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New Advisory Board Appointed to Guide National Future of Education Technology Conference 2017

Orlando, Fla. – February 29, 2016 – The [National Future of Education Technology Conference \(FETC\)](#), one of the largest ed tech events in the U.S., announces its new hand-selected 2017 Advisory Board comprised of top leaders representing an array of education organizations and districts including Discovery Education, Google, Harvard University, Scholastic Library Publishing, Vanderbilt University, and more. In addition to a new board, FETC reveals Jennifer Womble as its newly appointed Conference Program Chair for 2017.

“The Advisory Board serves an important role in guiding our world-class educational technology conference,” said Womble. “We believe it is critical that our partners provide advice, focused input and inspire change through a collaborative and informed dialogue on rapidly evolving educational technology issues impacting our attendees. The Advisory Board extends the influence of FETC by providing insight into trends and making recommendations on highly effective professional learning strategies, as well as offering guidance into overall program and conference development.”

FETC Advisory Board members:

- Tanya Avirth, Gulliver Schools
- Karen Billings, ETIN; and Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)
- Shannon Blankenship, Microsoft
- Susan Brooks-Young, SJ Brooks-Young Consulting
- Kyle Christian Steele, Learn Jelly
- Chris Dede, Harvard University
- Julie Evans, Project Tomorrow
- Henry Fleches, United Data Technologies, Inc.
- Christine Fox, State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA)
- Teresa Fuller, BrainPop
- Tracy Hansen, Renaissance Learning
- Ted Hasselbring, Vanderbilt University
- Rushton Hurley, Next Vista for Learning
- Devin Knighton, Instructure
- Keith Krueger, The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)
- Wendy LaDuke, eSchool Media; and Women In Leadership
- Tricia Larson, Pearson
- Tia Lendo, Google for Education
- Gail Lovely, Early Learning Summit; and Suddenly It Clicks!
- Sylvia Martinez, Constructing Modern Knowledge
- Michael Meechin, Osceola County
- Tom Murray, Future Ready Schools; Alliance for Excellent Education; and Chairman of the Executive Summit Committee
- Mary Schillinger, Las Virgenes Unified School District, Calif.
- Eric Sheninger, International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE); Scholastic Achievement Partners (SAP); Spotswood School District, N.J.; International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE); and Chairman of the Executive Summit Committee
- Jason Sinquefield, Discovery Education

- Mark Smith, Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL); and Chairman of the STEM Excellence Awards Committee
- Evan St. Lifer, Digital Initiatives Scholastic Library Publishing
- Cali Stringer, Florida Department of Education
- David Tchozewski, Jenison Public schools
- Shelly Terrell, Instructional Designer TESOL
- Bruce Umpstead, ScaleUp Education Partners
- Vincent Varrassi, Educational Consultant and Learning Disabilities Specialist, Milton, Del.
- Liz White, CDW-G
- Brent Williams, KSU iTeach Center
- John Winkler, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

“After a successful Future of Education Technology Conference 2016, our goal is to build upon that success,” said Rebecca McKenna, VP of Global Events and Publisher at LRP. “That’s why we hand-picked these expert leaders in the education technology industry to advise on expanding educational and technology offerings at the 2017 event.”

Nearly 10,000 professionals from all 50 states and 49 countries attended the 36th annual FETC in Orlando, Fla. Superintendents, principals and vice principals, educators, district-level leaders, curriculum designers, media specialists, technology directors/technologists, and instructional and non-instructional support staff gathered to gain hands-on exposure to the latest software and successful implementation strategies through keynotes, sessions, workshops, the expo hall and more. FETC 2016 experienced a 10 percent increase in attendees under its first year of management by LRP Conferences.

“Year after year, FETC attendees look forward to exploring new tech and strategies for successful technology integration,” said McKenna. “We will continue to exceed attendees’ expectations by being at the forefront of the latest ed tech trends plus continue to help CTOs, CIOs, Innovation Directors, Special Ed/Pupil Services Directors, Early Childhood Directors, Media Specialists and other educators stay current with premium ed tech content to ensure student success now and in the future.”

FETC 2016 provided pre-K to 12 educators and administrators access to more than 500 sessions and workshops focusing on key ed tech trends such as science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education; game-based learning; flipped learning; 3D printing; maker education; and mobile, online and blended learning. Keynote speakers included Reshma Saujani, founder and CEO of Girls Who Code; Leland Melvin, engineer, astronaut and former NFL player; as well as Sean McComb, National Teacher of the Year.

FETC 2017 will be held Jan. 24 - 27 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. The conference is currently accepting proposals to present at FETC 2017. Leaders interested in presenting must submit proposals at www.fetc.org/speak.html by April 30, 2016.

For more information on FETC, please visit www.fetc.org. Join the conversation by following the conference on Twitter (@FETC) and using and searching the hashtag #FETC. For even more FETC updates, “like” [FETC on Facebook](#) and join the [FETC LinkedIn group](#).

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About the Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC)

The Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC) annually attracts thousands of education and technology leaders from around the world. Delivering strategies and best practices for student success and schoolwide advancement, FETC is known as one of the nation’s premier education technology events! Recognized for its outstanding program year after year, FETC provides CTOs, CIOs, Innovation Directors, Special Ed/Pupil Services Directors, Early Childhood Directors, Media Specialists, Technologists, Administrators and other Educators, the opportunity to explore the most effective integration of technology across the curriculum — from pre-K to 12 — through premium sessions, intensive workshops, various concurrent sessions, live demonstrations of several hundred hardware and software products, plus much more.

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