SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION
+ Arlington Registration Desk

SCHOOL SUPPORTER SIGN IN
+ Registration Desk

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION
+ Arlington Registration Desk

SCHOOL SUPPORTER SIGN IN
+ Registration Desk

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

SPONSORED WORKING BREAKFAST
+ Arlington Ballroom

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

WELCOME
Adam Honeysett, Managing Director
State and Local Engagement
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Led by Jacob Ayars, 8th Grade Student
Vistancia Elementary School
Peoria, AZ
2015 National Blue Ribbon School

INTRODUCTION OF PARTNERS
Adam Honeysett

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS
Steven Geis, President
National Association of Elementary School Principals
Will Waidelich, Executive Director
Association for Middle Level Education
Thomas Dodd, 2017 National Principal of the Year
National Association of Secondary School Principals

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
Liam Beltram, National Junior Honor Society President
Vistancia Elementary School

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS AND Q&A
John B. King, Jr., Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 TERREL H. BELL AWARDS
FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Anchor Down! Excellence and Equity Through High
Expectations with High Support Aboard the Lesher
Middle School Viking/Viqueen Ship
+ Salon I & II
Thomas Dodd, 2017 National Principal of the Year and
Principal of Lesher Middle School, Ft. Collins, CO

Sustainable Leadership for “Tomorrow’s Schools”—
Today!
+ Salon A & B
Dwayne Young, Principal of Centreville Elementary, Fairfax
County, VA
Kelly Baugh, Instructional Support Teacher, Centreville ES and
the Office of ESOL Services, Fairfax County, VA

I Didn’t Pick These People! How to Work With
Difficult Staff Members
+ Salon J & K
Diane Watkins, Director of Assessment and Accountability,
Chesapeake Public Schools, VA
Stephanie Johnson, DODEA Grant Project Director,
Chesapeake Public Schools, VA

Breaking Ranks: 10 Skills for Successful School
Leaders
+ Salon C & E
Thomas Evans, 2010 Terrel H. Bell Awardee; Consultant
and Trainer
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
SESSION FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES
♦ Salon F & H

Your Blue Ribbon Year: A Private School Perspective
Office of Non-Public Education
U.S. Department of Education
- Maureen Dowling, Director
- Pamela Allen, Education Program Specialist
- Isadora Binder, Management and Program Analyst
- Ashley Gardner, Management and Program Analyst
- Jenay Morrisey, Management and Program Analyst

Joe McTighe, Executive Director
Council for American Private Education (CAPE)

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

ED Café: Early Childhood Education
♦ Salon J: max 50
ED Café: Dual Language Education
♦ Salon H: max 50

Strategies for Leveraging Your National Blue Ribbon School Award
♦ Salon I & II: max 180
National Catholic Educational Association
- Annette Jones, Assistant Director of Leadership Development
- Shannon Andrea, Director of Marketing

Duane Emery, Director of Enrollment Management
Cathedral High School, Indianapolis IN
Lynne Scheffler, Principal
St. Joseph Catholic School, Lockport, IL

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
GENERAL SESSION
♦ Arlington Ballroom

INTRODUCTION
Frances Hopkins, Program Manager
National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

STUDENT VOICE: THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO TEACH US!
Russell Quaglia, Author, Consultant
Founder of Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations
Founder of the Teacher Voice & Aspirations International Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION
♦ Arlington Registration Desk

SCHOOL SUPPORTER SIGN IN
♦ Registration Desk

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
SPONSORED WORKING BREAKFAST
♦ Arlington Ballroom
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION
✦ Arlington Ballroom

INTRODUCTION
Adam Honeysett

UNDERSTANDING OUR DIVERSE STUDENTS BY UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES FIRST
Eileen G. Kugler, Author, Consultant
Phillip C. Chinn Multicultural Book of the Year Awardee
Virginia Education Advocate of the Year

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION
✦ Grand Ballroom

INTRODUCTION
Celeste Rodriguez Jensen, Teacher Liaison
National Public Engagement
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

FERTILE GROUND: CREATING CONDITIONS FOR TEACHERS TO THRIVE AND STUDENTS TO FLOURISH
Sean McComb, English and Resource Teacher
Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts
Baltimore, MD
2014 National Teacher of the Year

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION
Adam Honeysett

DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE
Ellen Oh, Author
Co-founder, President, and CEO of We Need Diverse Books

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON
✦ Arlington Ballroom

OPENING PERFORMANCE
Steel Drums: Vistancia Iron Pans
Vistancia Elementary School

WELCOME
Aba Kumi, Director
National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
VA-821 at the Arlington Career Center
Escorted by Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Ty Williams

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Laleh Lonteen 8th Grade Student
Vistancia Elementary School

SPONSOR REMARKS
Nara Lee, Senior Manager,
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
Steven Hoy, CEO
DimensionU, Inc.
Kelvin W. Miller, Corporate Vice President,
Lifetouch National School Studios Inc.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
Steel Drums: Vistancia Iron Pans

INTRODUCTION
Aba Kumi

CONGRATULATIONS.....WHAT’S NEXT?
Sheila Harrity, Superintendent
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School
Fitchburg, Massachusetts
2013 Terrel H. Bell Awardee
2013 National High School Principal of the Year

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF 2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDS
✦ Arlington Ballroom

