



**Academy for Teacher Excellence
Research Center**
21st Annual Summer Bridging Institute
July 9th-11th-, 2024



This institute provides professional development workshops for both current and future educators of all grade levels and subjects. Workshops are presented by local educators and focus on developing strategies that can be implemented to stimulate, guide, and build capacity of diverse student populations.

This is a free conference for all. Register today at <https://forms.office.com/r/sewxXAYAAW>.

TUESDAY – JULY 9TH

Session 1 (9:00 am-10:25 am)

- *Keynote Speaker* – Dr. Belinda Bustos Flores

Session 2 (10:25 am-12:00 pm)

- *Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Student Leadership Theory to Praxis: Ganas in Action-* Dr. Lorena Claeys, Dr. Norma Guerra, & Dr. Martha Enciso

Session 3 (1:00 pm – 2:25 pm)

- *Men of Color Panel*
- *Getting Ready to Implement the New Science TEKS: Scientific and Engineering Practices, K-12* – Dr. Araceli Ortiz and Dr. Gabriela Gomez
- *Building Inclusive Classroom: Fostering LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Educational Settings* – Jerry Romero Jr.

Session 4 (2:35 pm– 4:00 pm)

- *Balancing Act: Leaving AI Tools to Empower Speducators and Reduce Burnout* – Crystal Ninan-Young
- *Designing a Pop Culture Classroom in a School Appropriate Setting* – Sophia DiGonis
- *Inquiry in the Classroom by Design* – Dayton King

WEDNESDAY– JULY 10TH

Session 1 (9:00 am – 10:25 am)

- *The STEM Classrooms: Transforming Theory into Practice* – Mark Hernandez
- *Nurturing the Educator: A Lesson in Self-Care* – Jared Moore
- *Science of Teaching Reading Support: Domain IV-Analysis and Response-* Maria Christina McCully (pre-registration required)

Session 2 (10:35 am – 12:00 pm)

- *Starting Them Young: The Influence of Pre-K Family Engagement* – Lucero Saldaña
- *Connect to Curriculum: Self-Development, Environment Modification, and Creative Curriculum Design* – Jared Moore
- *Science of Teaching Reading Support: Domain II- Reading Development: Foundational Skills-* Angeliz Castillo (pre-registration required)

Session 3 (1:00 pm – 2:25 pm)

- *Keynote Speaker* - Patricia Martinez Álvarez

Session 4 (2:35 pm – 4:00 pm)

- *Making Learning WILD! The Case for Class Pets-* Austin Bonecutter Knight
- *Self-Awareness: A Path to Wellness-* Renee Tondre-Garza

- *Accommodation vs. Modifications: Know the Difference-* Christina King

THURSDAY– JULY 11TH

Session 1 (9:00 am – 10:25 am)

- *Understanding Bilingual Language Differences and Disorders* – Janelle Flores and Dr. Karla Garza
- *Teacher Burnout: Navigating the World of Education one Journey at a time-* Sandra Littlejohn and Angela Burton
- *AI in the Classroom* – John Belke

Session 2 (10:35 am – 12:00 pm)

- *Unpacking the BTLPT Certification Exam* – Helyde Torres and Dr. Claudia Garcia
- *Cultivating a Growth Mindset in the Math classroom* – Sandra Littlejohn
- *EmpowerED: Educators' Legal Rights and Advocacy Strategies* – Gabe Gonzales

Session 3 (1:00 pm – 2:25 pm)

- *From the Ground Up: Classroom Management Simplified-* Karina Villa
- *Empowering Educators: Nurturing Well-being for Classroom Success* – Gabe Gonzales

Session 4 (2:35 pm – 4:00 pm)

- *Engaging Activities and Classroom Structures for Building Students' Number Sense Knowledge* – Debbie Grady
- *AI-Powered Pedagogy: Transforming Teaching for Tomorrow* – Gabe Gonzales

**This schedule is subject to change.
Additional sessions are being added daily.**

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