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## DELTA CONFERENCE

### What is Delta Conference?

It is a professional development conference for Kansas Career and Technical Education teachers. As part of the professional growth component of teaching, the Delta Conference is a five-day professional development event focusing on:

- Enhancing the local teacher's ability to engage all students in the learning process.
- The local teacher's skill of integrating career readiness skills into technical content.
- Helping the local teacher understand and develop his or her influence in the classroom, school and community.

Delta is NOT a conference where one learns the latest technical skills specific to a Pathway or to learn the best strategies to train CTSO students for competition. Delta IS a conference that focuses on the craft of becoming a better teacher and leader for your students, on articulating the value of your program to your key stakeholders, and building a complete career and technical education program that will be innovative and sustainable.

### Dates

The 2017 Kansas Delta Conference will take place Tuesday-Saturday, beginning in the afternoon on June 13th and ending at Noon on June 17th. It will be held at the North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit, Kansas.

### Schedule

Orientation: 4:00pm Tuesday, June 13th (registration opens at 3:00)

Daily Schedule: 8:00am - 8:00pm weekdays (breaks for group work and meals)

Closing: Noon, Saturday, June 17th (lunch on your own)

### Lodging

Lodging is included with your registration. Participant rooms are double-occupancy in the new suite-style dorms. Participants must supply their own bedding and towels.

### Fees

\$150 per participant reimbursed after conference attendance as a travel voucher will be reimbursed to the individual if the individual teacher paid this initially. Will be reimbursed to the school district if the district pays this fee. Meals are included in the registration fee.

### Graduate Credit

2 hours of graduate credit through Baker University has been tentatively approved. The fee is \$65 per credit hour or \$130 for the 2 hours of credit. A Smoky Hill rep will be on hand on Day 1 to handle the paperwork. Payment of the fee will be due that day. We will need either a check made payable to Baker University or credit card info will be available on the enrollment form. Go to [www.smokyhill.org](http://www.smokyhill.org) to Register. **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 12, 2017**

## Kansas Character Education Day is April 17<sup>th</sup>



On March 22nd, Governor Brownback signed a proclamation establishing April 17th as Character Education Day in the State of Kansas. April 17th was picked for the special day because the Kansas Social, Emotional, and Character Development Standards (SECD) were adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education on April 17, 2012.

Kansas has been a proponent of character education in schools since 2007 and has led the nation in developing character education standards for schools. To bring attention to the significance of character building programs in schools, Kansas should adopt April 17th as Character Education Day in Kansas to encourage all schools to participate in the instruction of at least one of Kansas' six approved character traits on that day as a part of their class curriculum.

All elementary, middle/junior, and senior high schools will be encouraged to promote and teach the importance of at least one of Kansas' six recognized character traits on that day or during the subsequent week in order to promote and develop values of caring, civic virtue, justice and fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness in Kansas youth.

### Example Activities that Schools Can Use to Observe Character Education Day:

- Revisit district or school Core Values/Principles/Pillars if they have been adopted. This could be done as an all school assembly or in individual classrooms or during seminar times.
- School assembly to recognize the day.
- Consciously incorporate character into lessons.
- Discuss historical figures who exemplify the recognized character traits.
- Writing projects that encourage reflection on the recognized character traits.
- Introducing literature that demonstrates examples of the character traits.
- Have older students present skits or lessons to younger students.
- Have students engage in a service project.
- Coaches and sponsors discuss the importance of character in their sports/organizations.
- Have community members come in and discuss the importance of character in their businesses or areas of work.
- Have students take a school culture survey and/or personal character trait reflection survey.
- Recognize acts of character by students and staff.
- Have a Random Acts of Kindness Day.

To learn more about Social, Emotional, and Character Development for your school or organization, contact Noalee McDonald-Augustine at 785-621-4414 or [nmcdonald@smokyhill.org](mailto:nmcdonald@smokyhill.org).

***“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”***

**-Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

SHESC has partnered with the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) to provide expertise on student loan forgiveness. While some educators may benefit from the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program, the **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program** is for **any full-time staff member**. The loan forgiveness amount is individually determined and tax-free. After enrolling in this program, educators in our area have realized an **average decrease in monthly payments of 83%**. The average potential loan balance forgiven per employee enrolled in the program to date is \$85,844! We encourage **all full time employees with federal student loan debt** to look into this benefit. It's quick and easy to find out if you are eligible. [Click Here](#) and enter Registration Code: **hill**

Answer 5 simple questions, find out your potential savings instantly, and schedule your no cost, no obligation consultation today. You should try this if you have federal student loans and would like to:

- Immediately lower your monthly student loan payment.
- Reduce your student loan debt.
- Significantly reduce your cost of earning additional degrees.
- Receive a personal 10-year loan forgiveness plan outlining your savings in the program.

After reviewing your plan, if you choose to enroll with ISLS, there will be a one-time strategy and implementation fee for this service. If you have any questions please call **1.866.831.5564**, [email](mailto:isloansolutions.com) or visit the [isloansolutions.com](http://isloansolutions.com) website. *The AESA Student Loan Forgiveness Program is powered by the student loan forgiveness expertise of Innovative Student Loan Solutions, a [BBB A+](#) Rated organization that has helped thousands of individuals across the U.S. maximize the under-utilized Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.*

**\*\*This program/service is being provided as a courtesy to help staff members reduce their student loan debt. Your school district is not necessarily endorsing this organization. \*\***