KnightED Talks

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Friday | April 5 | 2019
9:00am – 3:00pm
“Teaching is a learning profession.”

- Linda Darling-Hammond, Ed. D.

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.
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*MIRC = Morgridge International Reading Center | TA = Teaching Academy*
Welcome to the KnightED Talks Student Showcase!

The KnightED Talks Student Showcase is presented by the University of Central Florida’s College of Community Innovation and Education’s School of Teacher Education.

The Showcase is designed to be a forum for teacher candidates to share their best work with their peers in an in-house conference venue. It is a tremendous opportunity for students to enhance their scholarship and presentational skills. It also affords student professional development experiences they can add to their ever-growing résumés.

This year’s Showcase welcomes a 2019 Florida Teacher of the Year Finalist, Mrs. Samantha Neff, as our Keynote Speaker. We also welcome back special guest, Mr. Chris Pombonyo, the 2017 Seminole County Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

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

Dr. Lee-Anne Spalding and Dr. Taylar Wenzel

KnightED Talks Student Showcase Chairs
Samantha R. Neff is an elementary mathematics instructional coach in a title one school. She works with teachers, students, parents, and administrators to enhance the teaching, learning, and assessing of mathematics to improve student achievement. Prior to coaching, Samantha worked in K–5 classrooms for more than 10 years has been an adjunct professor in early childhood education at the University of Central Florida.

Focused on mathematical practices that promote critical thinking and reasoning in the classroom, she has organized and implemented a flourishing professional learning community. Samantha is also a consultant for specializing in building mathematical content knowledge and assessment. Most recently, she co-authored a book titled Making Sense of Mathematics for Teaching Girls in Grades K-5.

Samantha has been a collaborative team member in her district for 18 years, writing mathematics instructional plans and participating in grant studies on formative assessment in mathematics and cognitively guided instruction. She was selected as Seminole County’s 2019 District Teacher of the Year and was a state finalist.

Samantha earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in early childhood education from the University of Central Florida.

To learn more about Neff’s work, follow @jasamneff on Twitter.
Positive Behavior Management

**Presented by:** Benjamin Skinner & Caitlin London  **Room:** TA 117

Creating a positive classroom environment is critical for a successful school year. In this presentation, participate in an engaging discussion about current research and hear share personal narratives highlighting the benefits of positive behavior management. Takeaways will include a variety of techniques, tools, and ideas on how to implement a strong and lasting positive behavior management plan in your classroom!

**Information Overload...Take a Braincation!**

**Presented by:** Varinia Persad  **Room:** TA 130

Have you ever heard a scritch scratch while teaching, only to look around and witness a student doodling with their pencil across the surface of their desk?! Keeping students focused and calm is an obstacle most teachers face on a regular basis. Brain breaks for students are a simple daily practice that can render students a much-needed mental break, resulting in the ideal student-engaged classroom. If you would like to learn more about this "Braincation" and all the added benefits included in the package, come and join me in this session!

**Achieving the Pygmalion Effect in Today's Classrooms**

**Presented by:** Angela Greco  **Room:** TA 201

The Pygmalion Effect, put briefly, is the idea that what one expects to achieve, they will achieve. This applied to the classroom is where we, as instructors, expect certain outcomes of our students and then we receive those outcomes for good or for bad. How can we, as future educators, put all explicit and implicit bias of behavioral and social issues aside, and truly expect high performance and positive changes from our students?
Minoring in Music: Music Integration in the Elementary Classroom

Presented by: Katherine Beckham  Room: TA 202A

My love of music has always encouraged me to continuously create ways to incorporate music in the classroom. Music can be added to any subject area to make learning fun, aid retention of concepts and appeal to students with varied learning styles. Join me to learn how I have incorporated music in my own teaching, as well as some of the best ideas I have found to integrate music into the elementary classroom!

When Cultural Competency and Social Emotional Learning Goes Right

Presented by: Alexa Davis-Payne  Room: TA 301

As of 2019, Orange County is the seventh most diverse school district in the state of Florida. For this reason and many more, teachers should be mindful of the content that they introduce to their students and how it will benefit them in the world as they learn to maneuver through it. In my presentation, I will discuss some of the benefits of implementing social-emotional intelligence and cultural competency in classrooms. In addition, we will process how it helps students better identify and manage their emotions, thus becoming better citizens outside of the classroom.

Validity of Active Learning in Science Education

Presented by: Dylan Thibaut  Room: TA 322

This session offers a current review of the research of active learning in science and its validity in classrooms to improve student achievement.
Not sure what to expect when applying for a teaching position? Prepare for the interview process by attending our workshop. We have invited local principals from the surrounding counties to speak with you in small groups. They will provide interviewing tips and answer your questions. Take this opportunity to learn what types of questions to expect. Dress to impress and bring your résumé to be reviewed by the principals.

Special thanks to the District Administrators and Principals for participating.

