



2023 Virtual Pathways for College & Career Readiness Summit February 24, 2023

I HATE SCHOOL – NOW WHAT? AGENDA

8:30-8:45 Welcome – ***Connecting to previous Summits and Student Voices***

8:45-9:45 Keynote: ***Transformational Engagement: Developing Competent Responsiveness to Learner Needs in the Pandemic-era and Beyond***

This presentation will examine the evolution of the teacher-learner dynamic in the pandemic era, specifically exploring the changing nature of learner needs and the shift toward transformational engagement offered by instructors. The concept of competent responsiveness will be unpacked through the framework of interpersonal neurobiology and traumatology, with practical, innovative activities at the classroom and individual learner level being surveyed.

- Dr. Todd Bowman - Associate Professor of Counseling, Indiana Wesleyan University

9:45-10:15 ***Math Badges***

Join us to learn about an exciting new initiative to address math barriers to postsecondary success! In partnership with XQ Institute, Education Systems Center at NIU has launched an Illinois high school math badging system as an alternative credentialing mechanism wherein students can certify learning gained through a broad range of sources including coursework, independent study, summer school, and work-based learning. You'll hear how Ridgewood High School is implementing math badges to provide all students with voice, choice, meaning, and relevance in math to promote high levels of individualized learning.

- Ginger M. Reynolds, PhD - Senior Fellow, Education Systems Center
- Eric Lasky - Assistant Principal, Ridgewood Community High School



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10:15-10:45 ***Problem-Based Learning for Student Engagement***

Join in to explore innovative ways to impact student learning through instructional strategies that present an authentic problem and challenge students to come up with a solution

Kristin Brynteson, Ed.D. - *STEAM Director, Northern Illinois University*

10:45-11:15 ***Creating Student Opportunities with Virtual Work-Based Learning***

In this session, we will examine the Manufacturing Bridge course offered through the Adult Education program at Sauk Valley Community College. This course was developed to include non-traditional virtual work-based learning experiences for adult learners while also focusing on contextualized instruction and the exploration of the manufacturing pathway.

Sarah McFarlane - *Program Director of Adult Learning, SVCC*

Dan Portz – *Product Manufacturing Engineer, Timken Drives, LLC*

11:15-11:45 ***Building a System for Connecting Business Mentors with Students***

Community mentors guide Juniors through career preparation, meeting monthly with a set agenda to discuss meaningful topics. Senior Interns build their resumes and essential hiring skills, making them stronger candidates for jobs and are placed off campus or in virtual internships. These programs prepare students for whatever path they choose after graduation.

Jeanne Cantwell - *Clairemont High School, Career Technical Educator Senior Internship Program Director*

Reuben Hoffman - *Clairemont High School, Associate Principal*