

Rick Wormeli

Friday, April 25, 2014 from 8:00 to 3:30



The Drury Center for Gifted Education
in conjunction with the
The Phelps Center for Gifted Education and the
Parents & Advocates for Gifted Education (PAGE)
proudly welcome Rick Wormeli to the
2014 Spring Symposium on Gifted Education.
Doors open and check in begins at 7:30 in Lay Hall
Registration Cost: \$100 Individual
\$ 30 Student
\$347 Graduate Credit

Building Teacher Capacity for Creativity

Some teachers give up: *The student doesn't do any homework, and there is no parent support. I can't teach this child!* Unfortunately, teachers sometimes get survival-mode tunnel vision, and they don't recognize the positive solutions that surround them. Join us for a session that shows us how to emancipate ideas tethered by conventional thinking. Effective teachers will learn how to build their own creativity and generate diverse responses to students and their instruction.

More than Serving Pizza: Motivating Today's Students

Attitude can change a blob of sand into King Arthur's castle. This session is full of practical ideas to minimize inhibitors and maximize motivation for your students. We'll look at everything from positive risk-taking to students' physiology and diet, from cognitive science to integrating students' culture, as well as high engagement activities, building relationships, and lesson design. It's not easy to motivate today's students, particularly older students, but we can do it with substantive content and these effective approaches from an experienced practitioner.



Rick Wormeli

One of the first Nationally Board Certified teachers in America, Rick Wormeli brings innovation, energy, validity and high standards to both his presentations, and his instructional practice, which includes almost 30 years teaching math, science, English, physical education, health, and history and coaching teachers. Rick's work has been reported in numerous media, including ABC's "Good Morning America," "Hardball" with Chris Matthews, National Geographic and Good Housekeeping magazines, What Matters Most: Teaching for the 21st Century, and the Washington Post. He is a columnist for the National Middle School Association's Middle Ground magazine, and he is the author of the award-winning book, Meet Me in the Middle: Becoming an Accomplished Middle Level Teacher, as well as the best-selling books, Day One and Beyond, Fair Isn't Always Equal: Assessment and Grading in the Differentiated Classroom, Metaphors & Analogies: Power Tools for Teaching any Subject, and Differentiation: From Planning to Practice, Grades 6-12, as well as Summarization in any Subject. Rick is a contributing author to Middle School Matters, and Because You Teach. With his substantive presentations, sense of humor, and unconventional approaches, he's been asked to present in all 50 states, Canada, China, Europe, Japan, the Bahamas, Vietnam, Korea, Australia, the Middle East, and at the White House. Rick is a seasoned veteran of many international Webcasts. He won the 2008 James P. Garvin award from the New England League of Middle Schools for Teaching Excellence, Service, and Leadership, Outstanding English Teacher of the Nation, and Disney's American Teacher Award. He is a consultant for National Public Radio, USA Today, Court TV, and the Smithsonian Institution's Natural Partners Program. Rick lives in Herndon, Virginia with his wife and two children.