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Register today for the 2007 VAESP Assistant Principals/Lead Teachers Conference and Come Celebrate America's 400th Anniversary!

Come experience the excitement of America's 400th Anniversary Celebration during the 2007 VAESP Assistant Principals / Lead Teachers Conference. The energy of the year-long celebration will be contagious, and conference attendees will be inspired by the history surrounding them as they gain knowledge that will impact the future of the children they serve. The conference will be held at the beautifully renovated Williamsburg Lodge **March 26-27, 2007**. Keynote speakers include **John Antonetti, Marvin T. Thompson, Lori Chaney** and **Donna Sawyer**.



John Antonetti, author of the book, Lessons from the MIRA: Writing as a Measure of Thinking, has been called a "teacher's teacher" and is an advocate of experiential education and recognizes that all learners learn best when they work together to solve real world problems in safe, cooperative environments.

Marvin Thompson, currently serves as the Superintendent of Roanoke City Public Schools. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Thompson was the Associate Superintendent for Area IV in Prince William County Public Schools. He has also held school administrative positions in Chesterfield and Spotsylvania Counties.



Donna Sawyer works with Campbell University and the Harnett County School District in North Carolina. She is responsible for the design, development, and production of content for a comprehensive Web-based resource that promotes engaged learning within a framework modeling effective use of technology.

Lori M. Chaney serves as the technology resource teacher at Winding Creek Elementary School in Stafford County. Ms. Chaney has been a member of Stafford County's technology advisory committee and helped re-write the division's six-year technology plan after conducting initial research on the division's technology program.



Conference Breakout Sessions

*Motivating the Unmotivated * Gang Awareness - Where Do We Go from Here? * Leadership for Teaching and Learning: Developing Your Leadership Philosophy * Indicators of Child Abuse: What Do Administrators and Teachers Look For? * Computer Crimes Against Children, Awareness and Prevention * Special Education: What's New, What's Hot, and What's Important for Building Administrators * Lessons Learned the Hard Way: Mistakes Principals Make and How to Avoid Them * Appropriate Parent Involvement for SOL Success * School Money Secrets: What You did not Learn in Graduate School! * Beyond the SOLS: Using Author's Craft to Strengthen Writing Instruction * Agriculture in the Classroom * Historic Jamestowne: What Educators Should Know * Formative Use of Assessment Data * G.A.P.P. Grade Level Assessment and Planning Protocol "The Antidote to Preventing the Achievement Gap" * Identifying Youngsters at Risk for Early Mathematics Difficulties and Intervention Strategies for Success*

Visit www.vaesp.org to register online or contact the VAESP headquarters at (804) 355-6791.

VAESP Board of Directors Election Notice

Do you want to become more involved in your professional association? Run for the VAESP Board of Directors! Contact the VAESP office to receive an Officer Candidate form. The deadline to submit your candidacy intention is **March 15, 2007**. The following board positions are open:

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Eastern Zone Director
Piedmont Zone Director
Potomac Zone Director
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NAESP's 2007 Convention and Exposition
Thursday, March 29 - Monday, April 2
Seattle, WA

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Register online at www.naesp.org.

We hope to see you at the Zone III Reception!
Saturday, March 31, 2007 ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Grand Hyatt Hotel