

2020 CAREER CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

In a response to the growing needs for high-quality CTE programs, Career Connections 2020 will deliver three multi-disciplinary regional conferences throughout the state focusing on three overarching goals:

1. Improvement of instruction
2. Better alignment to core academics
3. Enhanced connections to career and postsecondary opportunities

Integral features of the conference will include hands-on and innovative learning opportunities that highlight various components of interdisciplinary education accentuated through CTE, including exploratory sessions, networking opportunities, industry-led partnerships, student showcases, educator recognition, apprenticeship programs.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

CHICAGO March 2-3, 2020 **SPRINGFIELD** March 4-5, 2020 **CARBONDALE** March 9-10, 2020

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$75 for one day general conference registration
+\$25 for pre-conference workshop
Register at www.ilcareerconnections.org

KEYNOTE

Andrew McPeak | Growing Leaders
Andrew is a millennial researcher, author, and communicator. Developed through more than a decade of work with the next generation, Andrew's insights have helped leaders of all kinds understand how to craft their message in a way that reaches today's student. In his role as Vice President of Content, Andrew works closely with schools, universities and sports teams to implement strategies to teach life and leadership skills. He is also the co-host of Leading the Next Generation with Tim Elmore podcast.



CONFERENCE THEMES

Each session will focus on one of three themes:

EQUITY

Equity sessions address the role of educational equity in CTE strands. Educational equity is the educational policies, practices, and programs necessary to

- Reduce the predictability of who succeeds and who fails
- Interrupt reproductive practices that negatively impact diverse students in public, charter, and independent school settings
- Cultivate the unique gifts and talents of every student
- Provides opportunities that eliminate discrimination and denial of services on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex and disability

OUTREACH

Outreach sessions provide the strategies and tools necessary to effectively promote Career and Technology Education and Career and College Readiness educational programs, build community support and partnerships, develop essential employability skills, and support individual learners.

INTEGRATION OF CORE ACADEMICS

Integration of Core Academic sessions focus on integrating Career and Technology Education into core academics (i.e., Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies). The mindset behind sessions in this strand should incorporate an acknowledgment that 21st century education requires that content areas no longer exist in silos and the importance of embedding essential employability skills into core academic subjects.

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