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16th Annual Early Learning Conference

Saturday, November 4, 2023



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NOTE FROM DR. STEVE KNOBL



Welcome to our attendees!

I am excited you're joining us today! The Promise Institute presents our 16th Annual (Virtual) Early Learning Conference. FISH! Philosophy's Catch the Energy is our theme this year! Today's conference sessions and speakers will help us discover the benefits and strategies of building a collaborative and supportive work environment. Each year, conference continues to be one of my favorite events as we come together as a learning community to expand our knowledge and share ideas with one another.

I am excited that we're continuing my family's teacher scholarship program that began three years ago, along with honoring a "teacher of the year" award. We have a dynamic keynote this year, with two other talented guest speakers during the morning program. Our team has worked very hard to provide a high-quality virtual experience for you. This event would not be possible without the support and generosity of our sponsors and partners.

I am confident that you will love this year's conference focus and learn many new ways to use the FISH! Philosophy within your classrooms and programs. On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your commitment to our youngest learners and for choosing to be an early childhood educator. It's one of the most important careers in our workforce and we're thankful for each and every one of you.

Thank you,

Steve Knobl, Ph.D.
Executive Director

AGENDA

8:00 AM

INTRO BEGINS / SIGN IN

8:30 AM

WELCOME: CONFERENCE OPENING

9:00 AM

SESSION 1: BE THERE

10:00 AM

SESSION 2: PLAY & MAKE THEIR DAY

11:00 AM

SESSION 3: CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE

11:50 AM

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

12:00 PM

AWARDS / DOOR PRIZES / WRAP UP

12:30 PM

CONFERENCE ENDS

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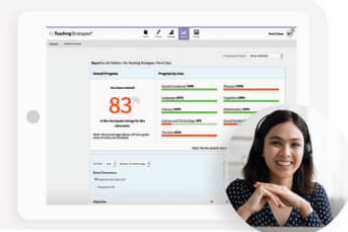
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ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE: NAN GESHE, MA



Nan is an energetic speaker who uses experience, insight, and some sturdy research, all sprinkled with a little humor, to get people to see themselves and the world differently. Her passion is “helping people play well together!” Nan provides audiences a chance to ponder and practice different ways of thinking and acting around change, conflict, decision making, communication, and leadership all in hopes of providing more positive outcomes.

Nan has been engaging large and small audiences nationally. She is a catalyst who makes change doable! Her 20 plus years of independent and corporate experience allow her to stretch people’s thinking to help them focus on the realities of life and business. She works with organizations who want their teams to Crack the Collaboration Code.

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Nan Gesche, MA





SESSION TWO: PLAY & MAKE THEIR DAY

You see the value of **Play** with the children every day. We need that same **Play** with each other to build engagement and curiosity. **Play** fosters real connections with the real people that we work with to find individual or organizational success.

Make Their Day is about thinking what we're thankful for and expressing our gratitude to those around us. We will explore how we all want to be recognized for different things and in different ways.



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After wrapping up **Make Their Day**, we end with **Choose Your Attitude**. We will consider how you **Choose Your Attitude** without suppressing or burying your emotions. We can all slow down and make it a conscious choice, rather than simply giving into your emotional urges.

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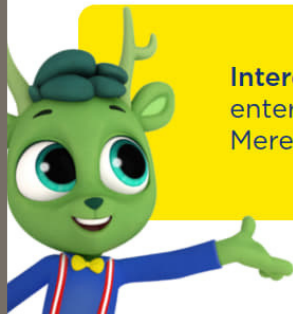
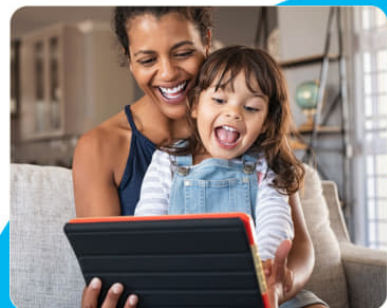
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Sherina Goyer from Kids at the Point
Tevin Lashley from Geaux Baby
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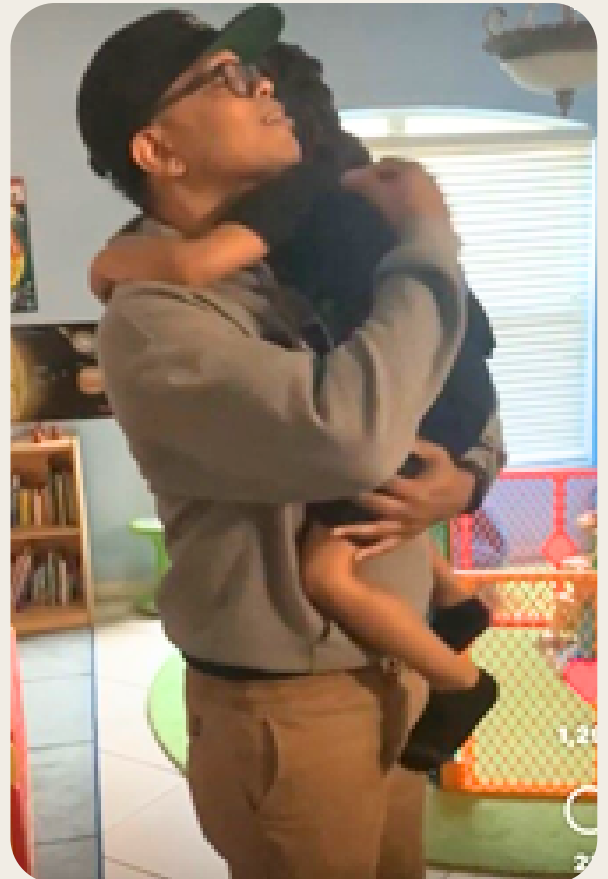
2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations

