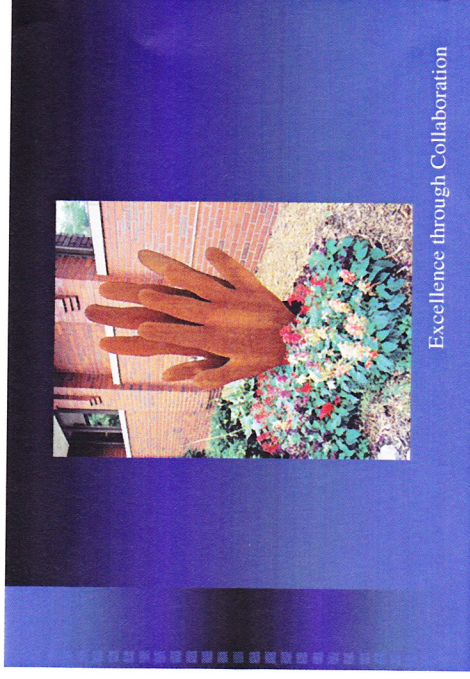




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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Registration & Refreshments

9:00 am - 10:05 am

Keynote Session

Dr. Donald Wold
Dean
College of Education
Aurora University

Welcome

Dr. Jerald Thomas
Associate Professor
College of Education
Aurora University

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Amanda Durik
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology
Northern Illinois University

Presentation and Table Activities
Research on Interest and Reading
Comprehension: the Processes
and the Process

10:05 am - 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am - 11:25 am

Ed.D. Graduate Session

Dr. Brian Waterman
Principal
Hinsdale South High School
School District 86

Qualitative Dissertation
An Exploration of Principals' Perceptions
Regarding the Value of Technology
in the Success of High Schools

Dr. Cheryl McCarthy
*Assistant Superintendent
for Educational Services*
Joliet Township HS District 204

Quantitative Dissertation
Closing the Achievement Gap:
Implementation of High School Reform
Strategies

Dr. Ronald Banaszak
Professor of Education
Aurora University

Commentary on Dissertations

Audience Questions

11:10 am - 11:20 am

Break

11:20 am - 12:00 pm

Research in Progress Session

Evisha Ford
Director of Special Services
Bremen HS District 228

A Quantitative Dissertation in Progress
Investigation of the Impact of A School –Based
Behavioral Modification Program on Indicators of
Academic Achievement for Secondary
Students with Serious Emotional Disturbance

Sharon Olds
Principal
Poplar Grove Elementary
North Boone CUSD 200

A Qualitative Dissertation in Progress
A Qualitative Study of The Strategic Use of
Humor by Women in District Leadership and
the Superintendency

Sue Larson
Faculty
Judson University

A Mixed Method Dissertation in Progress
The Effects of Academic Literacy Instruction
on Engagement and Conceptual Understanding
of Biology in Ninth-Grade Students

Audience Questions

Dr. Joan Fee
Ed.D. Program Chair
Associate Professor
College of Education
Aurora University

Closing