Keynote Speakers

“Building Bridges: Politics, Partnerships, and the Purpose of Schooling”

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The following speakers who have committed to delivering keynote addresses:

**Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum**, 9th President of Spelman College, will deliver the Brock Prize Lecture. Dr. Tatum is a clinical psychologist whose areas of research interest include Black families in White communities, racial identity in teens, and the role of race in the classroom. In her critically acclaimed 1997 book, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? and Other Conversations about Race*, she applies her expertise on race to argue that straight talk about racial identity is essential to the nation. Going beyond the usual Black–White paradigm, the book uses real-life examples and the latest research to not only dispel race as taboo, but also to give readers a new lens for understanding the emergence of racial identity as a developmental process experienced by everyone. Dr. Tatum is also the author of *Assimilation Blues: Black Families in White Community* (1987).

**Dr. Carol D. Lee** is Professor of Education and Social Policy in the Learning Sciences Program at Northwestern University. She is the current president of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), a member of the National Academy of Education, and past president and fellow of the National Conference of Research on Language and Literacy. Dr. Lee is the author of three books, including *Culture, Literacy and Learning: Taking Bloom in the Midst of the Whirlwind*, and co-editor of *Vygotskian Perspectives on Literacy Research*, along with other publications. Her research focuses on ecological influences on learning and development, including the cultural modeling framework for the design of instruction that scaffolds knowledge from youth’s everyday experiences to support discipline-specific learning. She is a co-founder of four schools in Chicago spanning a 37-year history and serves as chairman of the board of directors of Betty Shabazz International Charter Schools.

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**Dr. Alan R. Shoho** is a Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where he has been for 16 years. His research focuses on aspiring principals and assistant principals, high school social processes, and organizational cultures. Dr. Shoho is currently leading a research team of doctoral students to examine social processes in high schools. Dr. Shoho has published in the *Educational Administration Quarterly, ERS Spectrum, Journal of School Leadership, Journal of Educational Administration, The High School Journal, Research in Schools, Theory and Research in Educational Administration, Journal of Special Education Leadership, and the International Journal of Educational Management*. Recently, Dr. Shoho co-authored with Bruce Barnett and Mike Copland a book chapter in the *Handbook of Research on Leadership Education* on the use of internship in preparing principals. Dr. Shoho co-authored another piece on admissions to university-based preparation programs in the NCPEA Yearbook and a chapter in the *Handbook of Educational Leadership* entitled, “Social Justice: Seeking a Common Language.” Dr. Shoho is a member of the editorial boards of *Leadership and Policy in Schools* and *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*.
Mike Tidwell predicted in vivid detail the Katrina hurricane disaster in his 2003 book, Bayou Farewell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana’s Cajun Coast. He has written five books centered on the themes of travel and nature. These include Amazon Stranger (detailing efforts to save the Ecuadorian rain forest) and In the Mountains of Heaven (travels to exotic lands across the globe). Tidwell has won four Lowell Thomas awards, the highest prize in American travel journalism, and is a former grantee of the National Endowment for the Arts. His articles have appeared in many national publications. Tidwell is also founder and director of the U.S. Climate Emergency Council, based in Takoma Park, Maryland.

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