



#BPLC17: You Won't Want to Miss It!

On April 1, the Highlander Institute, the Learning Accelerator and the Christensen Institute are hosting the 6th annual [Blended & Personalized Learning Conference](#) at the RI Convention Center. The Highlander Institute team has scoured the nation for the best classroom, building and district implementers to share their most successful practices. While the program is still under development, here is a sample of what's in store:

For Teachers

- Shane Colman from Firstline Schools in New Orleans will share how they are empowering student agency and ownership in their middle school.
- Burak Yilmaz and his team from Harmony District, TX will describe how his elementary teachers are successfully moving beyond station rotation.
- James Flynn from Meriden Public Schools, CT will describe how his high school department implements student-centered learning approaches.
- Jon Hanover from Root Elementary in Denver will share lessons learned and high impact practices in grades K - 2.
- Mike Fauteux from Leadership Public Schools in Oakland will describe how formative assessment has been a gateway to powerful instruction.

For Principals

- Carolyn Jackson King from Washington DC will share tactics for leading a blended and personalized learning initiative.
- Hope Kohl from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg District, NC will share how they are creating new roles for talented teachers.
- Cindy Ambrose from Loudon County, VA will describe key infrastructure points for establishing a Deeper Learning initiative.
- Amanda Rychel from CICS Distinctive Schools in Chicago will explore critical features of leadership and culture that support transformative change.
- Brian Stack from Sanborn Regional High School, NH will share their process for performance based learning.
- Deagan Andrews from Greeley-Evans School District in CO will share how they are personalizing coaching and entry points for teachers along four key implementation strands.

For District Leaders

- Stepan Mekhitarian from Los Angeles Unified will share what he has learned about personalized professional development.
- Mike Nagler from Mineola UFSD in NY will describe his district's shift to leveraging OER and digital content.
- David Miyashiro from Cajon Valley School District, CA will share how he brought the TED Ed and TEDX platform to his students.
- Mackey Pendergrast and his team from Morris School District, NJ will explore how they leverage digital tools to promote community engagement.
- Greg Callaham from ALPHA Public Schools in CA will share both materials and process behind their socio-emotional curriculum.
- Schools implementing Summit Basecamp, Cortex, New Classrooms and ALT School platforms will share their successes and lessons learned.

Check the conference website frequently for more information on: 45 Workshop Sessions, An Interactive Playground, Meet Education Discussions, Vendor Presentations, An EdTech Tool Feedback Center, A Tutorial Center, and much much more!

Registration for the MAPLE network

MAPLE affiliated districts may take advantage of the \$99 early registration rate until March 15. To take advantage of this rate:

- Open the [conference registration link](#) and click the green TICKETS button
- Click on the Enter Promotional Code prompt at the top right, enter the code MAPLE17
- Scroll down and select General Registration Tickets
- Complete the registration form

- Purchase orders are available to groups of 5 or more from the same organization. For groups of 10 or more, contact Michaela Comella at mcomella@highlanderinstitute.org to facilitate a large PO.