

SCPDF Updates and Reminders

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Join Us Online!
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Leading While Female
March 20, 2021 | 8-4p.m. PST

Join the authors of *Leading While Female* and other dynamic leaders who will offer conversations and stories through keynotes and breakout sessions designed to help both women and men educational leaders confront and close the gender equity gap.

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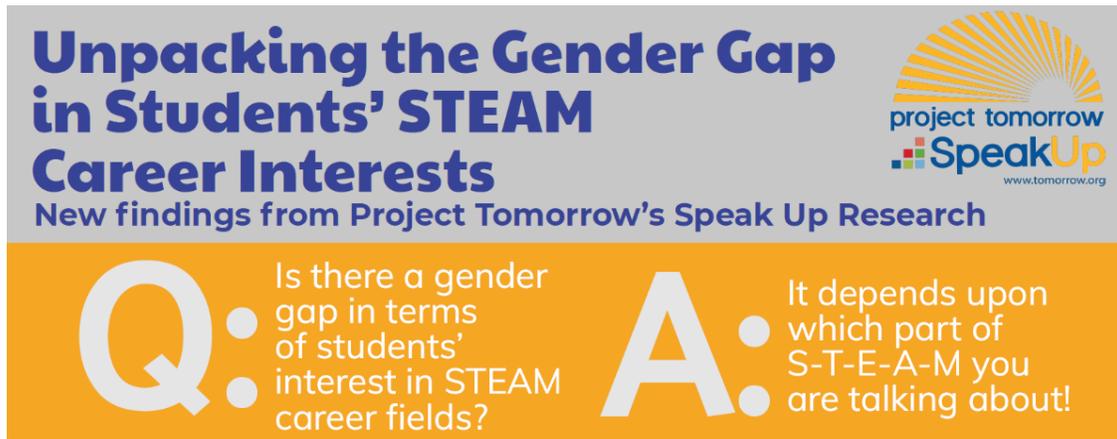
Delores Lindsey along with her co-authors of *Leading While Female*, Trudy Arriaga, and Stacie Stanley and Cheryl Hibbeln, the CEO and Founder of IlluminatED are hosting a one-day conference on **March 20th. Along with the authors, there will be some amazing young women who are serving as their ASB College Presidents speaking along with other men and women school leaders. Please [learn more and register here](#) to join in on this [amazing Saturday session](#) and please note the **reduced registration rate through February 10th!****

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION WITH A **Life Science Career**

Howard Chan from the Biocom Institute wants you to know that **Bio-Rad Explorer Program** created a **Life Science Careers poster** to help you recruit students into your science and bio-tech courses. You can [view the poster here](#) and [order it for free here](#). I love the list of the many professions associated with Life Sciences that I would have never even known about. Howard and Biocom are great supporters of K12 educators, and will continue to work with us to help students and parents consider STEM career possibilities.



Tara Fuad, the Executive Director of Education at the Nature Collective, is leading an upcoming series on three Saturdays, January 23 & 30 & February 6 all from 10-11 am. This series is designed to **help teachers incorporate nature journaling into their classes & inspire students to learn STEM & literacy skills through observing nature.** You can learn more information [via their flyer](#) as well as their website at thenaturecollective.org/naturejournaling and you can [register here](#). Teachers have been enthusiastic about the prior sessions, and will still **receive the kit as pictured here** with nature journaling tools!



Unpacking the Gender Gap in Students' STEAM Career Interests
New findings from Project Tomorrow's Speak Up Research

Q: Is there a gender gap in terms of students' interest in STEAM career fields?

A: It depends upon which part of S-T-E-A-M you are talking about!

Julie Evans, the CEO of Project Tomorrow, has created an infographic focused on **gender disparity in STEAM Career Interests from Project Tomorrow's most recent findings**. You can download the [entire infographic](#) here. Also, please know that the [National Speak Up survey](#) window is **now open through May 28, 2021**. Julie has also offered to provide support and assistance to our members as you work to survey your stakeholders on a variety of issues in light of the many challenges that schools are facing. Her expertise in crafting questions that help you gather the information you most want may serve you and your community well. Feel free to email me or Julie directly at jevans@tomorrow.org.

