



2007 HAPPY Hour
Student Showcase

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The Department of Teaching & Learning Principles
HAPPY Hour Committee
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Academy for Teaching, Learning and Leadership
present the

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8:30AM—3:00PM

Teaching Academy and Education
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UCF's Main Campus
Orlando, FL



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Focusing on Professional Development for
and by Undergraduate Education Majors

Schedule at a Glance

8:30AM	Onsite Registration: ED 174
9:00AM	Opening Session: Welcome and Introductions Education Complex Gymnasium
9:10AM	Own Your Success - The Journey is YOURS Michelle Straub, President and Founder Radiant Leadership International
9:45AM	Vendor Exhibits Open, TA Atrium
10:00AM	Session I Presentations, Teaching Academy
10:45AM	Break - Student Café open in TA 117 Vendor Exhibits Open, TA Atrium
11:00AM	Session II Presentations, Teaching Academy
11:45AM	Lunch Break -Student Café open in TA 117 <i>Lunches for purchase provided</i> Vendor Exhibits Open, TA Atrium
12:30PM	Session III Presentations, Teaching Academy
1:15PM	Break -Student Café open in TA 117 Vendor Exhibits Open, TA Atrium
1:30PM	Session IV Presentations, Teaching Academy
2:15PM	Break -Student Café open in TA 117
2:30PM	Closing Session: Thank You's, Door Prizes, Education Complex Gymnasium

Welcome to the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase

The HAPPY (**H**aving **A**ctive **P**articipation **P**repares **Y**ou) Hour Student Showcase is presented by the University of Central Florida's College of Education Department of Teaching and Learning Principles and hosted by the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership.

The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase is designed to be a forum for undergraduate education students to share their best work with their peers in a mini-conference venue. Students of all disciplines share their talents, assignments of which they are very proud, or strategies/activities they have learned. Ms. Michelle Straub, an entertaining consultant dedicated to the promotion of self-awareness for the purpose of increased productivity and effectiveness, is our featured keynote speaker.

This is the second year of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase. It is our hope that it will continue to be an annual event that will contribute to the quality of UCF's teacher preparation program. It is a tremendous opportunity for students to enhance their scholarship and presentational skills. It also affords students experiences they can add to their ever-growing resumes and professional portfolios. The Showcase is a collaborative effort among HAPPY Hour Committee members Ms. Lori Allison, Ms. Silvia Diaz, Ms. Donna Frazee, Dr. Michelle Kelley, Ms. Patty Lanier, Dr. Sherron Roberts, Ms. Nicole Sotak, Ms. Lee-Anne Spalding, Ms. Lou Stanley, Dr. Karen Verkler (Chair), Dr. Nance Wilson, and Dr. Vicky Zygouris-Coe, and Ms. Donna Leinsing and Ms. Alice Bamberger of the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning, and Leadership. Academy staff worked tirelessly scheduling the student presentations, designing the conference format, copying countless evaluation forms, and holding a Conference Bag Stuffing Party. Technology support has been graciously provided by the numerous individuals under the leadership of Mr. Larry Jaffe, Director of Technology & Facilities. Undergraduate students have selflessly volunteered to work alongside HAPPY Hour faculty and student presenters during registration and the presentations. Benie Harris, Facilities Coordinator, dedicated his time on a Saturday to oversee the set-up and tear-down of the Education Complex Building facilities used for the Showcase. Einstein Bros. Bagels agreed to be open on a Saturday to provide attendees a venue for breakfast. Student organizations accepted invitations to be provide refreshments during the mid-morning and afternoon Showcase events. Faculty and vendors have generously dedicated door prizes to bring the Showcase to an exciting conclusion. The Showcase truly exemplifies collaboration.

We hope you enjoy the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase and leave with many innovative, creative, and inspirational ideas that you can apply when you have your own students. Thank you very much for your participation.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Williams, Chair, Department of Teaching and Learning Principles

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A special thanks for being open on a Saturday to accommodate the needs of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase registrants.

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The Conference Committee wishes to extend a very special thanks to the following individuals for contributing to the success of this conference.

