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President



It is an exciting time to be a part of our affiliate. The year is ahead of us and already much planning is complete or underway to provide you with services you can use. The board of ILAVESNP is looking forward to 2008-09. Our slate of officers includes Past-President Debbie Muentnich, President-Elect Dan Livermore, Treasurer Bosa Goodale and Secretary Cindy Gierich.

Our affiliate has a long history of hard working individuals who have set goals to assist CTE educators to be successful in their classrooms as they provide services to students in their chosen career study. We are continuing in that same framework in providing needed and excellent professional development for the CTE educator working with all populations of students. Join with us as we answer those questions as we provide staff development at the IACTE conference in June 2009, as well as at our two individual mini-conferences.

Our first meeting board meeting was held August 6th as a conference call using the GoToMeeting.com website. We

also had a face-to-face meeting following the Forum for Excellence conference, September 24th. Plans are now finalized for our first in-service. Mark your calendars for October 31, 2008 and plan to attend the mini-conference, "Engaging Students' Attention", that will be held at SpringHill Suites Marriott in Peoria. Lyn Purpura, a certified Empowerment AD/HD Coach will be with us both morning and afternoon. Thanks to Kara McElwrath and Penny Dubois, the ILAVESNP website (www.ilavesnp.net) as well as the IACTE website (www.iacte.org) has all the details and links to the registration form. There will also be a general membership meeting that afternoon.

Carol Baness and Elizabeth Kaufman are busy making plans come together for our February Mini-Conference. Details will be accessible on the website as soon as the day is finalized.

Plans are also underway for the IACTE conference in Tinley Park, June 16-18th, 2009. Join us at this conference. Dan Livermore will be requesting proposals for presentations soon. ILAVESNP is responsible for providing several sessions, so we need your help in providing great sessions that promote the achievement of special populations students. If you know someone who is knowledgeable in special education, ESL, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, economically disadvantaged programs, tutoring, non-traditional programs, and/or any other of the many obstacles facing our students, please encourage them to share their expertise. We are also responsible for securing two tours, so if you are from the Tinley Park area and know of businesses or facilities that would be willing to share their information and allow a group of CTE educators to visit, be sure to contact Dan Livermore at Western Area Career System,

309.837.4821 or dlivermore@roe26.net
There will also be many opportunities to network with other professionals at this conference. The ILAVESNP general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, after the luncheon.

ILAVESNP sponsors four \$500 scholarships each year. This year the recipients are Jacob L. Daniels from Winchester, Bethany Selby from Mt. Sterling, Stephanie Brandenburg from Bethany, and Dustin Dubois from East Peoria. If you know these young people, please congratulate them. Every year the scholarship/awards committee has quite the task of selecting these four scholarship winners. Dan Livermore and Billie Vaultonburg will be distributing the scholarship forms sometime after Christmas. Think about the students in your area who qualify for this Special Pops Scholarship and encourage them to apply. Remember we need to have an ILAVESNP member sign the form also for verification. Also,

An essential part of this planning from your affiliate is you, the individual member. Your participation is extremely important to ILAVESNP and to CTE. If you have any questions please contact me at jonab@votec.k12.il.us

What has been happening in ILAVESNP?

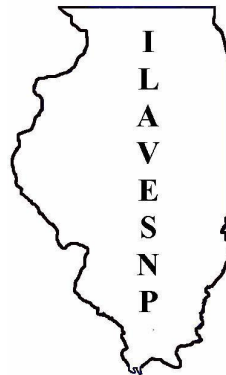
Wow! We are really moving ahead with some great projects and plans, and we have a full slate of officers who have been nominated to take the organization to bigger and better places next year.

We have a new website thanks to Kara McElwrath, and we have been linked to the IACTE site. Look for ILAVESNP at www.ilavesnp.net or visit us by accessing the IACTE website and using our link. (IACTE website is www.iacte.org).

We have an awards program planned for our membership with awards to be presented during the ILAVESNP Luncheon on June 21 at the IACTE Conference. The General Meeting will be held after the luncheon.

We have membership pins which we will provide for members at our general meeting which will take place at the luncheon during the June IACTE Conference.

We have several presentations planned for the conference including a program on Single Parents called **Today's Choices... Tomorrow's Realities**.





PAHS senior applauds new Construction

Industry Work-Based Learning Program! ...

Jesse Brubaker, a senior at **Peoria Alternative High School**, first learned and became interested in the new **Construction Industry Work-Based Learning Program** during a presentation at his school. His father works in the trades and has always encouraged his three sons to get involved. It was this program that sparked Jesse's attention!

The **Construction Industry Work-Based Learning Program** helps high school juniors and seniors explore various career opportunities in the construction industry through a competency-based learning model. This innovative one-year program features a combination of classroom instruction, specialized hands-on training, and internships at various locations, including apprenticeship schools and various job sites. During the first semester, students explore all aspects of the construction industry in order to identify their interests and talents. Instruction takes place both in the classroom and in simulated settings where students gain real skills through hands-on training. Students then apply their newly learned skills in

non-paid internships with area union construction contractors during the second semester.

