



2009 Annual Conference

Thursday, December 3 & Friday, December 4

Thursday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Tour of Auraria campuses, Johnson and Wales University, Regis University, University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus, and University of Denver (Included in Thursday pre-session registration costs; must choose one tour.)
- 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Nuts & Bolts of College Counseling (1st and 2nd year high school and college counselors only; included in Thursday pre-session registration costs; limited enrollment).
- 11:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Exhibits Open
- 11:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch w/Keynote Speaker
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Breakout Session #1
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Breakout Session #2
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Breakout Session #3
- 5:15 p.m. Register for CDE/Graduate Credit - Thursday Only Registrants
- 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. President's Reception
- 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Awards
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Entertainment

Friday, December 4

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Welcome
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakout Session #4
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Breakout Session #5
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakout Session #6
- 12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting, Lunch and Keynote Speaker
- 2:00 p.m. Register for CDE/Graduate School Credit - Friday only or both day registrants

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Counselors of the Month

September

Mary Krisko

Peyton High School

October

Arlene Lanier

Rangeview High School

November

Lillian Malers

Rampart High School

-Colorado Springs

****Check out page 2 for details about this years keynote speakers!****

Annual Conference Keynote Speakers

Thursday, December 3

Wesley Jankowski,
President/CEO of Straightline Professional
Development

StraightLine Professional Development was created to fulfill three simple goals - to make a difference in people's personal lives, to drive effectiveness in the workplace, and to help each organization we work with become the clearly-decided provider of choice. The ideas, concepts, and processes we teach are not new. They are principles, laws. They have been tested by individuals and organizations around the world and their success is documented. These principles are not "on trial." They also are not complicated or difficult to implement. The principles resonate with people - they make sense - and they work!

Our objective is to provide leadership and performance skills training, and business solutions that empower teams to work together more effectively, that build organizations committed to delivering impeccable, legendary service to it's customers, and that create companies that set the new high-water mark for results and profitability.

We are committed to educating our clients in these foundational principles while incorporating the systems, techniques, and methodologies to meet the demands of the current business climate. Our clients can count on us to be on the forefront of developing and leveraging new information and technologies to move people and organizations to peak performance.



Friday, December 4

Dr. Vicki Rueckert,
President EduLink

Dr. Vicki L. Rueckert founded EduLink in 2007, following an extensive career encompassing the areas of education, business management, planning and leadership. Dr. Rueckert earned her undergraduate and Master's degrees from the University of Northern Iowa, and her Doctorate of Education from the University of South Dakota. Throughout her twenty-one years in school administration, Dr. Rueckert has served as Superintendent of Schools, Executive Director of Human Resources, Administrative Consultant k-12 and Principal. She has been actively involved in life-long learning programs, including community education and the linking of high school programs to community college studies.



She has worked as a national presenter for educational programs, including workshops on strategic and systemic planning, peak performance and instructional strategies. As the founder of EduLink, Dr. Rueckert is directing her efforts towards assisting educational organizations in maximizing Peak Performance by both staff and students. She has designed a highly interactive program engaging staff to link the Effective Schools Research to the demands for teaching/modeling Skills for the 21st Century. Prior to her move to Colorado, Dr. Rueckert served as associate professor of education at Morningside College. She most recently has conducted graduate level workshops for Colorado State University.

Dr. Rueckert has served in a variety of leadership roles through board appointments including the Governor appointed position on the State of Iowa Vocational Educational Council, School Administrators of Iowa, Iowa Academic Decathlon, Iowa Talented and Gifted Association, Phi Delta Kappa International, Kappa Delta Phi, Rotary International and United Way. She previously hosted and produced a weekly television program-Perspectives in Education. Dr. Rueckert has also assisted districts/communities in the development of school-business partnership programs. Rueckert resides in Fort Collins with her husband Mike. They have four adult children.

Day/Night Fairs This Fall

Day/Night fairs were a great success! Thanks again to all of the high schools, college admissions counselors, and the fair committee for another very successful year!

Getting to Know You: Council Member Bios

In This Issue: Allison Lusero-Hoffman

School: Global Leadership Academy, Mapleton Public Schools

Number of years at current school: 4th year

Where you grew up: Morrison, CO

Reason for/Route of entering the guidance/counseling field: I worked at Urban Peak, Denver runaway and homeless youth shelter, as a case manager for 8 years. After spending many years working with amazing youth who had reached the bottom and burned many bridges in their life, I decided I wanted to reach youth before they got to that point.

Best/favorite thing about your job: Encouraging students that they CAN dream big and CAN reach their dreams! So many of my students don't even dream because they are stuck in a cycle of poverty or because they are undocumented. Working for a small school allows me to develop relationships with students that allow them to open up their minds and hearts to the possibilities of a bountiful future.

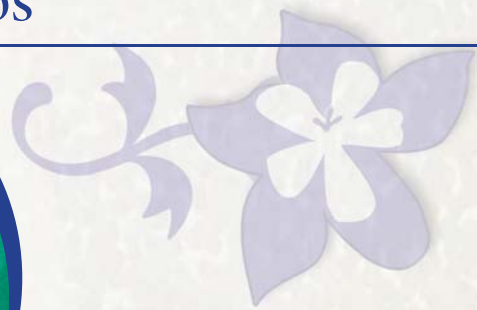
Best/favorite thing about CCHS/CR: Connecting. The relationships I have developed with admissions counselors are invaluable for me to do my job, create programming for students, and open doors for my seniors.

Work related goal for the next year: Always the same goal- Quiero hablar y practicar mi espanol malo mas y mas y mas.

Personal goal for the next year: Always the same goal- Quiero hablar y practicar mi espanol malo mas y mas y mas.

Best book you've read lately: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Biggest accomplishment in life up to today: My two children (6 and 8 years old) are the best thing I've ever done. They are completely opposite, keep me on my toes with fart jokes, football games, and Spanish practice, and are a good excuse for having Kool-Aid in my fridge.



Do you want to volunteer or recommend a colleague to be featured in an upcoming Council Member Bio? Contact Emily Forbes at emily.forbes@du.edu.

Colorado Council Scholarship

The Colorado Council Scholarship is awarded to 16 high school seniors throughout the state who have demonstrated the potential for success through their abilities and achievements. This is a \$1,500, one time scholarship, and the deadline is January 30, 2010. Since the Fall of 2004, Council has awarded \$104,000 in scholarship money to Colorado students.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student must be a graduating high school senior; be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident and a resident of Colorado for his or her final two years of high school; be enrolled as a full-time student at a Colorado Council member institution (<http://coloradocouncil.org/about/members.php#college>) within six months of graduating from high school; demonstrate significant experience in volunteerism/community service; and have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. The completed application must also include an essay, two letters of recommendation, and an official high school transcript.

Recipients are selected based on their volunteerism/community service, extracurricular activities, and dedication. Past winners have included students who are members of the National Honor Society, volunteers for the Special Olympics and local hospitals, active in high school athletics or involved in various other extracurricular activities.

Please encourage your students to apply for the Colorado Council Scholarship. The application, as well as more information, can be found at: <http://coloradocouncil.org/resources/scholarship.php>.

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