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Anita Archer Conference Keynote Available

Three hundred educators from around the world gathered at the end of July in Eugene, Oregon for the 48th National Direct Instruction Conference. The opening session included the presentation of the Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award and a keynote delivered by Anita Archer.

The Carnine Award went to Raymond Minney, a student at David Douglas Arthur Academy in Portland, Oregon. Doug and Linda Carnine read from the nomination letters submitted by Raymond's Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th-5th grade teachers, and his intervention specialist. When Linda asked Raymond if he had anything to say, he simply said, "Never give up!"

The opening continued with an excellent keynote by Dr. Anita Archer. Anita guided the group through many of her "Archerisms." These are Anita's Golden Principles of Explicit Direct Instruction. These include such sage advice as "Avoid the void, for they will fill it." And "Don't commit assumicide."

[Click here](#) to view the conference opening. Also, it's not too early to begin planning

to be in Eugene for the 49th National DI Conference, July 24-28, 2023

Three Inducted into the Direct Instruction Hall of Fame



On Friday, July 29, at the closing of the National Direct Instruction Conference, NIFDI, along with the Direct Instruction Community, honored Mary Gleason, Kathy Madigan and Vicky Vachon in a ceremony inducting them into the Direct Instruction Hall of Fame. Those in attendance heard about the dedication each of them has shown over the years and the impact they have had on the

lives of thousands of students, teachers and colleagues. Their stories are moving and very inspirational. [Click here](#) to see the video.

Direct Instruction Featured in Newsweek Opinion Piece

Newsweek Magazine has just published an excellent opinion piece written by Baker A. Mitchell Jr., founder of The Roger Bacon Academy (RBA) in Leland, NC.



When COVID closed the regular public schools in the area, the four charter schools that RBA manages remained open and were faced with an overwhelming number of transfer requests. They were able to accommodate just under 500 of the requests, boosting enrollment by 25%, up to over 2,500. Almost half of the new first and second grade students could not pass the basic assessment for entering a beginning reading program. Through careful teaching utilizing DI programs, many of

these students realized “two and in some cases three to four years of growth in reading from the time they stepped through our doors.”

[Click here](#) to read the full article.



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