

# The Magic



*Every Missouri educator engaging in effective professional learning every day so every student*

**THE MAGIC OF  
LEARNING  
March 22-24**

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Welcome Conference Participants:

We hope you are prepared to experience “the magic of learning” for a great professional development event at this year’s 13<sup>th</sup> annual **Show Me Conference**.

We encourage you to utilize the opportunities available to consult with our exhibitors and visit the trade show in Windgate Hall. There will be a refreshment break from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon with exhibitors in Windgate Hall. An exhibitor listing is included in your conference bag. A continental breakfast will be served with the exhibitors on Monday morning from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and you will not want to miss the door prize giveaways scheduled during free time from 11:15 – 11:55 a.m. Monday. On behalf of MSDC and the Conference Committee, we thank each of them for supporting our 2009 Conference.

**Don’t forget to include your Regional Professional Development Center Meetings from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Monday as part of your conference outline.** This is a great place to network and receive critical information on regional staff development opportunities, as well as local updates. Consult your session grid for regional room assignments.

Also, you are now considered an official member of the Missouri Staff Development Council (MSDC). This means you are cordially invited to attend **MSDC’s Annual Meeting and social on Monday 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. located in Salon A.** Please come and learn about all the exciting accomplishments and initiatives of our organization during the past year and exercise your voting privileges. In addition, prizes will be drawn at this meeting but you must be present to win.

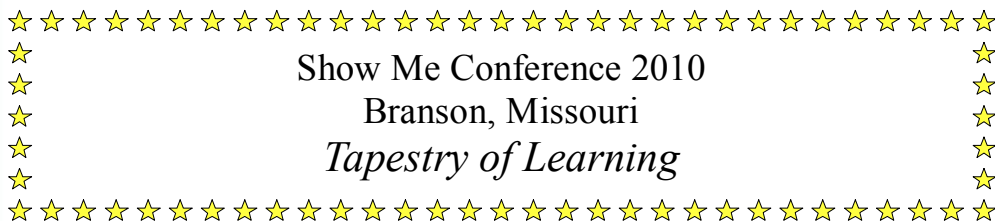
This year because of the concern that surrounds the future funding of professional development in the state of Missouri, we are asking you to **fill out the legislator response sheets** to tell your stories of how professional development has impacted your school, classroom, or students. These will be forwarded to the appropriate legislators in an effort to encourage their support of continued funding of high quality professional development for all teachers in our state.

If you have questions or need assistance of any kind, please stop by the MSDC information table located in the main conference lobby area or stop someone in a red MSDC shirt and ask them for assistance. Our Board and Committee members are glad to serve you!

Once again, we welcome you to the greatest professional development conference!

Sincerely,

*Jody Wood*  
MSDC President





Plan ahead for the **2009**  
**NATIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT**  
**CONFERENCE**  
**December 5-9, 2009**

Please visit our exhibits!  
*Windgate Hall*

Sunday: 2:00-6:00 pm  
 Monday: 7:15-11:55

Exhibitor Door Prizes  
 Monday -11:15-11:55  
*Windgate Hall*

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## MSDC Awards

### **Commissioner's Award of Excellence for Professional Development**

*This recognition highlights best practices in staff development, provides a link between high quality professional development to improved student achievement, and provides opportunities for teachers and administrators to collaborate, network and learn from each other so that these practices can be adopted and adapted throughout Missouri.*

**Commissioner's Awards will be presented at lunch on Monday.**

### **MSDC High Quality Instructional Leadership Award**

*This award is for an instructional leader who meets or exceeds all twelve of National Staff Development Council's standards. An instructional leader is defined as anyone (teacher, staff developer, principal, superintendent) who has shown leadership qualities in guiding colleagues toward high quality professional development.*

- *Marissa Walsh, Instructional Coach-Blue Springs School District*
- *Ros Van Hecke, Director of Learning and Assessment- Special School District*

### **MSDC High Quality Staff Development Program Award**

*This award is for program/initiatives within a building or across the district such in a grade level, content area, or vertical team, which meets or exceeds all twelve of the National Staff Development Council's standards.*

- *Daniel Young Elementary-Blue Springs School District*
- *Ladue Middle School-Ladue School District*

### **MSDC Vision Award**

*This award is for an individual who meets or exceeds all twelve of National Staff Development Council's standards. The award recognizes an MSDC member who has made significant contributions to high quality professional development throughout his or her professional career.*

- *Darl Davis-Northeast RPD Director*

*Awards will be presented on Tuesday March 24 at the MSDC Awards Brunch and closing Session.*

### ***We want to hear from you!***

#### **How has Professional Development impacted your district?**

During this time of budget cuts, MSDC thinks it is more important than ever to highlight the importance of professional learning.

Please fill out one of the cards in your registration packet and drop in the collection box at the registration table.

Information gathered will be shared with our state legislators.

### **Special Thanks to our Sponsors**

- Holt McDougal
- Missouri National Education Association
- Missouri State Teachers Association
- My Learning Plan

### **New this year...**

#### **Round Table sessions**

Session 4 will consist of two 35 minute Round Table Open Space sessions that will include a variety of topics connected to high quality professional development. For each topic, between 10 and 15 attendees will be given the opportunity to sit down with resource people and discuss a specific topic. This session structure allows for more one-on-one discussion and consultation with discussion leaders.