

# Upstate Schools Consortium at Furman University

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## Weston Kieschnick

### Using Blended Learning to Support RTI

9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Tuesday, January 31, 2023  
via Zoom

Masterful blended learning begins by asking, "What academic outcomes will students achieve today?" In this Zoom webinar, Weston Kieschnick will share effective instructional strategies from his critically acclaimed book, "The Educator's ATLAS," which offers a groundbreaking roadmap for capturing student engagement in the first moments of class, and sustaining it all the way to the last. Educators will leave this session joyfully inspired, motivated, and with a plan in hand for cultivating curiosity and creating participatory classrooms.

Weston Kieschnick is an award-winning teacher and the author of "Bold School," "Breaking Bold," co-author of "The Learning Transformation: A Guide to Blended Learning for Administrators" and the creator and host of "Teaching Keating," one of the most downloaded podcasts in the United States for educators and parents. He has worked with Google, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and Apple to redefine teaching and learning in schools and has advised educators nationwide and in 30 countries around the world.

## Tanny McGregor

### Thinking with Pen in Hand: Using Visual Notetaking to Promote Greater Engagement and Deeper Comprehension

9 a.m.-12 noon  
Thursday, February 23, 2023  
at Furman University

Students deserve to express themselves in a multitude of ways. Visual notetaking, or sketchnoting, is a versatile thinking tool that provides choice, boosts engagement, and invites deeper comprehension. In this workshop, we'll explore the research and then get practical. You'll learn how to get started as a sketchnoter, and then how to launch this practice right away with your students. The content of this workshop, which focuses on visible thinking and visual literacy, is practical and applicable to any grade level or content area. It will benefit EL teachers, special education teachers, speech/language pathologists, and gifted specialists.

Tanny McGregor brings more than 30 years of professional experience to her creative and engaging sessions. She has served as a classroom teacher, literacy coach, intervention specialist, and preK-12 staff developer. She is the author of three books, "Comprehension Connections: Bridges to Strategic Reading," "Genre Connections: Lessons to Launch Literary and Nonfiction Texts," and her newest release, "Ink and Ideas: Sketchnotes for Engagement, Comprehension, and Thinking."

## Danny Brassell

### Bringing Joy Back into Education

9 a.m.-12 noon  
Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
at Furman University

We know it takes a special person to be a teacher. Every day in the classroom presents new challenges, and our attitudes and expectations shape our success. Join Danny as he shares a fast-paced, humorous and motivational keynote designed to show you how you make a difference in the lives of your students. From teaching preschoolers to rocket scientists, Danny shares his own trials and tribulations in the classroom as well as why he loves to teach. You'll learn his secret to good teaching and leave feeling invigorated.

A highly-sought after speaker, trainer and coach known as "Jim Carrey with a Ph.D.," Brassell has spoken to over 3,500 audiences worldwide and authored 16 books, including his latest, "Leadership Begins with Motivation." He is co-founder of theREADINGhabit.com, the world's top reading engagement program, and founder of The Lazy Readers' Book Club (lazyreaders.com), Google's #1-ranked site for cool "short book recommendations."