



Discovery Educator Network Virtual Conference Saturday, October 25, 2008 Session Descriptions

Raise Your Hand if You're a Rock Star

Steve Dembo (9 AM and 3 PM EDT)

Over 15 million blogs? More than 3 million Twitter users? Over 150,000 podcasts in iTunes? It may seem like there's so much information out there already that you have nothing to contribute. That couldn't be farther from the truth. The opportunities to be an innovator and expert have never been greater than they are right now. Seemingly ordinary, average, every day teachers are standing up and becoming Rock Star... and you can too!

No Mind Left Behind: Using Media to Reach Your Students

Jannita Demian and Matt Monjan (10 AM and 4 PM EDT)

Has the art of teaching been lost for the science of instructing? Are we engaging or enraging students' minds? By applying Howard Gardner's work, *Five Minds for the Future*, we'll explore how to use media including video, sound, and web 2.0 to foster lifelong learners and ensure no mind is left behind.

Discover the DEN

Lance Rougeux (11 AM EDT)

The Discovery Educator Network (DEN) is a global community of educators passionate about teaching with digital media, sharing resources, collaborating and networking. With over 80,000 online members and a growing core of more than 3,000 super-STAR Discovery Educators, the DEN is an amazing professional development resource. And it's free. Come discover for yourself the benefits of being part of the DEN!



Spotlight Session



Power Up Your Professional Learning Network

Jennifer Dorman (12 PM EDT)

Wouldn't it be just awesome if all teachers had a "Magic Eight Ball" that we could turn to every time we had a question about instructional practice, technology or learning theory? It would provide resources, anecdotal experiences, practical application, and much more. Through the connective and collaborative power of online technologies we have access to a vast and vibrant network of educators that are infinitely more qualified than a Magic Eight Ball to provide ongoing, timely support and encouragement. Learn to *Power Up* your professional learning network with customized and interactive Web 2.0 applications.

Moving Beyond the Information Age

Scott Kinney (1 PM EDT)

We live in an age where information on nearly every topic is only a few keystrokes away. Content consumers across the globe, and students in our very own classrooms, interact with content fundamentally differently than five years ago. As a result, academic success can no longer be defined as the recitation of mere facts and figures. Instead, the degree to which our students access global expertise, engage with content, and create meaning becomes increasingly important.

It's in Your Pocket: Teaching Spectacularly with Cellphones

Hall Davidson (2 PM EDT)

The technology wave that follows the web? Mobile. Cellphones text faster than email, spread video faster than cameras, and webcast in real time. They show assignments, document work, translate voice to text, podcast and interface with Web 2.0. Best thing: you and your students carry them already! Explore which features adapt to educational goals. Examples are out there. The wave is here. Let's learn to ride!

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Steve Dembo (3 PM EDT)

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Understanding Your Students' iBrains

Brad Fountain (5 PM EDT)

The increased use of technology by students at all age ranges is having a profound impact on our brain physically. Neural connections are being made that prior to now did not exist. What does this mean for teachers, students and parents? Is it possible for digital immigrants to ever catch up?