Deb Johnigk, instructor of the program said, "Jesse showed a lot of interest from the very beginning. He took his hands-on projects very seriously and appreciates this opportunity." Jesse likes everything about the program! He has especially enjoyed learning to operate heavy equipment. Jesse begins his internship at **Central Illinois Electrical Services, (CIES)** this semester. He is, "One hundred percent happy that he is participating in this program and highly encourages other students to consider work-based learning programs. They are really great and worthwhile!" **Best of luck, Jesse!!**



ILAVESNP SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS

Also ILAVESNP continues to support student achievement through scholarship funds. We would also like to remind ILAVESNP members they have the opportunity to nominate secondary and post-secondary students for the (four) \$500.00 Scholarships available which helps students with training expenses. See our web site for details. www.ilavesnp.org/

We are proud to announce the recipients of the scholarships this year are as follows:

Secondary

1. Jacob L. Daniels, Winchester
2. Bethany Selby, Mt. Sterling
3. Stephanie Brandenburg, Bethany
4. Dustin DuBois, East Peoria

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***ILAVESNP is working hard to  
serve its members.***  
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ADHA WORKSHOP

ILAVESNP presented a workshop, **“Engaging Students’ Attention”** by **Lyn Purpura** on October 31, 2008, at the SpringHill Suites Marriott in Peoria. Ms. Purpura, a certified empowerment ADHD coach, helped participants expand their knowledge of ADHD, understand different learning styles and recognize the strengths of these students. The **45** attendees from across our state were given some effective strategies for creating a positive learning environment and some great resources to help encourage successful learning for ADHD students.

As an added bonus for the day, ILAVESNP provided a bracelet for every participant from Avery’s Smile Co., a non-profit organization that raises funds to support ADHD awareness.

Updates/News Clips

TOP STORIES

Find these and other stories on edweek.org.

Stimulus Fund Could Drive Achievement, Duncan Says The new U.S. Secretary of Education would get a discretionary pot of \$15 billion to dole out for state and local incentives under the economic stimulus proposals.
<http://e-news.edweek.org/ct/4109041:4820038722:m:3:219484783:3E1477C2BB5397546415E09D61B95F6F>

'Green' Classes Flourish in Schools Courses focused on renewable and alternative energy are taking hold as educators seek to channel students' concerns about the environment.

<http://e-news.edweek.org/ct/4109042:4820038722:m:3:219484783:3E1477C2BB5397546415E09D61B95F6F>

Best Minds Sought for Central Office, Startups When it comes to recruiting top people for education, the central office and entrepreneurial efforts are part of the mix.

<http://e-news.edweek.org/ct/4109043:4820038722:m:3:219484783:3E1477C2BB5397546415E09D61B95F6F>

Book Probes Scoring Gaps Tied to Race

A collection of research studies aims to explain why progress on narrowing U.S. test-scores differences stalled for many years.

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Middle School Offers Steps to High School and Beyond at Roxbury Preparatory Charter School, the faculty helps disadvantaged students gain admission to top high schools and continue on to college.

<http://e-news.edweek.org/ct/4109045:4820038722:m:3:219484783:3E1477C2BB5397546415E09D61B95F6F>

A New Title I Edward Zigler offers the new president a recommendation about the federal role in education.

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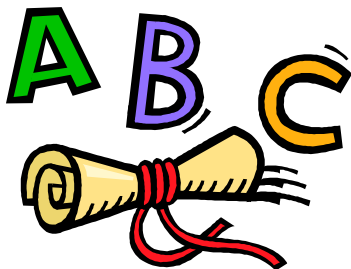
Johns Hopkins University's Spring
K-12 Leadership Institute
Increasing Student Achievement:
Using Data to Lead Change

April 17-18, 2009 in La Jolla,
California

Bring your school data to engage
in an evidence-based process that
is customized for you.

School and District Leaders:
Register Now at

<http://www.cddre.org/edweekad2/index.html>



Mark your calendars today!!!!



**NATIONAL
POLICY
SEMINAR**

[ACTE
National
Policy
Seminar](#)
March 9-

11, 2009

[Crystal Gateway Marriott](#) in Arlington, Virginia



[IBEA Fall
Conference](#)

November 4-6,
2009
Keller

Convention Center in Effingham, IL



[ITEC
2009](#)

November
13-14,

Technology Education Association of Illinois
2009

[Holiday Inn City Centre](#) in Peoria, IL



[ACTE Annual
Convention and
Career Tech
Expo](#)

November 19-
21, 2009

[Gaylord
Opryland](#) in
Nashville

ACTE Nashville

**Mark your
calendars today!!!!**

ILAVESNP MEMBERS



• **On Your Own, Trica Campbell will show us how to use a life simulation game for students to learn life skills.**



A Great Place to NETWORK with your fellow colleagues!!

Annual Conference

June 16 – 18, 2009

Tinley Park, IL

Make sure you mark these dates, ILAVESNP is sponsoring many different sessions. Here is a sampling of some of the session:

• **What You Should Know about Dyslexia, Karen Boyrne & Ronna Snapp will help become familiar with Dyslexia to better manage your classroom and student.**

• **Jeopardy Review Games in PowerPoint; Trica Campbell will teach us how to assist the students review process using Jeopardy to engage the students.**

