

2018 Special Education

Directors' Conference

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. John W. Hodge is president and co-founder of Urban Learning and Leadership Center (ULLC), an organization focused on student achievement and reduction of the achievement gap. He has served as a reading teacher, English teacher, AVID teacher, Assistant Principal and Associate Director of AVID Center Eastern Division. He served as Director of An Achievable Dream Academy, an inner city school that piloted many of the interventions used by Urban Learning and Leadership Center. An Achievable Dream Academy is a high performing, high poverty school that has received numerous national awards.

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Dr. Patrick Schwarz is a dynamic and engaging professor, author, motivational speaker and leader in Education (Inclusive Education, Special Education, General Education, Educational Leadership) and Human Services. He is the CEO of Creative Culture Consulting LLC and Professor Emeritus at National Louis University, Chicago. He is the author of *From Disability to Possibility*[®], *You're Welcome* (with Dr. Paula Kluth), *Just Give Him the Whale* (with Dr. Paula Kluth) and *Pedro's Whale* (with Dr. Paula Kluth). His latest book is *From Possibility to Success*.

