

**University of Northern Colorado
Future Teacher Conference
February 2, 2024**

7:30 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
UC Ballrooms

8:00 OPENING
Welcome
Suzette Youngs, Chris Kyser, **and** James Erikson, *Future Teacher Conference Organizers*
University of Northern Colorado

Introduction
Jared Stallones, *dean, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences*
University of Northern Colorado

Scholarship giveaway
Most Inspiring Teachers Recognition

Andy Feinstein, president, University of Northern Colorado

8:30-9:30 Keynote:
Steve Spangler

9:45 WORKSHOP #1
McKee Hall

10:20 WORKSHOP #2
McKee Hall

10:55 WORKSHOP #3
McKee Hall

11:30 Students exit McKee and follow signs for lunch or student panel

11:30 GROUP 1—Lunch at Holmes Dining Hall
GROUP 2—Student Panel in Multipurpose Room in Campus Commons

12:30 GROUP 1— Student Panel in Multipurpose Room in Campus Commons
GROUP 2—Lunch at Holmes Dining Hall

1:10 GROUP 2 joins GROUP 1 in Multipurpose Room in Campus Commons

1:15 CONFERENCE WRAP UP
Multi-purpose Room Campus Commons

1:30 INFORMATIONAL FAIR
 Campus Commons

2:00 **CAMPUS TOUR**

For those of you who are registered for the campus tour, it will begin immediately following the Informational Fair. Student will meet UNC student ambassadors in the Multipurpose Room in the Campus Commons.

SESSIONS

PARENT SEMINAR

Parent Seminar: Guidance to Support Networks: First Steps in the College Process

Jim Erikson (Literacy Education, UNC); Kevin Pugh (Educational Psychology, UNC); Aldo Romero (Cumbres, UNC)

McKee 0020

TEACHER SEMINARS

A Higher Ground: Strategies That Promote Civil Conversations in our Classrooms and School Communities

Jan Stallones (Senior trainer for the Western States Center & Member, CDE Writing Framework Cohort)

McKee 282

Teacher Cadet Program: Interested in Becoming a Teacher Cadet Teacher?

Chistine Rotole-McConnell, (Teacher Cadet program coordinator)

McKee 282

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Session 1: From Crayons to Connections

Jean Kirshner (Early Childhood Education, UNC)

McKee 221

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Session 2: The JOY of Teaching

Danie Soucek (5th grade teacher University Schools)

Trish Wojurfin, (K-12 literacy coach, University Schools)

McKee 219

Session 3: Why Teachers Make a Difference.

Jenni Harding Middleton (Elementary Education, UNC)

McKee 230

Session 4: Can I have your attention please?...Engagement Ideas for Everyone!

Robin Duran Kindergarten teacher, University Schools

McKee 424

Session 5: #adifferentkindofschool – Innovative Teaching – Reformed Educational Settings and Pedagogies

Courtney Luce; Tatum Monaghan (Fred Tjardes School of Innovation)

McKee 253

Session 6: Math is Fun!

Hannah Kang, Elementary Education, UNC

McKee 229

Session 7 : A Mathematical Tug of War

Kim Mahovsky, Elementary Education, UNC

McKee 254

Session 8: Leveraging Students' Cultural Strengths in the Elementary Classroom

Brian Rose, Elementary Education, UNC

McKee 140

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Session 9: Reflective Practice: What it Means (and How You Can Start Doing it Now)

Stacy Bailey (English, UNC)

McKee 137

Session 10: Active Learning in the Classroom

Matt Seymour (English Education, UNC)

McKee 425

Session 11: How to Thrive

Danielle Bell (UNC Educational Studies, doctoral student)

McKee 336

K-12 EDUCATION: ART, MUSIC, SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

Session 12: MOVE-ment Matters: The Power of Physical Activity in Schools

Jennifer Krause, (Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership, UNC)

Brian Dauenhauer (Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership, UNC)

Scott Douglas, (Physical Education and Physical Activity Leadership, UNC)

McKee 144

Session 13: Art Education: Where Those Crazy Enough to Think They Can Change the World Become the Ones Who Do

Abi Paytoe Gbayee, (Art Education, UNC)

McKee 138

URBAN EDUCATION

Session 14: Successful Teaching in Urban Classroom

Joanna Ross, (Urban Education, UNC)

McKee 252

CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE EDUCATION

Session 15: Digital Classrooms & Dynamic Teaching- Supporting all learners through In-Person and Digital Engagement

Anne Davidson Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education, UNC

McKee 142

Session 16: Cumbres Teacher Preparation Program

Penny Mascarenas (Cumbres, UNC); Aldo Romero (Cumbres, UNC)

McKee139

Session 17: Teaching and Learning with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students: Myths and Facts around Multilingual Education

Deborah Romero (Teacher Education, UNC)

McKee 228

Session 18: ¿Habras español? We need bilingual educators!

James Gambrell (Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education, UNC)

McKee 223

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Session 19: Why Exploring Student Strengths Will Make You a Better Teacher

Corey Pierce (Special Education, UNC)

McKee 147

Session 20: Relationships Matter! Strategies for successfully supporting behavior and building rapport in the classroom

Laura Trapp (Special Education, UNC)

McKee 146

Session 21: The Coolest Thing About Special Education!

Jackie Davis (Special Education, UNC)
McKee 135

RURAL EDUCATION

Session 22: Start Your Teaching Career Faster with Less Debt: Unique Opportunities in Rural Colorado

Robert Fulton (Colorado Center for Rural Education)
McKee 145

K-12 TEACHING AND ENGAGEMENT

Session 23: Student Engagement & Motivation

Zoe Tessier (UNC Educational Studies, doctoral student)
McKee 141

Session 24: Innovating and Engaging with STEAM

Samantha Patterson (UNC Educational Studies, doctoral student)
McKee 333

Session 25: So you think you want to be a teacher? The power of public education.

Kate Slick, St Vrain Valley Schools Human Resources
McKee 338

Wifi Information

Connecting to our UNC-Guest network

1. Identify and click on the "UNC-GUEST" network and choose connect
2. Open your web browser and accept the University of Northern Colorado Acceptable Use Agreement

By logging on to the network, you are agreeing to the UNC Computer, Internet and Electronic Communications Procedure: [unco.edu/it/about it/procedures.htm](http://unco.edu/it/about%20it/procedures.htm)

If you need assistance at any time, you may call The School of Teacher Education Office at 970-351-2908 or stop by the School of Teacher Education office in McKee 216.

Event/Parking Map

Back Panel:

Note from the Conference Organizers:

Insert our pictures:

Dr. Suzette Youngs, Dr. Chris Kyser, and Dr. James Erikson, would like to thank you for attending the Future Teacher Conference, we hope you had a great learning experience. We would like to thank all the presenters, volunteers and support staff that helped to make the 2022 conference a huge success!

Mark your calendars: 2025 Future Teachers Conference, February 7.

