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A Message from the Executive Director



As February comes to a close, I am extremely optimistic about the newness that spring brings! I love it when the days get longer and the spring flowers burst from the ground. In Kentucky, the redbud trees begin to bloom and yards, streets, and our highways become a sea of lavender. Spring also means a break for students, and planning for a new year. As you are taking stock of your learning environment, reviewing the tenets of Invitational Education and climate, I encourage you include a professional development update on creating or sustaining an Inviting School. Please know that our regional consultants are available to assist you and personalized coaching is a wonderful option for those who need a jump start or follow up. I also invite you to consider purchasing copies of Dr. Purkey's latest book, *Creating a Positive School Climate Nuts and Bolts of Invitational Education*. It is packed with ideas that can easily be applied in your classroom and school today. This book would be an excellent resource for a team book study. To help facilitate these opportunities, I am offering this helpful tool at a reduced price. Regularly \$14.00 it is now on sale for \$11.00. Orders of 20 or more copies can be purchased at \$9.80. Feel free to contact me for orders or simply go to our IAIE website.



WILLIAM PURKEY

Other very valuable resources are also available which include books, and the IAIE toolkit.

Thanks again for all you do!

Kathy

News and Updates:

2019 World Conference

Make plans now to attend the 2019 World Conference in Columbus, Ohio. This year's conference will be hosted by the Ohio IAIE Chapter and held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport. *Invitational Education: Preparing the Whole Child for the Whole World*, will provide opportunities to learn, share, and network. The full conference week, October 14-18 will be packed with school visits, keynotes, breakout sessions, and cultural excursions. Requests for proposals will be forthcoming. Rooms are available now and may be reserved through the link below.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jim Mahoney

Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Ivers

2019 World Conference
Invitational Education:
Preparing the Whole Child for the Whole World
Oct. 14-17, 2019 @ Ohio, USA

Ohio
Ohio. Find it here.

Embassy Suites
Having Inspiration & joy in Ohio

Rooms are \$144.00 plus tax and include breakfast

<http://www.invitationaleducation.net>

Conference dates: October 14-17

October 14-15 IAIE School Visits and Cultural Excursions
October 16- Full Conference with Keynote Dr. Jim Mahoney
October 17- Full Conference with Keynote Dr. John Ivers
October 18- School Visit and Cultural Excursions

Our keynote speakers will be:

Dr. John Ivers
Dr. Jim Mahoney

Hotel information:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport
2886 Airport Drive Columbus, Ohio
Phone: 1-800-362-2779 Group Code: "IAI"

Reservations may be made by phone or link:

<http://group.embassysuites.com/InternationalAllianceForInvitationalEducation>
Rooms are \$144.00 plus tax and include breakfast

Sue Bowen Memorial Fellowship



As you know, this year we lost a very special member of our IAIE team. Mrs. Sue Bowen, who had held multiple positions of leadership in IAIE will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Fellowship has been established in Sue's honor. This Fellowship will provide 2019 conference registration and membership to a student who will benefit from learning more about Invitational Schools. If you would like to donate in memory of Sue, please make checks or money orders payable to IAIE and mail to PO Box 594, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340. Please denote on the check that this is for the Sue Bowen Memorial.

Park Street Exchange Program Success

Trustee and teacher at Park Street Intermediate School, Grove City, Ohio, Ed Nelson has helped plan and implement many successful student exchange programs. In a recent email to his host families he writes... *your children have the power to change the world. They are going to be our future. This experience will be one that they will never forget. The RESPECT that they have learned will filter into the future. The purpose of this experience is to gain a respect for other cultures so that they will become intentionally inviting with others as well as themselves. All of us at the International Alliance for Invitational Education (IAIE) pride ourselves on these intentional moments. We strive to be intentionally caring, optimistic, respectful, and trustworthy.*

These are the elements that are needed to create a positive mindset for our students.

If you take one element away, the experience loses some of its luster. From what I have seen, I.C.O.R.T. was evident throughout the entire experience.

Park Street is part of the Ohio Chapter and one of the schools we will be visiting during the World Conference. Thank you to principal Clint Rardon, Trinia Crosbie, and Ed Nelson for leading the way for inviting global citizens.

Membership Campaign

As the holidays approach, it is a great time to think about sharing the benefits of IAIE membership with a colleague, family member, or friend. As a member, you are aware of the many benefits which include international networking, reduced cost for conference events, student/teacher exchange opportunities, and access to research.



The IAIE Membership Committee asks that all members suggest a colleague who may benefit from being part of our organization. Simply notify Dr. William Purkey, wwpurkey@aol.com with the name, address, and email. (Those of you who participate will be entered into a drawing for 2 free books of your choice.)

If by chance time has gotten away and you need to renew your membership, or perhaps you experienced issues during the website refresh, simply logon now to [our website](#) and visit the store to find the type of membership. * Remember, you may now login using your full email address or a previously used username.

Should you have any issues or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact, [Kathy Fields](#)

Share Your IAIE Story



Every day schools are asking for resources and reaching out to make connections with members and schools that can help make their work more meaningful or to help with a specific challenge. I encourage you to share your story or success with others. Email [Kathy Fields](#) today!