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Michelle Straub is the founder of **Radiant Leadership International**, specializing in executive coaching, leadership development, training, consulting and succession planning for the technology industry. Prior to launching RLI, she was the Senior Vice President and partner of a private, fast growing firm in the information technology

sector. Her key responsibility was to develop and execute organizational development processes and leadership practices to enable change and facilitate growth.

Some of Michelle's prior professional assignments include working for two Fortune 100 companies - specifically IBM and Xerox Corporation - in a variety of capacities including: Technical Sales Management, Manager of Training and Development, Business Process Re-engineering, Director of Resource Planning & Staffing; and Chief of Senior Staff. She contributed by way of process, redesign and interventions in areas such as executive development, performance management, organizational development changes, job enrichment and retention.

Michelle received her Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida and is presently working on her Ph.D. in Leadership and Development at Barry University.

Michelle is a Registered Corporate Coach and a conflict resolution specialist, trained and certified by the State of Florida Supreme Court. She regularly volunteers as a mediator at the Conflict Resolution Center for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida in Orlando, Florida. Her hobbies include playing tennis, hiking, scuba diving and adventure travel around the world with her husband, Chris. She enjoys experimenting with digital photography on her Mac and loves listening to music and podcasts on her iPod. She is also a certified SPINNING® instructor and teaches SPINNING® at the Oviedo YMCA.

STRAWBERRY GIRL BY LOIS LENSKY IS RIPE FOR A DELICIOUS THEMATIC UNIT!**Presenter:** Dianne Van Fleet**Room:** TA 110/116

Come explore this delightful book set in the Central Florida piney woods in the early 1900's and discover how it can be used in virtually every subject area: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Music, Physical Education, Art, and Computer Science. You will get ideas on how to set up an exciting, comprehensive thematic unit including field trips, growing strawberries and making a profit, awesome strawberry shortcake recipe, dramas, debates, and yes, (and this is a bribe), a fresh strawberry when you walk through the door.

HELP! I CAN'T CONTROL MY CLASSROOM!**Presenter:** Brittany Story**Room:** TA 130

Are your students running the classroom? Do you have trouble maintaining control? Before things get too out of hand, come learn about some essential survival skills that will turn your classroom around! Discover innovative classroom management ideas as well as some of the basics. Participants will be actively involved as they demonstrate some of the biggest problems with student behaviors that teachers face today. A comprehensive handout will be provided.

ICE ICE BREAKERS! THE LONGEST, MOST EXTENSIVE DATABASE OF ICEBREAKERS**Presenters:** Crystal Lee, Alex Blinder**Room:** TA 204

Our professors emphasize the importance of getting to know your students! One of the best ways to do this is through ice breakers. Participants will learn about the importance of ice breakers, observe examples, create and demonstrate their own ice breakers and leave with a comprehensive handout to use in their future classrooms.

The Curriculum Materials Center Library (CMC)<http://library.ucf.edu/cmc>

A division of the University of Central Florida Libraries, the Curriculum Materials Center provides Pre K-12 and professional materials for review and circulation. The unit contains approximately 30,000 items, including fiction and picture books, textbooks, multimedia, and reference materials. Within the collection one will find teaching aids and manipulatives, as well as convenience-centered resources such as the picture and vertical files. Our A/V and Production labs provide free access to a variety of equipment including computers, TV's and VCR/DVD players, overhead and opaque projectors, the Ellison die-cut machine, and CD and cassette tape players/recorders. The unit hosts fee-based services include copying, printing, and laminating.

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AND THE WINNER IS...EVERYONE!

Presenter: Daisy Herrera

Room: TA 203

Is your classroom gender-biased? Girls vs. boys? Left brain vs. right brain? Who is winning in your classroom? Knock out the issues and declare the fight a tie! Boys and girls CAN learn equally in your classroom! Join us to learn applicable tips and hands-on activities that will benefit boys' and girls' learning styles.

MOTIVATION IS THE KEY!

Presenters: James "JD" Byard, Christen Boatwright, Jennifer Nicholson

Room: TA 221

Motivation is the first step to getting started. Come to a presentation that will help you get your students on the right path to achievement. We will discuss what motivation is, how to approach it, and some keys to get the ball rolling. Check out an interactive presentation that is sure to shed some light on motivation.

