Twelfth Annual Conference
Distance Learning - Creating Global Connections
March 14–15, Lincoln Southwest High School

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
Ten Tips in Designing and Implementing a Blended Learning Environment

This presentation will define how the concepts of blended learning can be used as enrichment to any learning environment or as a new pedagogical technique. Michael Pregot will show specific instructional designs that accompany an on-line program. He will also discuss some of the pros and cons that are inherent in a distance learning program. Two of the major goals include a highlight of what a blended format would actually look like and also offer a critical review of the differences between traditional and blended instruction.

Michael V. Pregot, Assistant Professor of Leadership, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY. Dr. Pregot has served as a secondary school administrator at the middle school and high school levels for 15 years and as a P-12 school superintendent for 15 years. Most of his administrative experiences have taken place in New York and Massachusetts with three years of service as an interim superintendent in New Hampshire. During his tenure as a practicing school leader, he has taught adjunct educational leadership courses at Boston College, Keene State, Franklin Pierce, Fitchburg State and Worcester State College. Prior to his appointment to the faculty at Long Island University’s Brooklyn Campus, he taught educational leadership courses for five years at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS:
Adventures in Medicine & Science (AIMS) of Saint Louis University: Forensic Autopsy
The forensic autopsy is of paramount importance when investigating a suspicious death, as the public knows from watching the new media and popular television shows.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum is at the forefront of bringing popular music into the classroom, teaching the history of rock and roll to thousands of young people in classrooms across the country every year. See an overview of the Museum’s award-winning interactive video-conferencing program On the Road.

The National Archives and Records Administration comprises the richest record of America’s past. In this breakout session participants will connect to Nebraska native, David Rosenbaum, and be introduced to primary sources through its documents, teaching activities, and professional opportunities.

Challenger Learning Center presents Cyber Surgeons. It is an intense and immersive learning experience that engages your students in a live simulation to quickly diagnose and treat unusual medical cases.

Keynote speaker Michael Pregot will offer follow-up breakout sessions. On Thursday, his session Blended Learning Strategies and Discussion will be geared for the statewide BlendEd group, and on Friday he will present a session on Blended Learning in Higher Education.
Register Online:
Go to http://ndla.org & NDLA Conference tab

Costs:
- Early Bird Registration: $80
- After March 1: $95
- Presenter Registration: $30
- Student Registration: $30

Conference registration includes one year membership to NDLA ($25 value) and USDLA; breakfast and lunch meals both days. Student registration covers meals plus handling fee.

Online registration closes March 7; you may pay at the door the day of the conference.

Refund Policy. Conference cancellation must be made to NDLA Treasurer (laura.mcvey@gmail.com) by March 1. Refunds will be processed after the conference, minus $30 ($25 membership fee and a $5 handling fee).

E-mail NDLA Treasurer Laura McVey laura.mcvey@gmail.com with any registration questions.

The Wayne Fisher Distance Learning Outstanding Professional Award

The Nebraska Distance Learning Association gives, as a tribute to long time educator and distance learning advocate Wayne Fisher, an annual award to a similar Nebraska professional. Wayne was an employee of the Nebraska Department of Education’s Education Technology Team at the time of his death in 2007. He was long involved in the Nebraska Distance Learning Association as well as serving as an educator and as a mentor for many involved in distance learning.

Previous recipients include:
- Tom Rolfes, 2011
- Pat Hoffman, 2010
- Shirley Schall, 2009

Consider nominating a colleague - for a nomination form contact NDLA Secretary Laura Huntimer lhuntimer@joslyn.org

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