CLOSING REMARKS
Aba Kumi

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

STATE LIAISON BUSINESS MEETING
✦ Alexandria Room (Second Floor)
Monday 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Anchor Down! Excellence and Equity Through High Expectations with High Support Aboard the Lesher Middle School Viking/Viqueen Ship
Thomas Dodd, 2017 National Principal of the Year and Principal of Lesher Middle School, Ft. Collins, CO
Recognizing that culture must precede structure and all staff have a professional responsibility and moral imperative to ensure every child’s access to vigorous instruction, 2017 National Secondary Principal of the Year Dr. Tom Dodd will tell the story of Lesher Middle School’s 12-year journey from a “ghetto school” with declining enrollment to the most “choiced to” neighborhood secondary school in Poudre (CO) School District. Using the NASSP Breaking Ranks Framework for School Improvement (collaborative leadership and professional learning communities, personalization, and curriculum, instruction, and assessment), Lesher faculty and staff used common planning and teams to: re-align its mission/vision, assess and revise its delivery of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (from school-within-a-school to whole school), implement IB criterion-related grading (no more A-F/100-point scales), employ strategies to honor student diversity (two-way dual language immersion and gifted and talented programming with advanced learning plans), introduce literacy initiatives and a building-wide accelerated math model, target the instructional core (the interaction of the teacher-student-content), offer Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) via Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs), and catalyze internal and external professional development efforts to improve student behavior and achievement in a culture of acceptance. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the influence adult beliefs and practices have on educational programming, student learning experiences, and performance outcomes.

Sustainable Leadership for “Tomorrow’s Schools”—Today!
Dwayne Young, Principal of Centreville Elementary, Fairfax County, VA
Kelly Baugh, Instructional Support Teacher, Centreville ES and the Office of ESOL Services, Fairfax County, VA
As school and system leaders effect school-wide changes that result in improved student achievement, behavior and social emotional growth, they must plan strategies and supports to ensure the progress is not short-lived. This session, led by a veteran principal with over 30 years of experience leading a variety of change efforts, is an interactive workshop designed for school and system leaders and aspiring leaders. We will review guiding principles from the research while allowing time for participants to reflect, share, and learn from their peers. You will leave with strategies to take back to your school that will ensure enduring impact and a legacy of leadership.

I Didn’t Pick These People! How to Work With Difficult Staff Members
Diane Watkins, Director of Assessment and Accountability, Chesapeake Public Schools, VA
Stephanie Johnson, DODEA Grant Project Director, Chesapeake Public Schools, VA
In this session designed for current and aspiring principals, two veteran principals with a combined 40 years of administrative experience reflect on how challenging it is to work with difficult staff members who possess character traits that are contrary to what research says about effective educators. In order to increase student achievement in our schools, principals must monitor instruction and provide effective instructional feedback. This process is hindered when you spend too much time with difficult staff members. In this lively session, you will walk away with strategies for dealing with many personality types so that your school can create effective teams and maintain a positive culture. Time will be allocated to answer questions and respond to audience scenarios.

Breaking Ranks: 10 Skills for Successful School Leaders
Thomas Evans, 2010 Terrel H. Bell Awardee; Consultant and Trainer
Do you know and understand the 10 skills that NASSP has identified as the core requirements of school leadership? This session explores these skills, which are the result of more than 30 years of analysis and study by NASSP. Your understanding of these skills—coupled with the discrete, observable, and measurable behaviors that make up the skills—will launch your professional growth. School leaders must have these skills to take the “what” and the “how” of school change and put them into effective practice so all students learn and grow.
Monday 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SESSION FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES
Your Blue Ribbon Year: A Private School Perspective
✦ Salon F & H

Maureen Dowling, Director, Office of Non-Public Education
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Joe McTighe, Executive Director Council for American Private Education (CAPE)

Join us for a panel discussion with previous non-public National Blue Ribbon School awardees as they describe how they have leveraged the award to motivate students and teachers and increase community engagement. In addition, valuable information will be presented by CAPE.

Monday 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Ed World Cafés

Family and Community Engagement ✦ Salon A: max 50
Whole Child Education ✦ Salon B: max 50
College and Career Readiness ✦ Salon C: max 50
Special Populations ✦ Salon D & E: max 50
Teacher Development ✦ Salon K: max 50
Early Childhood Education ✦ Salon J: max 50
Dual Language Education ✦ Salon H: max 50

The world café is a social technology for engaging people in conversations on essential topics and creating opportunities to share knowledge and make connections. Based on the understanding that conversation is the core process that drives personal, business, and organizational life, the café model enables the cross-pollination of ideas in a dynamic environment. Think: Speed dating for school practices.

Each café will consist of 4 or 5 tables; each table will be hosted by a representative(s) of 2016 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Table hosts will briefly describe a practice at their school and facilitate a conversation with table participants. After about 15 minutes, hosts will move to a new table and facilitate a new conversation until all participants have talked with all hosts. Learn about successful practices at other schools and network with like-minded educators.

Strategies for Leveraging Your National Blue Ribbon School Award
✦ Salon I & II: max 180

Annette Jones, Assistant Director of Leadership Development, NCEA
Shannon Andrea, Director of Marketing, NCEA
Duane Emery, Director of Enrollment Management Cathedral High School, Indianapolis IN
Lynne Scheffler, Principal St. Joseph Catholic School, Lockport, IL

With much enthusiasm, the presenters will share their first-hand experiences of celebrating and amplifying the National Blue Ribbon Award. Please join us to learn enjoyable “blue” activities and practical strategies for leveraging this prestigious national award. Attendees will have an opportunity to design and develop an action plan for their school community.
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