BUILDING YOUR SCHOOL FAMILY (BASED ON THE CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE BY DR. BECKY BAILEY)

Presenter: Catherine B. Walters

Room: TA 304

Learn how to create an environment that fosters community and connections so that optimal learning can occur. Participants will leave this session excited about implementing these fun ideas in their early childhood classrooms. The focus will be on physical areas, routines, rituals and safety. Some of the concepts presented will be the safe place, the family circle, greetings and good-bye rituals, celebrations and the brainsmart start. Come and learn how to be the 'safekeeper' in your classroom!

SESSION I (10:00—10:45AM)

SAIL AWAY WITH WRITING

Presenter: Kristina Graczyk

Room: TA 202 A & B

Calling all language arts and ocean lovers! Get ready to sail away with writing. The presenter will be sharing a related read aloud and creative writing learning center. Workshop participants will experience some nautical language arts, participate in a related discussion, and receive a comprehensive handout outlining the presentation. All aboard!

HE SAID, THEY SAID, SHE SAID... WHAT'D YOU SAY?

Presenter: Mandi Thomas

Room: TA 302

Are you searching for an efficient and reliable method of communicating with families and keeping your students organized? Your search is over! Learn how a Dog Notebook can guard your classroom from miscommunication and disorder. Gather resources that will help you personalize your notebook and implement its use at any grade level. Leave with confidence and great ideas!

BREAK 10:45—11:00AM

Student Café open in TA 117

Vendor Exhibits Open
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SESSION IV (1:30—2:15PM)

I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A STAR, AND HERE IS MY CHANCE!

Presenters: Nancy Romero, Linda Broomall

Room: TA 203

Learn how to transform the most boring material into an enjoyable experience where students ask, "Can we read more, please?" After you use this technique, your students will never want to stop reading. Join us as we share our secret activities while involving you as a participant. You will receive a handout that will enable you to put into practice this innovative and fun strategy.

PARADIGM SHIFT!

Presenter: Melissa Kelley

Room: TA 304

Want to have your students come to class with an open mind and eager to learn? Be ready to change from one way of thinking to another. Workshop participants will be actively involved during most of the presentation, as the presenter utilizes them in demonstrating their paradigm shift.

CLOSING SESSION: 2:30—3:00PM

Presenter: Dr. Karen Verkler, HAPPY Hour Committee Chair

Room: Education Complex Gymnasium

Closing Remarks and Thank-You's

Door Prize Drawings

Note: Only pre-registered participants who are present during the drawings are eligible to win a door prize.

Please remember to complete your HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Evaluation Form (blue) and drop it off at the registration table or give it to one of the student assistants. Thank you for your feedback.

BE POSITIVE ABOUT POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT!**Presenter:** Jolene Troup**Room:** TA 222

Are you always saying "Good Job!?" Expand your vocabulary! This presentation will give you tools to create your own system of positive reinforcement and help raise student achievement in your classroom.

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: KAPPA DELTA PI, AN INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION
Presenter: Jason Alex Ampel**Room:** TA 110/116

Explore the benefits and opportunities available through membership within an international honor society in education. Kappa Delta Pi serves as a professional organization for all future teachers and teachers presently out in the field. Come and see what KDP can do for you!

NEW USES FOR EVERDAY OBJECTS
Presenters: Billie Jo Mustonen, Noris Falcon**Room:** TA 130

Are you overwhelmed by the thought of setting up your new classroom? Do you think that you will need to spend a lot of money on manipulatives and items for storage? Come to our presentation and find new ways to use everyday things! Don't buy manipulatives—make them instead! At the conclusion of the presentation, participants will receive a pamphlet describing all of the ideas discussed.

LITERATURE UNITS AND READING POTFOLIOS: CONNECTING THE TWO, MAKING ONE RESULT**Presenter:** Cassandra McGinn**Room:** TA 204

Getting your students into reading outside of the textbook is the goal of a literature-focused unit. Participants will learn this creative way to get students organized by making reading portfolios. Come learn this creative way to get your students involved in the process of reading literature with an end result in mind.

