Make Plans to Attend Now! Hope to See you There!

Highlights
- Keynote Speakers: E.J. Carrion, Salome Thomas-EL, Dave Davlin
- 3 Featured Sessions and 45 Breakout Sessions
- Numerous sessions in Spanish, and Spanish translation available
- 25 Exhibitors
- Friday and Saturday Breakfast, Friday Luncheon, Breaks
- Great opportunity for networking with colleagues

Preconference Registration
- $100 per person until 10/21/19
- $130 per person until 11/22/19
- $250 late & on-site pre-conference registration (if space available)

Conference Registration
- $160 per person until 10/21/19
- $185 per person after 10/21/19 until 11/22/19
- $300 late & on-site registration (if space available)

Group Conference Registration: $160
- 8 people must register together; discount available until 11/22/19
Hotel Rooms are Filling Up FAST! There are 2 overflow hotel options that are very close & will provide shuttle services!

Pre-Conference Session: Thursday, December 12th
You Can't Teach Who You Don't Reach

As a first generation American, whose parents were immigrants from Guatemala and Peru, A.C. was raised by a single mother. She spoke limited English, but instilled in him the lesson that hard work will always pay off in the end. Although his parents' highest-level education was only an elementary education, A.C. made it a goal to pursue higher education, earning degrees from the University of Texas at Dallas and Texas A&M – Commerce.

A.C. worked in public education (K-12) for over fifteen years, as a teacher and administrator. He currently works in higher education, serving as a sociology professor at Richland Community College in Dallas, Texas. With more than 18 years of experience working with young people in public and higher education and other non-profit organizations, A.C. understands what it takes to reach students, particularly those at risk, and also knows the importance of what a true leader has to do to lead an organization effectively.

In this pre-conference session A.C. will give educators and parents the tools they need to truly connect with their students and children. To build the kind of trust that makes them ready, willing, and able to cultivate a love of learning, leadership and a passion for life. He will share how educators and parents can truly help kids turn little dreams into big ones, and big dreams into lives that are filled to the brim with greatness.

A.C.'s life story alone provides hope and encouragement for all. Obstacles such as the confinements of family life, lack of monetary resources, and cultural differences do not have to be barriers to achievement and success.
Opening General Session: EJ Carrion

Thursday, December 12th, 1:30 p.m.--3:30 p.m.

Solving the Overbooked Adult Overlooked Student Problem

EJ grew up in low-income communities and a single-parent home. He quickly began falling behind academically, but after a powerful life-changing event, EJ used the wake up call to transform his trajectory and future. He eventually graduated from high school and went on to receive a prestigious Bill Gates Scholarship that he used to become the first college graduate in his family.

Featured on ABC, NBC, and Fox news affiliates, EJ Carrion is the #1 Amazon Best Selling author of Accelerate Your Success: How to Create a Future and Stand Out When College is Not Enough.

EJ understands that educators, parents, and mentors are stretched thin because our jobs, community, and family demand more of our time. In this keynote address, EJ will inspire the audience to think differently on what it means to impact students. As an experienced education technologist and entrepreneur, EJ will share practical ideas for maximizing our talents and building systems that allow ourselves and our students to thrive. EJ will share best practices and innovative strategies to increase student support and school culture.

Read more about EJ Carrion.

Luncheon General Session: Salome Thomas-EL

Friday, December 13th, 11:45 a.m.--2:30 p.m.

The Immortality of Influence: Believing Every Child Can Achieve Their Dreams

"Every child needs someone to be crazy about them." These are the words of Salome Thomas-EL, award-winning teacher and principal, and nationally recognized educator.
For over 30 years, Principal EL has taken on this challenge with the absolute belief that every child can and will learn as long as adults in their world care enough to not give up.

Dr. Salome Thomas-EL lives in Delaware County with his family and has been a teacher and principal since 1987. Salome is currently the Head of School at Thomas Edison Charter School in Wilmington, DE.

Read more about [Salome Thomas-EL](#).

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**Closing General Session: Dave Davlin**

**Saturday, December 14th, 10:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m.**

**The Game Winning 3**

Dave Davlin was born in Dallas and raised 90 miles south of the city in a small town. Deserted by his father when he was less than a year old, he was forced to live with his grandmother until age ten. It was under her guidance that he learned about the qualities of integrity and honesty.

With his quick wit and master story-telling ability, Dave will share principles concerning true success in life and challenges the audience to reach high and dig deep to discover their own form of greatness.

At the conclusion of your life's journey, you will be judged on three things: the person you have become, the memories you have created and the difference you have made. The Game Winning 3™ reveals how to succeed in a pressure-packed world wholly consumed with ever-changing technology. This keynote speech delivers the blueprint to stay focused on what's important amid today's unique brand of stress and chaos and how to impart that to our children.
Specific Conference Topics:
- Strategies for Involving Fathers
- Constructing School-Parent Compacts & Policies
- Strategies for Parents of Migrant Students
- ESSA Compliance/Updates
- College and Career Readiness
- Creating Effective Parent and Family Engagement Programs

Conference Strands:
Strand One: Compliance
Strand Two: Best Practices
Strand Three: Enriching Parenting Skills
Strand Four: Vendor Presentations
Strand Five:
- College and Career Readiness
- Bullying, Social Media, Cyber Safety, & more
- School Safety
# Conference Overview

**Wednesday, December 11**
- **Early Registration**
  - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
  - San Marcos Embassy Suites and Conference Center
  - Pick up conference bag and registration packet

**Thursday, December 12**
- **Pre-Conference Convenes**
  - 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
  - Registration
  - Pre-Conference Breakfast

- **Conference Convenes**
  - 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
  - Pre-Conference Session
  - A.C. Cristales
  - Attendees: Lunch on your own

  - 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
  - Opening General Session
  - E.J. Carrion

  - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  - Break with Snacks; Visit Exhibits

  - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
  - Featured Session
  - Anita Villarreal
  - Laura Stone
  - Carlos Rene Ramirez

  - 5:30 p.m.
  - Dinner; Evening (on your own)

**Friday, December 13**
- 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
  - Continental Breakfast

- 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
  - First Concurrent Session

- 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
  - Second Concurrent Session

- 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
  - Lunch (on your own)

**Saturday, December 14**
- 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
  - Continental Breakfast

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
  - Fourth Concurrent Session

- 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
  - Break; Visit Exhibits

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
  - Closing General Session
  - Dave Doolin

**Conference Concludes**

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**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

**EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER • REGION 20**
Kimberly Baumgardner, Consultant, Family Engagement--Education Service Center, Region 20

Kimberly has worked in the field of special education for 19 years. She has been on staff at ESC-20 for 10 years. She spent 7 years as a special education curriculum specialist and is currently the Family Engagement Consultant.

Kimberly has become quite passionate about empowering families to be more involved in their child's education and future as well as challenging and supporting schools to increase their efforts to involve families in their child's educational journey and focus on Family Engagement as an instructional tool that improves student's academic outcomes.

Kimberly enjoys living out in the country with her husband, Tyson and two daughters, Lynette & Lucy Sue.

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