

2024–2025 UPSTATE SCHOOLS CONSORTIUM



Valentina Gonzalez: Designing Success for Multilingual Learners

September 25 | 9:00–11:30 AM | Virtual

How do we as educators design instruction that meets the unique needs of multilingual learners, ensuring their cultural and linguistic assets are brought to the surface and leveraged in our classrooms? And how can we position their strengths and create conditions for them to flourish? This immersive and interactive experience will provide insights and actively engage you in strategies that foster success for multilingual learners.



Benjamin Haywood and the CIL: AI for Educators

November 12 | 9:00–11:30 AM | Virtual

Discover how Generative AI can revolutionize your teaching, preparation and student experience. Learn practical ways to use AI tools to enhance student engagement, deliver learning outcomes and make your class prep more efficient. This session will feature hands-on activities using popular AI tools like ChatGPT. Join us as we explore real-life examples and learn effective prompting techniques. Enhance your classroom experience and bring a new dimension to your teaching toolkit!



Cynthia Radford: Unleash Whole Brain Learning in Your Classroom

January 22 | 8:30 AM–3:30 PM | In-Person, Crescent Center One

Whole Brain® Thinking helps teachers tailor methods to student cognitive preferences by promoting diverse instructional strategies and offering tools to design effective, inclusive curricula. This approach bridges individual learning styles with teaching, leading to better educational outcomes and fostering student motivation. Whole Brain® Thinking ensures educational content is delivered in ways that resonate with all learners, maximizing their potential.



Alex Kajitani: Empowering ALL Students to Achieve in Math

February 4, 8:30 AM–3:30 PM | Elementary
February 5, 8:30 AM–3:00 PM | Middle School
In-Person, Furman University

Join a top math teacher for an engaging session with tools and strategies to make math relevant and exciting. Learn to make math real and authentic, inspire meaningful discussions, encourage math writing and reasoning, teach perseverance in word problems, combat negative math stereotypes, and use activities and games to teach Standards. Leave inspired and equipped with hands-on strategies to engage students and make math cool.



Jocelyn Boulware Bruce and Franklin Ellis: Brave Conversations

March 3, 9:00 AM–12:00 pm | In-Person, Crescent Center One

Conversing with students can be difficult. Led by Furman faculty, this session is designed to address and unpack the complexities that come with navigating student interactions. Intergroup Dialogue emphasizes the importance of understanding and sharing experiences using a five-step process to guide participants in leading effective dialogues, from opening to closing conversations. Using real-life scenarios, strategies are provided for managing tensions and conflicts.



REGISTER TODAY!



Logistical information will be made available prior to each session. Space is limited, so register today to secure your spot.



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