THE ROUTE TO REMARKABLE RECREATIONAL READING
Presenters: April Caldwell, Sandra Hall**Room:** TA 130

Do you want to help your students become better readers? Do you want your students to read for pleasure and not because they have to? You can promote pleasurable reading in the classroom as well as at home with the overnight literacy program. Learn how to read a book aloud using simple strategies as well as how to keep a child's interest. Participants will practice strategies in groups and receive a comprehensive handout.

SHH! NONVERBAL TIPS TO MANAGE YOUR CLASS
Presenters: Ashley Miller, Denise Prinz, Megan Moseley**Room:** TA 302

Do you want to keep your class focused? This presentation will emphasize the importance of nonverbal classroom management, highlighting some key strategies using music and gestures. All participants will receive a tip sheet as well as a CD with music to help you in your classroom.

PICK ME! PICK ME! STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE QUESTIONING TECHNIQUES**Presenters:** Doug Gray, Eleanor Carter, Maria Mossadeghi**Room:** TA 203

Do you want to keep your students on task? Do you want to keep your students motivated? Learn how to use proper questioning strategies in your classroom. Throughout this workshop, participants will receive information on proper techniques to use in questioning while being involved in live questioning scenarios.

THE SLACKER'S GUIDE FOR A SUCCESSFUL INTERNSHIP**Presenter:** Charles A. Price**Room:** TA 110/116

Would you like to blow your supervising teacher away? Learn how to amaze your university coordinator with your preparation. Learn about the one and only resource guaranteed to provide through-the-roof results. There are no illusions or magic tricks. Just foolproof and time-tested methods. Workshop participants will receive a step-by-step guide. Participants will be actively involved in demonstrations and group response activities. Satisfaction is guaranteed.

HELP! MY STUDENT SPEAKS WITH HANDS! II**Presenter:** Amanda Evanoff**Room:** TA 202 A & B

Participate in the encore of a popular presentation about hearing impairments, students, and you as a teacher. Learn useful classroom vocabulary in American Sign Language (ASL) to prepare for the student with a hearing impairment who may one day be placed in your classroom. Discover the different abilities brought to school life by typical students and students who are hearing impaired. Receive tips, perspectives, and a comprehensive handout to take with you into your teaching career.

SET THE STAGE FOR READING!**Presenter:** Kelli Blinkhorn**Room:** TA 221

Come and join in the excitement as the presenter demonstrates three ways to support reading comprehension! You will have hands-on experiences with take-home ideas on hand-outs. Each idea is theater-based and sure to grab hold of your students' attention. Help to unleash the creativity in your lesson by setting the stage for reading!

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT MADE EASY!**Presenter:** Rachel Clark**Room:** TA 302

Attention, elementary education majors! If you are looking at your internship or your first year of teaching wondering how you will ever keep your class under control, attend this workshop dedicated completely to classroom management tricks of the trade. You will learn survival strategies and techniques compiled from experienced teachers who have agreed to pass their knowledge on to the next generation of educators! Participants will receive a handout full of tried and true methods that can be incorporated into any elementary classroom.

WHO CARES ABOUT DIRECTIONS?**Presenter:** Mary Tyler**Room:** TA 204

This presentation involves group activities that will remind everyone of how important instructions can be. Students need to be reminded that directions are not only important in completing worksheets or projects. Writing is filled with details that help to direct or instruct the imagination to think a certain way. By looking at descriptions and detailed instructions, we hope to help educators remember the importance of clear, detailed, logically sequenced instructions.

SESSION III (12:30—1:15PM)

SCIENCE: STUDENT CENTERED INQUIRY TO ENRICH NON-TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES

Presenter: Maureen Mack

Room: TA 302

Has science become just another task to complete in your daily plans? When you think about science experiments do you shudder at the thought of the cost and the chaos? Then it's time to break free and liven up your science block with stimulating science learning centers and thought-provoking "Discovery Boxes." Participants will work in groups to explore science learning centers and "Discovery Boxes." Participants will also receive detailed handouts with center and "Discovery Box" ideas for various grade levels.

