in many different ways. She is a presenter at conferences, an avid blogger, and the co-host of #21stedchat on Twitter. Jill is also the Personalized Learning Program Manager at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in Charlotte, NC.

Her job is to insure that Personalized Learning is goal one of her district's strategic plan and to manage the instructional shift in CMS that is needed for today's classrooms. She is also the CEO of Edulum LLC, an ASCD emerging leader which is Google Apps and Chrome Qualified.

SESSION 1

Personalized Learning in the Elementary Classroom

Personalized Learning looks different in every classroom because it is just that, personalized, to fit the needs of each student. The foundation of Personalized Learning is the same; student-centered classrooms with an emphasis on student ownership of their learning. In this session you will learn resources, strategies and best practices for personalizing instruction in your classroom.

SESSION 2

Creator of Opportunities: Using Technology to Enhance 21st Century Skills

Do you want to effectively engage your students using technology? This session will show you how to support your students in becoming content creators versus consumers of knowledge. Effective strategies for incorporating technology to engage students in more enriching learning experiences will be shared. Participants will learn about multiple web tools and resources that will enhance student engagement in the learning environment.



The Bag Ladies

Cindy Guinn & Karen Simmons

The Bag Ladies, Cindy Guinn and Karen Simmons, are full time teachers in Palm Beach County, Florida. Their passion for teaching enthusiastically with *hands-on* activities to make the skills *come alive*, led these two teachers to share and motivate all teachers to create portfolios and projects with their students while teaching skills and strategies.

Their workshops and presentations take place all over the United States, and they have won numerous acclaim for their love of *spreading the good news about teaching* to administrators, teachers, and parents. Their humorous, fast-paced workshops are teacher-friendly, creative, motivational, hands-on and fun.

Four published books, fifteen thematic units, four mini-units, and a DVD represent their creative work with both Capstone Publishing and self publishings.

These two teachers take their everyday classroom jobs very seriously, but know that learning needs to be flexible, creative, problem-solving, and fun in this ever-changing educational world.

SESSION

Bags, Portfolios, Projects in a Make-n-Take with The Bag Ladies

(This session will be repeated) Join the Bag Ladies in this all new make-n-take workshop as you “wreck a bag” and fill it with activities that teach the common core standards with uncommon projects. See samples, hear a fun, humorous presentation by teachers for teachers, and create all new activities for all learners.

Conference Schedule

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Sunday, October 18th

- 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration and Exhibits Open
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Galaxy of Sponsors
- 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Monday, October 19th

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Exhibitor Break
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. **LUNCH** and Keynote Speaker – Angela Watson
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Exhibitor Break
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open

Tuesday, October 20th

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Exhibitor Break
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Turn in Conference Evaluations

Attendance certificates will be given which may be used for CEU credit if your district accepts this documentation.



Registration is EASY!!! Four Ways to Register

- 1. **Phone:** (800) 477-8277
- 2. **Fax:** (423) 899-4547
- 3. **Internet:** www.ncyi.org/NCAEEC to register and pay with a credit card, using our secure shopping cart system.
- 4. **Mail:** NCAEE c/o National Center for Youth Issues
P.O. Box 22185
Chattanooga, TN 37422-2185

Please make your check or purchase order payable to: **National Center for Youth Issues.**
Mail the check or purchase order and registration form(s) to the address above.

If you have questions about the registration process or need a W-9 form, please contact Bob Nickel at bnickel@ncyi.org.

REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME (as it should appear on name badge) _____

JOB TITLE - (REQUIRED PLEASE) _____

ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

EMAIL (REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION) _____

WORK ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WORK PHONE () _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

	REGULAR RATE	STUDENT (UNDERGRAD ONLY)
Early Bird Registration (on or before August 8th)	\$150	\$45
Regular Registration (August 9 through October 15)	\$175	\$50
On-site Registration (after October 15 through the days of the conference)	\$190	\$55

• **2015/2016 school year membership fee included in the registration fee.**

PAYMENT METHOD

- Purchase Order** *A copy of the purchase order is required.* (addressed to National Center for Youth Issues, P.O. Box 22185, Chattanooga, TN 37422-2185)
- Check Enclosed** (made payable to **National Center for Youth Issues**)
- Credit Card** Personal Corporate

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To make hotel reservations:

The Embassy Suites has a conference rate of \$140 plus tax, which remains valid for reservations made on or before **September 18, 2015**. This rate includes a complimentary hot breakfast and an evening manager's reception each day!

TO REGISTER ONLINE:

Go to www.ncyi.org/ncaeec and follow the link to the hotel's reservation system.

Please Note: If you want to phone in your reservation, please be sure to tell the hotel that you're with the "AEE" group.

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