



Conference Presenters

Dave Larsen began his professional career in youth ministry, served Trinity Christian College as Vice President for Student Development for nearly twenty years, and Timothy Christian Schools as its Director of Development for twelve years. As Director of the Bright Promise Fund for Urban Christian Education he delights in raising funds for scholarships and tuition assistance for its network of schools. He is a graduate of Calvin College (BA English), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Masters of Religious Education) and earned a PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Loyola University Chicago."

Harriet Potoka serves as the Director of C-CUE, the Center for Christian Urban Educators. She assumed this position after serving as the founding principal of Daystar School for 16 years. Prior to her leadership role at Daystar she served as the principal of Sylvan Christian School in Grand Rapids, MI, as curriculum director and principal of Calvin Christian School in Mpls. MN and as a classroom teacher in Mpls, and Sioux Falls, SD. Harriet received her BA in Elementary Education from Dordt College in Iowa and her MEd in school administration from St. Thomas University in St. Paul, MN. Harriet is passionate about encouraging and supporting Christian educators serving in urban settings to provide urban children with excellent learning opportunities.

Holly Aungst firmly believes that the spirit, mind and body are interconnected. Her passion is helping people learn new ways to blend those domains to facilitate growth in a way that glorifies Jesus. Holly previously worked as a K-12 physical educator teaching in the Mesa Public School District, a suburb of Phoenix. Since transitioning into higher education, she has served as faculty at Arizona State University, Indiana University-Bloomington and presently works as an Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education at Trinity Christian College. Her primary responsibility is training undergraduate students majoring in K-12 PE and health, as well as those studying elementary education, to become the best teachers they can be.

Mary Martin was a passionate Christian school classroom teacher for 16 years, K-12 Christian school principal for 9 years, and is now entering her 4th year as Director of Christian School Education at Moody Bible Institute. Professor Mary Martin loves all things related to the mission of Christian school education. She received her BA in Bible and Secondary English Education from Summit University in Pennsylvania, her MEd from Cairns University in Pennsylvania, and will complete her Doctorate in Education Literacy from Judson University in May 2017. Mary's dissertation research measures the characteristics of principals' instructional leadership in Christian schools. Besides being a fulltime professor, Mary is actively involved in providing researched professional development through Moody and ACSI to Christian schools nationwide.

Becci Timmer is a teacher consultant for CLC Network where she supports teachers, administrators, and parents on their journey of inclusive education. She has an extensive background in supporting students with mild to significant needs through her roles as an educational support services coordinator and inclusion specialist at various Christian schools. She received her teaching certificate (cognitive impairment endorsement) from Calvin College.

Paris Williams is an educational leader with a God-given vision. Her professional and educational background is primarily in public charter schools in California. She began as an elementary school teacher and later transitioned to a school leader. With a very clear sense of calling, Paris and her family moved to Chicago in 2014. She is passionate about coaching teachers, building collaborative teams, targeted instruction and helping kids live out their God-given purpose. She holds a BA in Speech Communications from San Francisco State University and an MA in Developmental Education from UC Berkeley.

Kendra Prosper Tena has been teaching for twelve years. In those years, she has taught 1st-5th grade and preschool in single and multiage classrooms. She was nominated as Disney Teacher of the Year in 2005 and won the Primary Teacher of the Year in 2012 in the Northern Illinois District. She is a certified trainer in Differentiation and finished her Master's Degree in Differentiation in 2013. She enjoys working with children and adults and teaching all of them how they learn best.