Keynote Speakers

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What Great Educators Do Differently

What are the specific qualities and practices of great educators that elevate them above the rest? This session reveals what the most effective teachers and administrators do differently than their colleagues. Participants will focus on what the most successful educators do...that others do not. Everyone will leave knowing what great educators do differently, why these things make them more effective, and learn how to immediately implement each of these into your own classrooms and schools.

Todd Whitaker has been fortunate to be able to blend his passion with his career. He has spent his life pursuing his love of education by researching and studying effective teachers and principals. A former teacher, coach and administrator, he has authored 30 books in the areas of teacher leadership, instructional improvement, change, leadership effectiveness and technology. Recognized as a leader in the field of education, his message about the importance of teaching has resonated around the world.

Debbie Silver
Educational Motivator

Fall Down 7 Times, Get Up 8: Teaching Students to Succeed

Do you ever ask yourself, “Just how am I supposed to motivate these students?” The real question, of course, is how do we get them to motivate themselves? Educators can help students develop their self-efficacy to better attain success both now and in the future and explore what they must do to ensure that students become independent, resilient learners who not only set goals but also achieve them.

With 30 years as a teacher, staff development instructor and university professor, Debbie Silver doesn’t just know her way around the classroom she is familiar with the challenges educators face at every level. The former Louisiana Teacher of the Year has an engaging style, an unbeatable sense of humor and a keen insight into the science behind motivation, communication and goal setting and knows what it takes to move educators to a new level of performance and how to help them reach it while laughing all the way. Her mission is to remind teachers how important they are in the lives of students.