

Program Changes

NSTA Reno Area Conference on Science Education

October 22–24, 2015

Session Evaluations

Chance to Win an Apple iPad mini 2!

Help NSTA's GREEN efforts by completing session evaluations online **October 21–November 10, 2015**, while the session is fresh in your mind! To evaluate a session, you should visit the conference session browser (www.nsta.org/renobrowser) and search for part of the session title or presenter's name using the **Find Keyword** search option. Once you find the session you wish to evaluate, simply click the **Evaluate Session** button, enter your badge number, and answer the evaluation questions. When you finish evaluating the session, click the **Submit Evaluation** button. Repeat this process for each session attended.

Note: Our session evaluation system is designed to work from a computer and while it may work on smartphones/tablets, it is not really designed for them.

When you fill out a session evaluation, you get entered into a drawing for a chance to win an Apple iPad mini 2 Wi-Fi tablet courtesy of the NSTA Conference Department. Remember, the more sessions you attend and evaluate, the more chances you have to win!

Concurrent session presenters may also complete an evaluation for their own sessions in order to track professional development credit. Remember—the last day to evaluate Reno sessions is **November 10**.

Beginning **November 17, 2015**, you can view your transcript at the NSTA Learning Center (learningcenter.nsta.org) by first clicking on "Professional Learning Tools" and then selecting "View My Certificates." You can also document credit for activities that are not being evaluated (e.g., Exhibit Hall visits). In addition, the NSTA Learning Center offers professional learning experiences (online and face-to-face) for your long-term growth and professionalism.

For more details, see page 11 of the conference program. A Professional Development Documentation Form is included following page 32. This form can help you keep track of sessions/events attended that are NOT available for online session evaluation... and it can be used to take notes on sessions attended that are available for online session evaluation.

Science Store Hours

Be sure to shop the NSTA Science Store. Open Wednesday evening and early in the morning before the Exhibit Hall opens, the hours are very convenient.

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| Wed., October 21 | 4:00–7:00 PM |
| Thu., October 22 | 7:30 AM–5:30 PM |
| Fri., October 23 | 7:30 AM–5:30 PM |
| Sat., October 24 | 8:00 AM–12:30 PM |

Conference App



Navigate the conference from the palm of your hand! The NSTA Conference app provides all the tools necessary for a successful conference experience. Features include the ability to take notes and to view session and workshop listings by time and presenter; maps of the Convention Center and Exhibit Hall; social media plugins; exhibitor and sponsorship information; and more. Scan this QR code or visit

www.nsta.org/conferenceapp to download the app.

Special Note on the Conference App: Please make sure to create a CrowdCompass account when logging in to be able to export any notes taken within the app. Also, the NSTA Conference app does not sync to the NSTA online Personal Scheduler.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Located in Hall #2 of the Convention Center, exhibits will be open for viewing during the following hours:

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| Thurs., October 22 | 11:00 AM–5:00 PM |
| Fri., October 23 | 9:00 AM–3:00 PM |
| Sat., October 24 | 9:00 AM–12 Noon |

Graduate Credit Opportunity

Reno conference attendees can earn one (1) graduate-level credit hour in professional development through Framingham State University. For details, visit bit.ly/1NkBqmn or see page 10.

Wi-Fi in Convention Center

Free Wi-Fi service is available in the Convention Center's main lobby only. To access, connect to "Free WiFi."

Thursday Program Changes

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Exhibits Opening

Entertainment for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony/Exhibits Opening at 11:00 AM will be provided by **Galena High School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Joel Munc**, 11:00–11:05 AM, NSTA Exhibits Entrance (Hall #2), (p. 39).

Canceled Sessions

Bringing Space Science Down to Earth, hands-on workshop, 12:30–1:30 PM, F10, Convention Center (p. 45).

Grant Writing for the Science Classroom, presentation, 2:00–3:00 PM, D3, Convention Center (p. 46).

Canceled Sessions, cont.

Young Adult Literature as a Value-Added Dimension to the Science Classroom, presentation, 3:30–4:30 PM, E2, Convention Center (p. 52).

Science Has Many Stories to Tell: NASA Literacy Resources for Your Students, hands-on workshop, 3:30–4:30 PM, A4, Convention Center (p. 52).

Using PBL to Integrate Our School Garden and Properties to Solve a Pest Problem, hands-on workshop, 5:00–6:00 PM, D6, Convention Center (p. 58).

Friday Program Changes

New Exhibitor Workshop

Exhibitor Workshop 2:00–3:00 PM

Using the Classic Chemistry Demonstration to Engage Students

(Grades 7–College) A18, Convention Center

Science Focus: PS

Sponsor: South Dakota State University

Matthew Miller (matt.miller@sdstate.edu), South Dakota State University: Brookings

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at South Dakota State University offers an online MS degree in chemistry for teachers. Join us as we briefly provide details of the program and spend most of the time showing safe demonstrations that engage students in the classroom using the concepts of notice and wonder.

Canceled Sessions

NSTA Press® Session: Gardening with Books and Butterflies, presentation, 9:30–10:30 AM, A2, Convention Center (p. 66).

Create Your Own NASA Portal to the NGSS with NASA Wavelength, hands-on workshop, 11:00 AM–12 Noon, A5, Convention Center (p. 72).

NSTA Press® Session: Outdoor Science: A Practical Guide, hands-on workshop, 3:30–4:30 PM, A2, Convention Center (p. 84).

Presenter Update

Vicki Cobb and **Joy Hakim** are unable to help present the special session **Children's Literature—From Stories to Creating Science Engagement**, 3:30–5:30 PM, Grand Ballroom 3, Atlantis (p. 86). Children's authors **Emily Morgan** and **Pamela Turner** will present this special session.

Saturday Program Changes

New Time/Location

The presentation **Connecting Standards to Practice While Navigating the PAEMST Application** is now scheduled from 8:00 to 9:00 AM in D2, Convention Center instead of 12:30 to 1:30 PM in D8, Convention Center (page 96).

Canceled Sessions

From Food to Fuel—Recycling the Molecules of Life, hands-on workshop, 9:30–10:30 AM, D2, Convention Center (p. 94).

We're Made of Stars? Explore the Elements with NASA!, hands-on workshop, 9:30–10:30 AM, F10, Convention Center (p. 95).

The Human Microbiome, hands-on workshop, 12:30–1:30 PM, D2, Convention Center (p. 97).

Exhibitor Changes

New Exhibitors

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The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) is a U.S. Department of Energy institute managed by ORAU. ORISE provides science education opportunities, including fellowships, internships, and research appointments for K-12 teachers, students, post-graduates and established scientists.

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LEGO Education combines the unique excitement of LEGO bricks with hands-on classroom solutions for science, technology, engineering, math, and literacy. Partners In Brainstorms, a marketing and research firm specializing in preK-12 education, will be conducting LEGO Education research interviews during the conference.

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Stop by our booth to learn about our Masters program in Chemistry. This online program is focused on important topics typically covered in the secondary chemistry curriculum.

Corrections to Program

Minerals Education Coalition #400
correct ZIP code: 80112

Project Learning Tree #623
correct ZIP code: 20036

**Vernier Software &
Technology, LLC** #506
correct street address:
13979 SW Millikan Way