Congratulations to Julie Weaver, the Spencer Valley Superintendent in Santa Ysabel, on her recent retirement! Spencer Valley is one of the last remaining one-school districts and the current one-room schoolhouse was built in 1905. Julie has led this program for the last twenty years providing innovative opportunities in this historic setting. Her passion for serving students is immediately apparent along with her creative approaches to making school work for her students. **Welcome to Ernie Anastos, the former Lemon Grove Superintendent,** who will be serving as the Interim Superintendent in Julie's place, and is well known in our county for his many years of service!

Welcome to South Bay Union School District as our newest SCPDF member! I am excited to be working with **Katie McNamara, the South Bay Superintendent,** and **Cindy Wagner, the South Bay Assistant Superintendent,** both former NCPDF colleagues before we became SCPDF. I know that I speak for the rest of the group in saying that we are excited to be learning alongside Cindy and Katie and others from their district.

Updates and Reminders

March 5 & April 23

9:00 - 10:30 am

SCPDF Steering Meetings Remaining in 20-21

Please [calendar these dates](#) and see the Zoom link for

our SCPDF meetings in the year ahead. Please **note that our virtual meetings will run from 9:00 - 10:30 am**. We will also have an [Informal Breakfast meeting on February 5th](#). Please contact me for more information and to register.

January 20

1:30-3:00 pm

Data Science Collaborative

Jo Boaler along with Cathy Williams shared a draft of their Data Science Curriculum on December 3rd. The group who met decided to meet again in January to discuss DS implementation further with a number of MS, HS and Higher Ed faculty. **Joy Straub from Mission Vista High will join us on January 20** and share the work that she has done in implementing DS at Mission Vista High. **If you or your colleagues are interested in attending, please email me at brhall@sdcoe.net.**

January 25, Feb. 1 & 22, March 1

4:30-6:00 pm

Ready for Anything Book Study

Renae Bryant, Anaheim Union High School District Director, has put together a **Winter Book Study featuring Suzette Lovely and her latest book Ready for Anything!** Join on Monday evenings starting on January 25. I cannot think of a better time to consider future-focused learning. [Learn more & register here.](#)

January 27,28 & February 17, 2021

9:00 am-noon with coaching between meeting dates

Access & Equity for All Students

The **Center for Culturally Proficient Educational Practice (CCPEP)** with **Delores & Randy Lindsey** is reminding you about the next **Access & Equity series For All Students**. This series will start on **January 27** and will be led by **Cindy De Clercq and Mercedes Hubschmitt**. This first phase is 3 days with opportunities for coaching in between the meeting dates. Please [learn more and register here.](#)

February 27

9:00 am- 3:30 pm

Education Speakers Summit

Alex Kajitani would like you to know about the first **Education Speakers Summit on February 27th**. This is a one-day virtual experience created specifically for speakers, authors and consultants who work in the field of K12 education. Attendees from across the U.S. will learn real strategies that they can use to expand their influence & better serve educators. For more details, visit <https://EducationSpeakersSummit.com> and use

promo code **SUMMIT** to save \$50 off registration.

March 2-May 25

3:00-4:30 pm

Grading for Equity Book Club

John Spiegel from SDCOE is facilitating an **upcoming professional learning opportunity for educators to examine the history & the research on grading policies & practices**. The Book Study will focus on **Grading for Equity by Joe Feldman**. The registration fee is \$60 and includes a copy of the book. The move to virtual learning has highlighted some of the existing inequities in our grading systems, so this will be a chance to collaboratively address those issues. [Learn more & register here.](#)

Apply by March 15

Classes June 7 - July 10, 2021

CSUSM & California MSTI Project

Pat Stall & Moses Ochanji from CSUSM are excited to share that the **School of Education at CSUSM in collaboration with the California Math & Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI)** project is offering a [fully paid summer program for those who might want to earn an add-on credential in math or science](#). The program will pay for the subject methods course & the CSET support classes. Teachers who are interested can [apply here by March 15th](#).

