

The T.L.C. Symposium
New College Institute, Martinsville, VA
Saturday, November 9, 2019

Time	Event
7:30- 8:10 AM	Arrival/Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:10-8:30	Opening Session & Welcome
8:30-8:50	First Collegial Cohort Meeting
8:55- 9:55	Workshop A Session
10:00- 11:00	Workshop B Session
11:05- 11:25	Second Collegial Cohort Meeting
11:30- 12:30 PM	Keynote Session
12:35- 1:10	LUNCH
1:15- 2:15	Workshop C Session
2:20- 2:40	Third Collegial Cohort Meeting
2:45- 3:00	Closing Session & Certificates

Workshop A Choices: Cultivating a Professional Profile

Workshops in this section will include topics to help guide teachers in creating and maintaining a professional image.

Educational Balance & Boundaries - Knowing and Learning Your Limits - Jason Breeding

- Social media is a key communication tool, as it has become an integral part of our society. As social media continues to mature and new platforms and ways to interact on social media evolve, you must consider the image you want to present professionally and personally. It your responsibility to use social media wisely. We will explore ways to cultivate positive relationships with individuals in your educational community in which you serve through the use of social media.

Collaborating With School Counselors for Student Success - Theresa Richardson & Teresa "Gibby" Gibbons

- From children in poverty to childhood trauma, today's teachers are overwhelmed with responsibilities and roadblocks to learning. The demands put on teachers can leave them confused and wondering how they will be able to cover the curriculum while meeting students' increasing needs. This session will explain how a relationship with your school counselor can support you and promote the focus of learning. We will discuss 10 practical ways to utilize your school counselor and make your job as a teacher a little bit easier.

Collaborating with your Co-Teacher - Tiffany Vietinghoff and Summer Nester

- Teaching is already difficult with all the hats we wear on a daily basis, but it can be overwhelming when you add more adults to the classroom. Let's be honest, you spend more time with your co-teacher throughout a work week than you do with your family at home. It might as well be a pleasant relationship! During this presentation, we will help you learn how to navigate your co-teaching experience so that you, your co-teacher, and students can reap the benefits in the classroom.

Workshop B Choices: The Science and Art of Teaching

Workshops in this section will include topics on pedagogy and strategies for instruction.

The Art of The Nervous Breakdown (and How to Avoid It) - Matthew Uselton

- No one told you teaching would be this challenging. No matter how hard you try, it is often difficult for non-educators to understand. In this session, we will look at habits and practices to help alleviate stress in the classroom, in planning, and in your life. (No crystals or yoga mats necessary.)

Making Data... Simple - Bill Birdlebough and Gary Gogerty

- Data comes at you from all different directions. Learn how to put it all together in a simple way, so you can make fast, smart, informed decisions about how to best help your students now.

Welcome to our World: The General Educator in the Special Education World - Lydia Stewart and Cathleen Hopfinger

- Accommodating for student needs remains at the forefront of all of our minds and hearts. However, oftentimes, it may be difficult to maintain the pace of responsibilities as they relate to students receiving special education services within the general education setting. IT may sometimes feel like a juggling act, with many balls in the air: completing teacher education reports, input in the special education meetings (IEP, Eligibility) the differences between an Intervention Plan and SPED, Team Teaching concept, etc. Through meaningful discussions, we will provide you with strategies to allow you to support all students, every day.

Workshop C Choices: Creating Classroom Communities

Workshops in this section will include topics on building relationships with in the classroom.

Establishing and Fostering a Positive Classroom Community - Aimee Brenner

- Students struggle with learning when they are in an environment where they do not feel safe or valued. The rapport a student experiences with you as their teacher is often cited as one of the strongest factors that influence student achievement. It is critical to develop and nurture this rapport, as well as the relationships that students build with each other. We will address examples to aid you in relationship-building throughout the year, to include establishing routines, procedures and expectations.

Building a Curious Classroom Community - Tim Thomas

- Students who arrive in our classrooms must feel the support to ask questions, make creative leaps, and collaborate with classmates. We will “test-drive” hands-on techniques to promote a supportive classroom community.

These Kids Are Driving Me Crazy - Wes Warner

- Ever feel like you have lost control of your classroom? Is there one student that just seems to drain your energy? Feel like you have "tried everything" to deal with difficult behaviors in your class but nothing seems to work? We will discuss the points and strategies you need to maintain a positive classroom environment, build quality relationships with even the most challenging students, and even keep your sanity.