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# 'Power Up for Learning in the 21st Century'

Get ready to 'Power Up for Learning in the 21st Century' with the help of the 2009 KSDC Leadership Conference. The conference, to be held Feb. 10-12 at the Wichita Airport Hilton, will feature a blend of home-grown and national expertise concerning strategies to help students acquire the skills, knowledge, and expertise they need to succeed in work and life in the 21st Century.

"Teaching and Learning for the 21st Century and beyond" will be the focus during the preconference on Feb. 10. Discussions and presentations will be led by Kansas educators who are making successful steps in

integrating 21st Century learning into the curriculum.

"Moving Forward" will be the theme on Day 1 of the Leadership Conference. Robert Marzano, widely recognized as an expert in both critical thinking and curriculum design, will deliver the keynote address as well as offer follow-up sessions. Breakout sessions led by Kansas educators as well as time for discussion and networking will also be scheduled into the day.

"A Call to Action" will be the central call on the concluding day of the conference with additional breakout sessions.

**Presenters are needed** to conduct breakout sessions, sharing expertise and insights about ways to "power up" learning. See page 4 for a hard copy of the application or complete one online at [www.ksdc.us](http://www.ksdc.us) DC

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## Register Today!



**Nov. 4-5, 2008**

## 'Sit and Get Won't Grow Dendrites' 2008 KSDC/KASCD Fall Institute

Day 1 - Dr. Marcia Tate draws from the latest research on brain-based learning, differentiated instruction, multiple intelligences, adult learning, and more  
 Day 2 - Breakout sessions by Kansas educators showing effective programs in action

Register online at [www.ksdc.us](http://www.ksdc.us).

# Calendar Countdown



KSDC/KASCD  
Fall Institute

Sit & Get Won't Grow  
Dendrites: 20 Professional  
Learning Strategies...

November 4-5, 2008  
Wichita Airport Hilton

2008 NSDC  
Annual Conference

Step Up &  
Speak Out

December 6-10, 2008  
Washington, DC

KSDC Board Meetings

November 4 4-7:30 p.m.  
February 10 4-7:30 p.m.

Wichita Airport Hilton

## It's Time To Blow Your Horn

by Jim Karleskint  
KSDC President

Many of you are doing great things in regard to Professional Development. Kansas Staff Development Council Awards Program wants to recognize those districts, schools, and individuals that are doing those great things. The deadline is nearing so please consider letting us know what you are doing so you, your school or district can be considered for the 2009 KSDC Staff Development Awards.

The awards are presented annually at the Leadership Conference which will be held in Wichita on February 10-12, 2009. The awards include:

- **KSDC Systemic Learning Award**, this award recognizes districts that have made a strong commitment to growth in professional learning and support for change.
- **KSDC Professional Learning Community Award**, this award recognizes schools that are working to improve student achievement through quality staff development practices.
- **KSDC Impact Award**, this award recognizes educators who take learning beyond knowledge and into areas of application and results.
- And last but not least is the **Kansas Staff Developer of the Year Award**, this award



recognizes the Staff Developer who has had the most direct impact in your district during the past school year.

Don't be shy. We need to hear what great things you are doing. The process is simple, all you need to do is go to [www.ksdc.us](http://www.ksdc.us). On the right hand side of the screen is "About KSDC Awards". There you will find the applications for awards plus directions. Hurry the deadline is December 15, 2008.



Have a great fall. We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Institute in Wichita on November 4th & 5th. DC

You are invited to submit a PROPOSAL FORM for the Kansas Staff Development Council  
**Leadership Conference: February 11- 12, 2009**

**Conference Proposal Strands**

**PLCs \* Quality Professional Development \* Teacher Leadership**  
**Impacting Student Achievement \* 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**

**Title of Presentation** (As you wish it to appear in the program.)

<b>Lead Presenter</b>	<b>Position/Title</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
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<b>Work or Home Contact Address</b>	<b>Work Phone</b> (area code)	<b>Fax</b>
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**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal Strand** (Check the **one** your presentation best addresses.)  
 PLCs  Quality Professional Development  Teacher Leadership  21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills  Impacting Student Achievement

**Target Audience** (Check those that apply.)  
 District Administration  College Instructors  Principals  Teachers  Classified

**Presentation Options** (Check **one** length and **one** type.)  
 75 minute session  2 hour workshop  informational  interactive

**Program Description** (Please attach the following:)  
 Your presentation description of **no more than 40** words, as you wish it to appear in the program. Include participant outcomes – what will participants know and be able to do as a result of participation in the session.