February 1, March 17 & April 29

4:00-5:00 pm, online information sessions

CSUSM Master's in Reading, Language & Literacy

In addition, **Erika Daniels** from CSUSM would like you to know about their fully online **Master of Arts in Reading, Language and Literacy**. Here is the [link to more information](#). Many faculty have worked to make this an outstanding program for preK-12 with a **cultural proficiency lens**. This will provide advanced preparation in reading and language arts, assessment and instruction.

February 23, March 18, April 27, May 6 & June 8

4:00-5:00 pm, online information sessions

CSUSM Master's in Educational Administration

Brooke Soles from CSUSM would also like you to know about their **fully online, asynchronous Preliminary Administrative Services Credential and Master of Arts in Educational Administration**. She will be sharing details at a series of virtual meetings. You can [learn more and register for one of the information](#)

[sessions here.](#)

January 1-April 1

Applications are due

CSUSM Scholarships for Incoming STEM majors

CSUSM Chemistry Professor, Paul Jasien, is very pleased to share that they have a **National Science Foundation-funded program** which creates a learning community and **offers scholarships to incoming first-year students who are majoring in Chemistry or Biochemistry at CSUSM. Scholarship amounts are up to \$8200 per year** for up to four years. Information on this program can be found on the [attached flyer](#) and at: <https://www.csusm.edu/chemistry/cbtic/index.html>
This is a fantastic opportunity for students who qualify!

Final Thoughts...

Here are a few articles and resources that might be of interest:

I know that you are aware that **Laurie Stowell will be taking over for Pat Stall** as the **Director of the School of Education at CSUSM** and [this article highlights a few of her accomplishments](#) over the years. The picture also shows a small portion of her impressive book collection:)

The **California Department of Public Health** has [published these guidelines on School Re-Opening.](#)

You can [register here to join Palomar College's Report to the Community](#) on **January 27th** at 8:30 am with **Jack Kahn, Interim President and Superintendent.**

Matt Doyle, the Vista Superintendent, and the Vista Board published this [Joint Statement of Condemnation in their Community Update](#) following the events at the capital. I thought you would be interested to read their statement focusing on the importance of democracy and the need for respecting each other and respecting our laws.

Devin Vodicka has written an article entitled, [Invention Opportunity: Measuring What Matters.](#) In light of our recent conversations about student engagement and grading, I think that Devin's article will be of great interest. Another recent article co-authored by an amazing team including **Devin Vodicka, Alan Daly, Katie Martin, Nicolette Van Halem, and David Vannasdall, the Arcadia Unified Superintendent** is entitled [A Question of Trust: The Arcadia Unified Better Together Project](#) and shares the findings of a joint study with **Altitude Learning and UCSD** as they explored how to transform schools to a

truly learner centered approach.

Joe Feldman & Doug Reeves wrote an [article about Grading During the Pandemic](#) which is really a conversation about this very relevant and timely topic.

As school administrators juggle many roles especially in light of COVID-19, I thought you might enjoy reading about this [Kentucky principal who also worked as the school bus driver.](#)

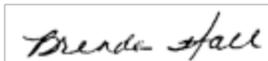
Two [USC student have created a High-tech hand sanitizer dispenser](#) that also takes your temperature. These thermo-dispensers are already in 400 schools including **Chula Vista Elementary schools**. These two college students were inspired to try and do something to help keep people safe and it seems like they are on to something.

As we remember **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, and contemplate the recent events at our capital on the eve of the inauguration of the 46th president, I think King's words may be helpful.

"Peace cannot be kept by force: it can only be achieved by understanding." "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

May this week be filled with peace,

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