The USD Character Education Resource Center
CHARACTER ~ CIVILITY ~ COMPASSION
22nd Annual Character Matters Conference
June 21-22, 2018

School of Leadership & Education Sciences
Executive Classroom, MRH 102
June 21, 2018, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
June 22, 2018, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Thursday, June 21, 2018

8:00 - 8:45  Continental breakfast and registration

8:50 - 9:00  Welcome and opening remarks

**Moderator: Patricia Meacham**, M.B.A. & Specialist Certificate from Rutgers University. Paty is a member of the USD Character Education Resource Center staff, and she is an adjunct faculty member at the USD School of Leadership Education Sciences, and the USD Department of Professional and Continuing Education. She serves on the faculty of instructors of the Academy for SEL in School, collaborating between Rutgers University and the College of St. Elizabeth.

9:00 - 10:20  **Carole D. Bos, J.D.**
About Awesome Stories: A Monthly Teacher Resource

Carole D.Bos, J.D. has received numerous professional honors, is the author of two poetry books, numerous professional journal articles, and is also a radio contributor and a national keynote speaker. Carole's most recent honor is inclusion in the 2014 20th Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Carole and her husband, Jim, are the co-founders of [AwesomeStories.com](http://AwesomeStories.com).

* Carole is offering USD Character Matters Conference attendees the opportunity to subscribe to the AwesomeStories.com gold or silver one-year membership at a substantial discount.
10:20 - 10:30  BREAK

10:35 - 12:00  Jon Moffat, B.A.

Getting Parents and Kids on the Same Page in the Digital World

Jon Moffat, B.A. has been working with youth for the past 18 years. Jon created the Cyber Advocate program which has reached over 50,000 students, parents, teachers and school administrators. He started his own consulting business and has presented to over 100,000 people.

12:00 to 12:50  BREAK FOR BOX LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:00 - 2:30  Dr. Tom Lickona, Ph.D.

How to Raise Kind, Respectful, and Grateful Kids: 10 Tips for Parents and Teachers.

In today's often unkind culture, how can we help kids develop the habit of kindness in their family, classroom, and beyond—and how can we foster the "supporting cast" of virtues, such as respect and gratitude, that help kids be kind?

Thomas Liken, Ph.D. is a developmental psychologist and professor of education emeritus at the State University of New York at Cortland, where he directs the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (Respect and Responsibility). A past president of the Association for Moral Education, he serves on the Board of Directors of character.org and speaks around the world to teachers, parents, religious educators, and other groups concerned about the character development of young people. Dr.Lickona is the author of several books and articles on character education and has just published a new book titled How to Raise Kind Kids: And Get Respect, Gratitude, and a Happier Family in the Bargain (Penguin Books.)

2:40-3:00  Wrap-up

Carole D. Bos, “Awesome Stories” subscription registration table.

Thomas Lickona—Book Signing-- Conference attendees who purchase Dr. Lickona books are encouraged to bring them to the conference for the author to sign. Attendees wishing to purchase this book, directly from Dr. Liken, will receive a discount and may do so with cash or a personal check.
Friday, June 22, 2018

8:00 - 8:45   Continental breakfast and networking

8:50 - 9:00   Welcome and opening remarks

9:00 - 10:20  Fran Chadwick, Ph.D.
“Developing the Courage to Engage, Not Evade our Differences”

Common Core State Standards call for speaking and listening skills, guiding students toward discovery of their own voice, and the importance of hearing the voices of others through civil arguments! What better time than now, to practice the development of civility by using current events and other authentic scenarios to “engage” in our differences!

Dr. Chadwick is the Project Director for Literacy and the Law http://literacyandthelaw.com/ Mock Trials to Meet the CCSS, sponsored by the Division of Community Engagement at California State University San Marcos. She has been a classroom teacher, administrator, and an associate professor of social studies education. Dr. Chadwick served as an educational consultant to the Judicial Council of California and directed professional development opportunities for educators statewide. She has been recognized for her service on statewide commissions to advance the understanding of civics and the judicial branch of government.

10:20 - 10:30 BREAK

10:35 - 10:50 “GIRLS MATTER”
Ten female students from Clark Middle School & their teachers, Janel Meehan and Kelly Gelsomino. This experimental project is a joint effort with the Character Education Resource Center titled “Choose To Matter” At Character/At Leadership/At Service: A Proposal for Middle School Girls Leadership Development”

10:50 - 12:15  Steve Breen, Union Tribune Political Cartoonist

"Satire and Civility: Editorial Cartooning in a Polarized World"

Steve Breen, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist for the San Diego Union Tribune, explores the objectives and demands of his craft in the era of President Trump. Steve was born in Los Angeles in 1970 and raised in Orange County. Steve received a degree in political science in 1992 from the University of California at Riverside. He became the editorial cartoonist for the Asbury Park Press (NJ) in 1996 and in 2001, was hired by The San Diego Union-Tribune. He is a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Steve’s children’s books include Stick, Violet the Pilot, Pug and Doug, Woodpecker Wants a Waffle and Henry McHenry.
Steve enjoys running, reading and playing the guitar. He lives in San Diego County with his wife and kids.
* All of Steve's books are available from online retailers, and conference attendees who have purchased Steve's books are encouraged to bring them to the conference for the author's signature. Steve will have books for sale (cash only) at his author's signing table at the close of his presentation.

12:15 - 12:30   Closing Comments and Reminders

Post Conference survey link
Fall Essay Contest Announcement

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