Orange County Public Schools
Mr. Samuel Danner
Principal,
Ivey Lane Elementary School

Mr. Lino Rodriguez
Principal,
John Young Elementary

Mrs. Bevan Brown
Instructional Coach,
John Young Elementary

Seminole County Public Schools
Mr. Jake Novak
Assistant Principal,
Red Bug Elementary

Dr. Daniel Windish,
Principal,
Carillon Elementary School

Brevard County Public Schools
Mr. Michael Alba
Director - Professional Learning and Development

Osceola County Public Schools
Mr. Greg White
NCLB Teacher Recruitment/Retention Specialist
Human Resources

Lake County Public Schools
Shauna Purdy
Assistant Principal, Eustis Heights Elementary

Andrea Steenken,
Principal,
Sawgrass Bay Elementary
Turn your negatives into positives. When students can relate math to what is going on in their natural environment, true learning takes place. Educators will gain hands on experience as they learn to engage math students via the arts using various techniques. Activities will be provided.

For Goodness Sake: Using Picturebooks to Grow Goodness

This interactive session offers multiple opportunities to interact with picture books that provide windows into the lives of others to develop empathy and to engage K-12 students in activities that grow good in our communities, our nation, and the world.

How to Use Document-based Questions (DBQs) in Elementary School

In this presentation we discuss the importance of using document-based questions DBQs in primary grades. What is a DBQ and why should we use it? Using a DBQ is an effective way to get students to think like an historian. The critical thinking needed to analyze primary and secondary sources is transferable to other subject areas. While DBQs were once a thing of AP US History classes, it is important to use them in all grade levels.
Integrating STEM in the Classroom

**Presented by:** Brittany Radzak  Room: TA 202

This presentation will demonstrate how to integrate STEM in the classroom throughout all content areas. Participants will have the opportunity to step in the students' shoes by making a variety of social studies artifacts with STEM materials. You will also learn how to incorporate reading and writing into these activities. Fill your teacher toolbox with hands-on activities that will engage your future students.
It Doesn't Say "Social Competencies" on CPALMS!

**Presented by:** Charlie Wright Room 301

Okay... but what does addressing the whole student" actually look like? Reframing how we view behavior management and placing social competencies at the same priority as academic ones is essential to strengthening a child's self-concept before they even know what that means. Elementary teacher candidates join me to experience the Responsive Classroom approach in action! It's not as idealistic as you might think and turns teacher efficacy “from a buzzword into a daily experience.

The Four Agreements

**Presented by:** Allie Johnson Room: TA322

In the novel, *The Four Agreements*, author Don Miguel Ruiz talks about "agreements" that are embedded in each of us and our society. Learn how to break free from these preset ideals by implementing The Four Agreements, not only in your life, but in your classroom. Integrating these mindsets into your classroom can teach students how to cope with stress, self-image, motivation, and give them the tools they need to become successful!
Lunch and Learn: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pick up your lunch in the Education Complex Gym.

Lunch & Learn: Mr. Chris Pombonyo (12:00-1:00 p.m.)
Room: Education Complex Gym

Observe and engage with former SCPS Teacher of the Year and KnightED Talks Student Showcase Keynote Presenter, Chris Pombonyo, as he engages the audience with a Live Lesson Lunch & Learn, including an opportunity for a Q&A.
Learn how to make a difference in the lives of others—teach in our innovative classroom simulator; work alongside licensed practitioners in real-world settings, intern in rural, urban, and virtual schools and inclusive classrooms; discover the rewards of original research; broaden educational experiences through study abroad; develop leadership skills within your field of study; feel the pulse of a thriving, energetic campus where you will learn to lift lives while working to reach your goals.

The School of Teacher Education offers initial teacher preparation and educational advancement opportunities:

- 5 bachelor’s programs
- 5 master’s programs
- 1 education specialist programs
- 1 doctoral program
- 12 graduate certificate programs

We produce more teachers than any other institution in the state of Florida. Through strong community partnerships and innovative programs, more than about 80 percent of our teacher education graduates go directly into the teaching workforce.
Teaching at a Hospital vs. in the Classroom. Is it Different? Not with Robotics!

**Presented by:** Caroline Sarmiento  
**Room:** TA 117

Have you ever thought about teaching in a hospital setting but were too scared because of the unknown? Well if you are going into the education profession, there are a lot of unknowns. What is not unknown you might ask? That engagement for all students helps them to learn! I know you're asking yourself, what is a greatest engagement tool? Some cool robots, duh! Whether in a hospital setting like PedsAcademy at Nemours Children's Hospital or in a regular brick and mortar classroom, robotics is a great resource to help children in all subjects. Want to learn more? Come see what this presentation has in store!

