

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

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Catch the highlights from the 2013 Annual Conference in Dallas. Videos of keynote speeches and thought leader lectures include **Michael Fullan** on maximizing impact, **Linda Darling-Hammond** on teacher evaluation done right, and **Gwendolyn Webb-Hasan** on culturally responsive teaching. Or participate in post-conference webinars, e-learning programs, and ongoing discussions with session presenters and fellow attendees in the Learning Exchange.



Fullan



Darling-Hammond



Webb-Hasan

WEBINAR ARCHIVES

<http://learningforward.org/learning-opportunities/webinars>

All of Learning Forward's fall 2013 webinars are now available in the archives. Webinar topics and facilitators include:

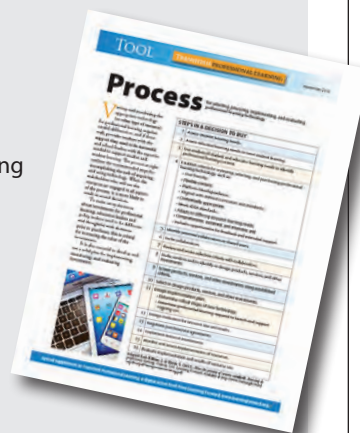
- Implementing Change Through Learning, Shirley Hord and James Roussin;
- Developing and Assessing Teaching Effectiveness, Linda Darling-Hammond;
- Improving Leadership and Classroom Practices, Sonia Gleason and Wendy Sauer;
- Using Data for Continuous School Improvement, Victoria Bernhardt; and
- Professional Learning Through Virtual Communities, Sonja Hollins-Alexander.

Check this page also for the spring 2014 webinar schedule.

TRANSFORM PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

<http://learningforward.org/publications/transform/2013/11/technology-in-professional-learning>

The inaugural issue of Learning Forward's new bimonthly publication takes a look at leveraging technology in professional learning. Teacher leader Beth Sanders discusses the importance of empowering teachers to use technology to improve learning. For Principal Sharon Johnson, tracking and reporting tools became a game changer by improving efficiency and aligning goals. Former system leader Sonja Hollins-Alexander turned budget and staff cuts into an opportunity to do more with less by creating virtual learning communities. The featured tool in this issue outlines the recommended steps for acquiring and using technology to make savvy decisions about professional learning investments.



STAFF AGREEMENTS

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Learning Forward Executive Director Stephanie Hirsh talks about how to create a positive work culture:

“Creating a positive working culture isn't easy. It is only when staff members understand the power of such a culture that they will make the effort to play their roles in establishing it. At Learning Forward, we have a long history of developing, reviewing, modifying, and using staff agreements to maintain the culture we value.



Our agreements describe how we want to be treated and how we are expected to treat others. Our goal is an organizational culture that honors the expertise and needs of individuals while supporting a shared purpose. We strive for a working environment that people view as productive, supportive, fun, and accountable.”