Tevin Lashley **Geaux Babies**

Tevin Lashley is being honored as Teacher of the Year for 2023.

His passion lies in not only imparting knowledge but also in creating an enjoyable learning experience, where children can laugh and have a fantastic time. Tevin has successfully completed the Circle of Security program and actively promotes its benefits to fellow educators. He is a strong advocate for mentoring and collaborative efforts among teachers in the local community.



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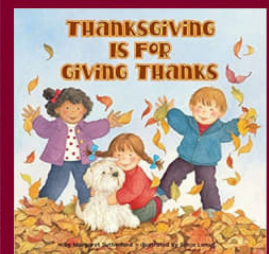
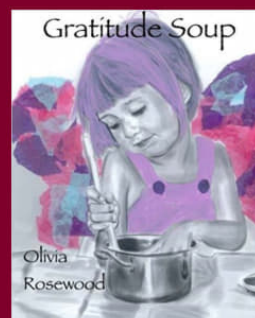
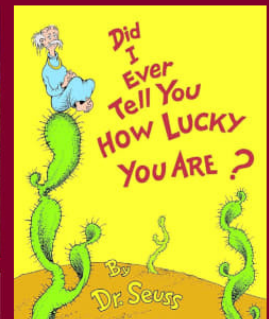
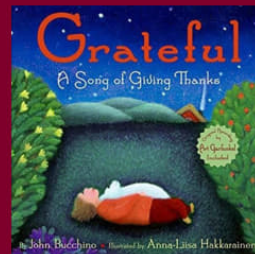
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2023 JOHN & HELEN LONG SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

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Ashlyn Jean Kids Stuff Preschool

Ashlyn Jean, the recipient of the John and Helen Long Memorial Scholarship, holds the position of lead teacher at Kids Stuff Preschool. Simultaneously, she is pursuing her A.S. in Early Childhood Education at Hillsborough Community College. Following the completion of her associate's degree, Ashlyn's aspirations include attaining her bachelor's degree in early childhood education.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JOHN AND HELEN LONG SCHOLARSHIP

The John and Helen Long Scholarship began in 2008 at Gulf High School where Dr. Knobl was the Principal. Dr. Knobl organized the family scholarship for a graduating senior who was studying to become a teacher. This was also a way to honor the legacy of his grandparents, John and Helen Long. In 2018, the scholarship followed Dr. Knobl to the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties where it is now used to support a teacher completing a college degree in early childhood education.

Dr. Knobl has fond memories of his grandparents taking him and his younger sister to the Hudson Library, buying books together at Waldenbooks in the Gulfview Square Mall, reading around the pool each summer as they were growing up. As the oldest of eight grandchildren, he recalls how often his grandparents encouraged everyone to enjoy learning and continue their education beyond high school.

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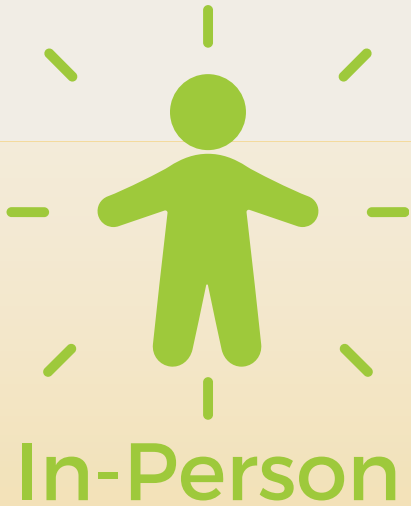
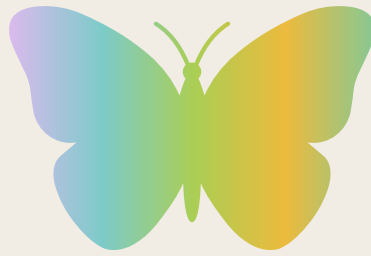
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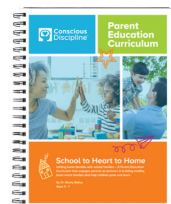


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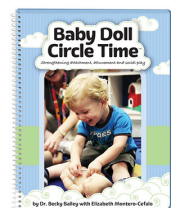
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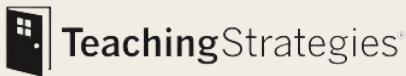
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