



National Forum to Advance Rural Education

110th NREA Convention and Research Symposium

OCTOBER 11-13, 2018
Denver, Colorado

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Proposals due by **Friday, April 13, 2018**

HOSTED BY:

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Learn more at: bfk.org/RuralForum

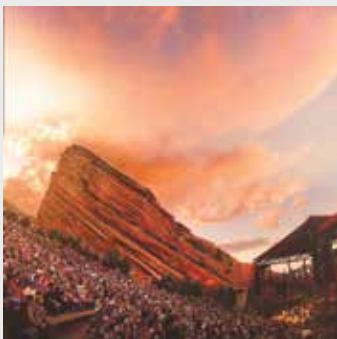
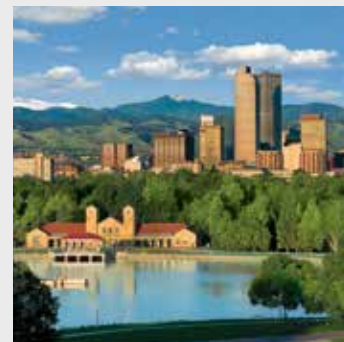
ABOUT THIS EVENT

For most rural school districts in this country, collaboration is not a choice, it is a necessity. Collaboration helps to elevate the voice of rural districts, uplift and empower isolated educators, administrators, and students, and leverage limited resources to tackle big issues.

In the spirit of collaboration, Battelle for Kids and the National Rural Education Association (NREA) will host the 2018 National Forum to Advance Rural Education and 110th NREA Convention and Research Symposium.

This annual event is designed to create an environment for collaboration and innovation with a diverse community—national experts, K-12 and higher education practitioners, leading researchers, policymakers, and philanthropic leaders—to learn and share ideas around the topics at the forefront of rural education and to ensure 21st century learning is a reality for all rural students. Ultimately, we want to help unite and inspire people to action.

MOVING TO THE MILE HIGH CITY IN 2018



Three hundred days of sunshine, a thriving cultural scene, diverse neighborhoods, and natural beauty combine for the world's most spectacular playground. A young, active city at the base of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, Denver's stunning architecture, award-winning dining and unparalleled views are all here, year-round. Take advantage of all that Denver has to offer, including a vibrant downtown, an outdoor playground, unique and inspiring cultural activities, fine dining, and much more!

Source: Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DYNAMIC PRESENTERS!

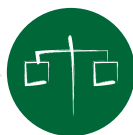
By presenting at the 2018 National Forum to Advance Rural Education, presenters will have the opportunity to share their research, strategies, and ideas, and positively impact hundreds of rural education leaders and practitioners from across the country.

This year's event theme is *Rural Now*, which will focus on redefining educational success, connecting fairness and prosperity, and promoting health and wellness. Following are suggested presentation topics that align with these three focus areas:



REDEFINING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

- Educator recruitment/retention
- Pre-service/teacher preparation
- 21st century learning
- Career pathways/dual enrollment
- Student engagement/motivation



CONNECTING FAIRNESS & PROSPERITY

- Economic development
- School-to-work transition
- Equity/diversity/poverty
- Culturally-responsive schools
- Transformational leadership



PROMOTING HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Health and wellness
- Social-emotional learning
- Brain development
- Family/community engagement
- Special populations

These are topics for suggestion. We look forward to your innovative and creative presentation ideas.

SESSION TYPES



20-MINUTE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

These sessions are for the purpose of sharing research about rural education issues. Three 20-minute, like-topic presentations will be included within a one-hour session. Proposals for research presentations should provide a summary of the research that addresses the following: (a) purpose/rationale of study; (b) method (including data sources); (c) findings; (d) conclusions, and (e) references. Research proposals will be peer reviewed by at least three members of the NREA research committee, and selected based on reviewer scoring and recommendations. Authors of top-scoring research proposals will compete for the distinguished Howard A. Dawson Best Research Paper Award. Submitting authors of a small number of top-scoring research proposals will be invited to send the full paper to be read and judged by the awards subcommittee.



30-MINUTE

These TED Talk-style sessions are for attendees to explore topics on innovative or promising practices in rural education. Each presentation will be allotted 30 minutes and matched with one other presentation on a similar topic. Two compelling presentations will be presented in a one-hour session.