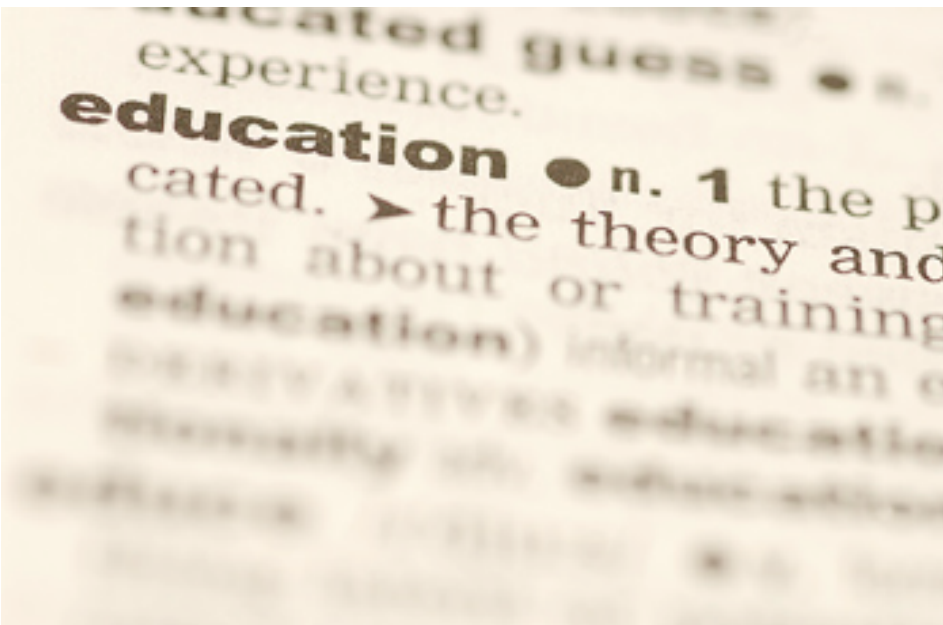
**Audio Visual Needs** (Presenters must provide their own computers and projectors for Power Point and Internet presentations.)  
 Screen  Chart/Easel The hotel has wireless internet capabilities.

**List the following information for Additional Presenters:**  
 Presenter, Position/Title, Affiliation, Work or Home Contact Address, Work Phone (**area code**), and Email

**Verification**  
*On behalf of the presenters listed in this proposal, I understand that I (we) must register for the conference and be responsible for all conference registration fees and other expenditures. I understand that it will be my responsibility to notify each of my co-presenter(s) regarding the status of the proposal, the date, time and location of the presentation should it be accepted.*

<b>Submitter Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Please submit Proposal On-Line** by **Monday, November 3, 2009** at: [www.ksdc.us](http://www.ksdc.us)  
 or mail hard copy to: Sue Kidd, 16879 46<sup>th</sup> St, McLouth, KS 66054



## KLFA Sets Its Focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

The Kansas Learning First Alliance met in August to kick off its 2008-2009 year of work with a renewed focus on action to bring 21st Century learning opportunities to every public school student in Kansas. Joined by numerous guests from the Kansas State Board of Education and the Governor's Preschool-Grade 20 (P20) Council, Alliance members received welcome from Commissioner Alexa Posny. Two members of the national Partnership for 21st Century Skills Board, Kathy Hurley (Pearson Education) and Lillian Kellogg (Education Networks of America), outlined key initiatives to infuse a rigorous basic curriculum with the 21st Century skills students will need for success. More than 50 representatives and guests from over 25 of its organizational members attended the meeting, held at the Kansas NEA office.

Friday morning included significant work time for strategic planning by the three work groups of KLFA. Community Engagement, Professional Development, and Student Achievement workgroups each developed short-term action ideas and initiated long-term planning. Ideas for action included:

- Building community readiness for change in our schools
- Infusing curriculum standards and indicators with 21st Century knowledge and skills
- Developing a new vision for teaching and learning with school faculty
- Creating the infrastructure to support new outcomes and strategies
- Instituting Professional Learning Communities for collaboration and integration
- Advocating for assessments of what matters, integrated in ongoing teaching/learning rather than as an add-on event

Schools and districts are encouraged to contact KLFA leaders to schedule workshops or presentations to engage communities and school faculties in deep conversations about the needs of students and the resources for schools and teachers in the 21st century.

Working along with staff from the Kansas State Department of Education, KLFA will meet in October to review descriptions of what the graduate with 21st Century skills should know and be able to do, and what kind of learning environment is needed for our schools and classrooms to achieve these challenging results. The next meeting is October 9, 2008 at KASB. DC



## 21st Century Student Outcomes

The elements noted below are the skills, knowledge, and expertise students should master to succeed in work and life in the 21st Century.

### 1. Core Subjects and 21st Century Themes

Core subjects, plus

- Global Awareness
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Civic Literacy
- Health Literacy

### 2. Learning and Innovation Skills

- Creativity and Innovation Skills
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
- Communication and Collaboration Skills

### 3. Information, Media, and Technology Skills

- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- ICT Literacy

### 4. Life and Career Skills

- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Initiative & Self-Direction
- Social & Cross-Cultural Skills
- Productivity & Accountability
- Leadership & Responsibility



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Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.

*Conrad Hilton*

I couldn't wait for success, so I went ahead without it.

*Jonathan Winters*

Looking for more powerful words? Check out NSDC's website

[www.nsd.org](http://www.nsd.org)

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