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## **Submit Your Nominations for the Excellence in Education Awards!**



An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success—success of students, teachers, and entire schools. Each year, we recognize individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children through the following awards:

- [\*The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award\*](#) – *This award is named after the father of Doug Carnine, DI co-author, longtime Professor of Education at the University of Oregon, and founder of the KINDR Foundation. It is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic or behavioral improvement. Teachers submit nominations. The winner, selected by Doug and Linda Carnine, will be presented with a plaque and \$1,000. The winner's school will also receive \$1,000.*
- [\*Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award\*](#) – *This award is named after Siegfried “Zig” Engelmann, co-creator of Direct Instruction, senior author of the DI programs, and founder of NIFDI. The recipient of this award can be anyone – a teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, college professor, etc. – who has provided a significant contribution to the field of education and/or student achievement.*
- [\*Wes Becker Excellent School Award\*](#) – *This award is named after Wesley Becker, co-creator of Direct Instruction and longtime Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Oregon. This award is given to a school for exemplary implementation of Direct Instruction.*

Please take the opportunity to honor a member of the DI “family.” The nomination process is simple and means so much to the individuals and our profession. Please identify and nominate a colleague and/or school that has made a difference. Nomination applications are short (1-2 pages) and are available on our website. Nominations are due in our office by June 3rd, so click on the links above or [download the application packet today!](#)

# Register for the 50th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes!

Plan now to join us in person!

**50th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes**  
**Graduate Hotel Eugene • Eugene, Oregon**  
*Administrative Leadership, Coaching, and Becoming an Effective DI Trainer*  
Institutes: July 15-19, 2024

Presented by

Preconference Sessions July 15, 2024  
All Other Sessions: July 16-19, 2024

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Plan on being in Eugene, Oregon, July 15-19, 2024, to attend the **50<sup>th</sup> National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes**. We are planning an amazing week of training and special events to celebrate this milestone.



The conference began as a small, regional training event held at a high school in Eugene, with an attendance of 80 educators, mostly from the West Coast. Since 1974, as many as 750 educators from around the world have gathered each year in Eugene to attend what is regarded as the most comprehensive DI training available. NIFDI began sponsoring the conference in 2014 and has expanded the offerings to include a 5-day Administrator Leadership Institute, a greater variety of preconference sessions, and training on the full range of DI programs.

This year's opening keynote will be delivered by Mr. Casey Sovo, an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, who began working for the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) in 2001 as a high school English Language Arts teacher and became the Education Program Administrator for the New Mexico South Education Line Office (now called the Albuquerque Bureau-Operated Schools Education Resource Center) in July 2010. Mr. Sovo deeply believes in the power of education to provide opportunities for changing the outcomes for future generations. He is a strong proponent of Direct Instruction and has supported its implementation in many BIE schools. His story is informative and inspiring.

Please join us this July for the most comprehensive Direct Instruction training available—anywhere!

**[Registration is open! Click here to register or download the brochure!](#)**



## ***Episode 3 of the Direct Instruction Podcast Released!***

The third episode of the podcast series sponsored by NIFDI has been released. Hosted by educator and parent Dr. Zach Groshell, the series features interviews with trainers, authors, researchers, and others, each giving their insights on various aspects of DI. The third episode is titled "How Effective is Direct Instruction?" The guest is Dr. Jean Stockard. Dr. Stockard is a co-author of "[All Students Can Succeed: A Half Century of Research on the Effectiveness of Direct Instruction](#)" a meta-analysis of 328 studies on Direct Instruction. The podcast runs just over an hour. [Click here](#) to listen to this informative piece.



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