38th Annual Educational Assistant Conference features new format and session focus

Edmonton—On Thursday, February 21 and Friday, February 22, MacEwan University will be hosting the 38th annual Educational Assistant Conference.

Designed for teacher assistants as well as anyone working with young people, the conference sessions are a combination of theory and applied learning experiences. “The conference takes a look at the many challenges of assisting in the classroom and explores resources – including technologies – that can aid in moving children, at all levels, forward in their learning,” states Carolynn Kane, conference organizer. Due to the ever-changing world of technology and how it influences working with youth the conference has introduced many new sessions on technology. Technology session highlights include, Cybercrime-When Computers go bad, E-Readers for Struggling Readers, and Using iPads and Apps to Help People with Disabilities.

New to the conference format this year is the Thursday evening keynote speaker and fireside chat sessions. Keynote speaker, Charlie Appelstein, whose motto is “There is no such thing as a bad kid,” has worked in child welfare for over 25 years. His keynote, The Glass Ain’t Full, Heck It’s Overflowing, will address creating a strength-based culture.

February 21 and 22 will see approximately 500 attendees come together at MacEwan University’s City Centre Campus, in the Robbins Health Learning Centre (10910-104 Avenue) for the purpose of gaining further knowledge, skills and learning experiences to aid in propelling the youth that they work within their learning.

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