60-MINUTE

These sessions are intended to go into more depth around innovative or promising practices in rural education in a 60-minute format. The style of your session could range from an indepth and interactive learning experience, to a panel discussion, or a an informal conversation where audience participation is the main component.

SUBMISSION AND SELECTION

Prospective presenters will be asked to provide the following information during the online submission process:

- Determine session type.
- Provide a compelling title as you would like it to appear in the event program (10 words or less). Remember to avoid abbreviations and acronyms, and keep in mind that many attendees only read the session titles, not the descriptions.
- Provide a description of your session as you would like it to appear in the event program (75–100 words). Be sure the description clearly identifies what attendees can expect from the session and entices them to attend.
- Explain how you will engage participants during your session.
- Describe the resources (if applicable) that participants will receive as part of your session.
- Provide the information for the primary contact and co-presenters for this session. Be sure the names and organizations appear as you would like them printed in the program.



ONLINE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Submit your proposal online at bfk.me/RuralEd18.

Completed proposals must be submitted by **April 13, 2018**.

We cannot accommodate special time and date requests for presentations. Please be sure you are available to present your session any time during the event.



PROPOSAL SELECTION

The primary proposal contact will receive an email notification regarding acceptance status by mid-May, along with information on next steps if the proposal is accepted.



PRESENTER REGISTRATION

If accepted, up to two presenters will receive a discounted registration fee of \$300/person.

Registration will be required for acceptance. All breakout sessions will take place on October 11–12.

VENUE & HOTEL

Hyatt Regency Tech Center
7800 E. Tufts Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80237

QUESTIONS?

Please contact us at BfKNREA@bfk.org.

A LOOK AT 2017

3 STATE PARTNERS



Ohio DOE



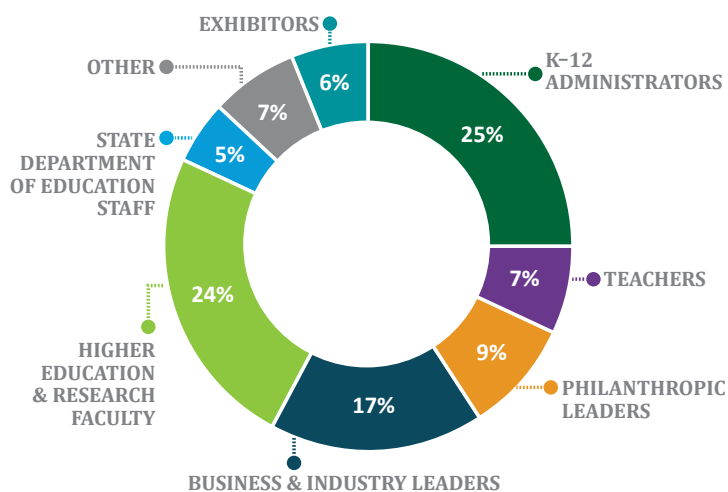
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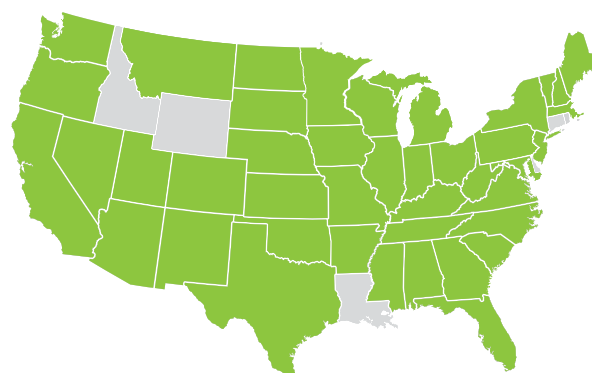
Tennessee DOE

500 ATTENDEES

ATTENDEES BY TITLE



ATTENDEES BY STATE



44 STATES REPRESENTED

WHAT ATTENDEES HAD TO SAY



Kim Headrick @Kim_R_Headrick · Oct 14

New friends, new experiences...thx for outstanding conference. @nrea1 @PrattAllen #ruraledforum



John White @RuralED · Oct 14

Thanks Nat'l Rural Ed Assoc (@NREA1) & @Battelleforkids for another great learning experience at #RuralEdForum. See you next year in Denver!



Denille LePlatt @DenilleLePlatt · Oct 14

Leaving Columbus so inspired. Thank you @nrea1 and @battelleforkids for another amazing time. Can't wait to see you all again in DENVER!