How to Integrate Math and Science into Writing Centers

**Presented by:** Emily Wilkins  
**Room:** TA 130

In this presentation, I will be sharing how I created six unique writing centers and the importance of integrating science with writing. You will have the opportunity to go through these writing centers and see how science topics can be incorporated into writing. There will be 6 total centers, one for kindergarten through 6th grade. I will also talk about how accommodations for English language learners and exceptional students can fit into these centers!
"Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors": Creating a Diverse Classroom Library

Presented by: Sonia Balkaran and Kaitlin Elmore Room: TA 201

As educators, we all know that the most important part of our classroom is the library! However, as student diversity continues to increase, it can be overwhelming for teachers to choose the most appropriate books for our classrooms. Fear not! From representing everyday students to our First Ladies, we'll talk about the easiest ways to incorporate diversity into your classroom library. Join us as we explain the importance of "mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors" as well as depicting equality in children's literature. Handouts with our favorite choices of children's literature for classroom libraries will be given!

I Hate Math!

Presented by: Kaila Mealy Room: TA 202A

Have you ever sat in a math class and just completed worksheet after worksheet? I know there are other ways to motivate students to enjoy learning mathematics. I personally HATED math in school. I always struggled with it and never felt confident in my skills. I don't want our future students to feel like this about this amazing content are. Join me for this workshop to focus on creating alternative teaching strategies for mathematics that can be applied to any subject students may need more encouragement to enjoy.
Session Three: 1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.

Choose Your Own Adventure

**Presented by:** Caitlin Bailey  **Room:** TA 203

Do you have reluctant readers?? Are your students' motivation for reading beginning to fall?? Are the story selections in the class lacking something? Allow your students to choose their own reading adventure. Learn about a series of stories that are connected to multiple content areas, motivate reluctant readers, improve comprehension and fluency, help students develop their critical thinking skills, and make connections to their own lives. Give students the choice of how the story ends.

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Bullet Journals

**Presented by:** Ashley Vincent  **Room:** TA 304

Do you hate having to carry around a planner and multiple notebooks for notes? There is a better way and it is called the bullet journal. It is grid, pattern journal. All you need is a journal and a pen pencil! You can then plan future goals, take notes, and have a planner all in one. It's all about customization! Join me to learn more about the bullet journal.
It's no secret that children have a low attention span, and lots of energy. Let's take this energy and use it to our advantage! If you really want your students to comprehend the content AND enjoy going to school, you need to create a more engaging environment. Integrating games and movement into your lessons is the perfect way to get your students excited about learning!
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Incorporating Quality Children's Literature into the Elementary Classroom

**Presented by:** Leanne Gross & Erica Gaskin  **Room:** TA 201

We will be discussing how to incorporate quality children's literature into different subject areas at the Elementary level. This will include the use of picture books, chapter books, magazines, and online resources. In addition to sharing how to incorporate children's literature, we will talk about the benefits of infusing children's literature into all subject areas.
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Flip Through the 6 Traits of Writing!

Presented by: Valeria Wilson-Ortiz  Room: TA 301

One of our jobs as teachers is to help our students be effective writers. The 6 traits of writing encompass everything needed to accomplish this goal, but it can often be too much information for students to remember. Not if they have their handy-dandy flip book! Find out how to guide your students through the 6 traits of writing by creating a flip book. Participants will take home a flip book of their own!

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Can’t Go Wrong, Teaching Hands On: Science and Writing

Presented by: Kristy Schroeder & Brittany Kordus  Room: TA 322

What do you remember the most about your previous science classes? If you answered experiments, you can relate to many other students! It is evident that engaging students in interactive, hands on science lessons is the most impactful for student learning and allows them to take away valuable information while having fun. Come experience a hands-on experiment to learn about surface tension, as we show you how to make a paper clip float on water!

What College Students Ought to Know About Their Florida Teacher Certification Exams

Presented by: Dr. Jason Ampel  Room: MIRC Global Communications Room

I’ve helped over 6000 teachers pass, now it’s your turn!

This session will address the major issues that interfere with a college students’ ability to pass their Florida Teacher Certification Exams on the first attempt. Join the CEO of The Learning Liaisons, Dr. A, as he shares strategies to help college students pass their required exams and graduate. This is geared towards any students who need to pass any of their FTCE’s. After attending the session, participants will have the tools needed for 1st attempt success! It’s when you pass, not if you pass.

*One lucky attendee will get one of their FTCE’s paid for!
KnightED Talks Student Scholarship

**Presenters:** Dr. Lee-Anne Spalding, Dr. Taylar Wenzel

**Room:** MIRC Global Communications Room

**Acknowledgements:**

KnightED Talks Student Showcase Scholarship GRAND PRIZE drawings

Note: Only participants who are present for the drawing during the Closing Session are eligible to win a Grand Prize

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The scholarship covers conference registration, lodging, and travel up to $500.
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Did you know that whenever you attend a professional development event (e.g., Showcase, conference, seminar, workshop, etc.), you can include it in the “Professional Development” section of your resume?

Presenting at the 2020 KnightED Talks Showcase

Do you have a great assignment, strategy, activity, or experience you would like to share with your peers? Consider presenting at next year’s KnightED Talks Student Showcase. Presenting will enhance your presentational skills and job marketability. Stay tuned for more information about the proposal process.
“Teaching is the profession that teaches all other professions.”

- Anonymous
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