REAL WORLD EDUCATION

Presenter: Andrea Sherrill

Room: TA 221

Having a hard time getting the attention of your exception education students? Teach them about the real world through unique lessons. Learn how to tie real world experiences into your lessons.

BREAK 1:15—1:30PM

Student Café open in TA 117

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SESSION II (11:00—11:45AM)

BE MOTIVATED TO MOTIVATE

Presenter: Nicolette Siyufy

Room: TA 221

This presentation will focus on basic principles of motivation that are applicable to learning in any situation as well as unique ideas for motivating students throughout the day. Too much time is wasted throughout the day managing students. Come find creative ways to get your students eager to engage in critical thinking when you are ready to begin your lessons.

STUDENT WORK ORDINARY? MAKE IT EXTRAORDINARY WITH FOLDABLES!

Presenters: Denise Perry, Sheneza Rahym

Room: TA 304

Participants will actively engage in learning a new strategy to turn student work into works of art. By the manipulation of paper with simple folds and cuts, this hands-on learning strategy will help all students enjoy taking notes and learn new material as they create mini-projects that can be used in all subject areas. This learning strategy will help all students use their auditory, visual, and kinesthetic abilities to engage them in active learning. Teachers will be delighted to assess students' work using this method as it helps students focus on important new concepts. Participants will receive a hand-out detailing how his learning strategy can be used to help students study and teachers assess student work.

LUNCH BREAK

11:45—12:30PM

LUNCHESES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON...READER'S THEATER IN THE CLASSROOM**Presenters:** Renee E. Bleczynski, Kristin Bram**Room:** TA 130

Please join us for an interactive exploration of Reader's Theater! First, participants will learn about the philosophy behind and benefits of "best practice" Reader's Theater in the classroom. Next, you will be provided with lesson plans for the K-12 classroom in a variety of subject areas. Then, cast members will have an opportunity to take the stage and present their group's script. See you at the stage door to a more creative classroom!

CENTER YOURSELF AND YOUR CLASSROOM**Presenter:** Christina Lipari**Room:** TA 110/116

Are you interested in learning some new strategies to make your classroom a valuable place where students are interacting and constructing their own learning through centers? Do you feel the setup of your classroom does not afford you the space necessary for completing valuable activities like science experiments? Participants will be actively involved as they learn how to set up centers that are reusable, as well as create their own science experiment mini tri-fold boards.

GETTING "WITH-IT": GOOD TEACHING STARTS WITH GOOD CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**Presenters:** K. April Sanders, Rebba Haynes**Room:** TA 203

The magic of teaching can't happen if there is chaos in the classroom. Our goal as teachers is to make a clean compromise between being a drill sergeant and a friend. This interactive presentation will address the importance of thoughtful and effective classroom management; planning and development of rules and procedures; communicating with parents about good/bad behaviors; prevention vs. discipline; and different behavioral intervention approaches. Participants will learn how to create a classroom environment that is safe, orderly and fun!

HELP! HELP! MY STUDENTS WON'T RELAX**Presenter:** Angelia Kasser**Room:** TA 204

Every teacher has had problems with students not calming down and keeping their minds on their school work. The presenter has found several methods for helping students relax through exercises and various techniques that anyone can use in their classroom. Techniques for helping your students relax during tests and in the classroom, and for controlling their tempers will be shared during this interactive presentation.

FISHING FOR HOMOPHONES**Presenter:** Bethany Chapman**Room:** TA 222

Want an idea for a manipulative learning center? Come check out a learning center on homophones that can be easily transformed for another subject. The presentation is a mixture of lecture, interaction, and handouts. You will leave with a great idea of how to use one learning center method for many different subjects. It's fun for the students, and quick and easy for you.

8 WAYS TO BE SMART**Presenter:** Elizabeth Rodriguez**Room:** TA 202 A & B

Discover how your students can be smart in more ways than one by learning about Multiple Intelligences. You will learn teaching strategies and classroom activities that will enhance your students' understanding of their own strengths and talents. This information is beneficial to teachers of all grades and subjects.

NOTES

"Teaching is a Learning Profession"

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Linda Darling-Hammond, Ed.D, is a distinguished scholar and expert on education and teaching. She is the Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Teaching and Teacher Education at Stanford University.