

The 24th International Conference on the **Autonomous Learner Model** for the Gifted:

Rtl: The Connection between Gifted Education, Special Education & General Education

A Tentative List of Sessions

Colleen Anthony and Dr. Blanche Kapushion

Jefferson County Gifted & Talented, Golden, Colorado

- RTI is for Gifted Too!

Shari Baze

Bellehaven Elementary School, Albuquerque, NM

- Developing a Thematic ALM Unit for Elementary Students

George Betts

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

- Keynote: Autonomous Learners – Hearing Their Own Voices: Gifted, Talented & Creative Learners
- Keynote: The Application of the Transformational Leader Model (with Aurora Quest K-8 Staff, Elizabeth Nielsen & L. Dennis Higgins)
- Blending Gifted Education, Special Education and General Education – Can It Be Done? (A Panel with Elizabeth Nielsen & L. Dennis Higgins)
- Interviewing as a Process for Identification: Discovering Needs, Abilities & Appropriate Placement for All Learners
- The Most Effective Affective Activities for the Autonomous Learner Model
- In-Depth Coverage of the ALM & RTI for ALL Learners
- Autonomous Learner Model: Training the Trainer

Robin Carey

Director, Instructional Support Services, Douglas County, Colorado

- Leadership in Gifted Education
- An Introduction to Response to Intervention (RTI)

Shari Colvin

New Century Charter School, Hutchinson, MN

- Becoming an ALM School: Struggles & Triumphs
- Teaching Controversies in Science - At What Point Do "Beliefs" Enter The Picture?

Amy Graefe

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

- Advanced Learning Plans, ALM & RTI (with Susan MacKenzie)

Nedda Hamilton and Staff

Bellehaven Elementary School, Albuquerque, NM

- "Bellehaven Elementary School: An ALM Magnet School"

Stephanie R. Haynes

Susie Rayos Marmon Elementary School, Albuquerque, NM

- Moving Towards Mastery: Autonomy through Technology

L. Dennis Higgins

Bellehaven Elementary School, Albuquerque, NM

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- Blending Gifted Education, Special Education & General Education (Panel with George Betts & L. Dennis Higgins)
- The Future Me© Program (A Futures Simulator)
- Exceptional Twice-Exceptional Learners (with Elizabeth Nielsen)
- Twice-Exceptional Learners and the ALM: A Perfect Fit

Carl Howard

Academy School District 20, Colorado Springs, CO

- Engineering and the ALM
- Developing ALM Elective Courses

Kathy Jones

Chanute Public Schools, Chanute, KS

- Technology Tools and Tips (with Cindy Sheets)
- Celebrating Intensity, Diversity and Discrepancy
- The Problem With Praise (with Cindy Sheets)

Jolene Kercher

Educational Consultant, Indio, CA

- The Autonomous Learner Model for the Gifted & Talented
- Orientation: Dimension I & II of the ALM
- Enrichment & Seminars: Dimension III & IV of the ALM
- In-Depth Studies: Dimension V of the ALM

Harvey Kimble

Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines, Iowa

- Three Exciting Competitions: On Your Way to the In-Depth Study

Karen Larsen

Cotton Creek Elementary, Westminster, CO

- Curriculum Compacting: An Essential Step
- An RTI System That Works
- Myths & Realities About Gifted Learners (Including The At-Risk)
- Must Haves for Your Professional Gifted & Talented Bookshelf
- In-Depth Study: Dimension V of the ALM

- Picture Books for Educators & Parents of the Gifted

Linda Lee

Educational Consultant, Hamilton, TX

- Understanding Over-Excitabilities in the Gifted
- Beyond Images of Greatness

Lisa Lee

Teacher, Decatur, Georgia

- The Excitement of Creativity

Elizabeth Nielsen

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

- Keynote: The Transformational Leader Model (with Aurora Quest K-8 Staff, L. Dennis Higgins & George Betts)
- Visualizing Curriculum: Do It Graphically!
- Blending Gifted Education, Special Education & General Education (Panel with George Betts & L. Dennis Higgins)
- Twice-Exceptional Learners & the ALM: A Perfect Fit (with L. Dennis Higgins)
- Exceptional Twice-Exceptional Children (with L. Dennis Higgins)

Pamela Pearlstein and Melissa McGowen

Sherman, Texas

- Setting the Stage for Lifelong Learners: Early Identification and Orientation Experiences

Lindsey Reinert, Dr. Penelope Heinigk, Jan Martin and Dr. Blanche Kapushion

Jefferson County Gifted & Talented, Golden, Colorado

- Early Access For Highly Gifted 4 and 5 Year Old Children: Year 1 - What We've Learned!

Hector Rendon

Educational Service Center 1, Edinburg, TX

- Gifted Students at Work: Career Planning for the Future

Patty Rendon

Educational Service Center 1, Edinburg, TX

- Understanding Poverty and Its Implications for Teaching Gifted Learners
- Diverse Learners and the Autonomous Learner Model
- The Next Step: Identification and Programming for Minority Learners
- Differentiating for Gifted Middle School Students in the Regular Classroom

Ruth Rodgers

Gifted & Talented Resource Consultant, Jefferson County, Colorado

- ALM Meeting Unique Needs: One High School's Approach
- Differentiating for Gifted Middle School Students in the Regular Classroom
- Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children, Including Differences Between the Bright Child and the Gifted Learner

Stephen Seedorf

Frontier Academy, Greeley, CO

- RTI From a Blended Perspective: Gifted Ed, Special Ed & General Ed

Cindy Sheets

Shawnee Mission Schools, Lee's Summit, MO

- Quality Curriculum for Gifted Learners: The Basics
- Writing ALM Differentiated Classroom Curriculum
- Technology Tools and Tips (Kathy Jones)
- The Problem with Praise (with Kathy Jones)

Clara Southerland

Remington Elementary School, Tulsa, OK

- Fractured Fairy Tales...
- Is This Math?

Katha Williams

Educational Consultant & Author, Waterloo, IA

- Images of Greatness & The Night of the Notables

Nancy Williams

Principal – Quest K-8, Aurora Public Schools, Aurora, Colorado

- Keynote: The Application of The Transformational Leader Model (with Quest K-8, Aurora Public Schools Staff, Elizabeth Nielsen, L. Dennis Higgins & George Betts)
- Looking Inside at the Success of Quest K-8 through the Words of the Children

Merry Witzki

Scottsbluff Public Schools, Gering, NE

- ALM & the Traveling Teacher
- RTI & the Gifted: The Journey of a District