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Registration Open for Summer Trainings!

Plan on joining us for our upcoming summer conferences featuring high-quality, intensive training on the current editions of Direct Instruction programs:

[6th Annual Southwest DI Conference](#)

Trainer Training Institute-June 18-22, 2018

Conference-June 19-22, 2018

San Antonio, Texas

[44th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes](#)

July 23-27, 2018

Eugene, Oregon

The San Antonio conference opening keynote will feature nationally recognized speaker Robert Pondiscio. We will offer the popular institute, *Becoming an Effective Direct Instruction Trainer*, beginning on June 18. Conference sessions begin on June 19, and are focused on the Kindergarten through 3rd grade levels of Reading Mastery Signature Edition, DISTAR Arithmetic, and Corrective Reading.

The National Conference in Eugene will include up-to-date training on all levels of the DI programs, as well as sessions on classroom management, data collection and analysis and much more. Educational consultant and author Anita Archer will deliver the opening keynote. There are new sessions on targeted staff development and management and teaching techniques for teacher students with low-incidence disabilities. Eugene also features all of our institutes, including the Institute on *Becoming an Effective DI Trainer*, a revamped Coaching Institute, and the Administrators Institute: *Effective Implementation and Supervision of DI*.

Click the links above to download a complete brochure or to register for either conference.

Veterans of Project Follow Through Gather for Reunion



Pictured here, starting in the back row from left to right: Gary Davis, Steve Osborn, Kurt Engelmann, Owen Engelmann, Randy Sprick, Laurie Skillman, Marty Siegel, Millie Schrader, Jerry Silbert, Gary Johnson. Second row: Marcy Stein, Linda Carnine, Leslie Zoref, Phyllis Haddox, Charlotte Andrist, Linda Youngmayr. Front row: Adrienne Allen, Elaine "Cookie" Bruner, Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann, Jean Osborn, Doug Carnine, Tricia O'Hara

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Project Follow Through. In recognition of the anniversary, twenty-six of the original Direct Instruction Model developers, project directors and trainers gathered in Eugene, Oregon for a reunion. The two-day event was designed so each participant had an opportunity to share how they became involved in the project, what they are currently doing, and reflect on the triumphs and frustrations of being involved in the largest educational experiment in history. Over the course of this year, NIFDI News will feature stories of the people and events that were shared during that reunion. A high point of the meeting was a screening of a 1968 segment from Walter Cronkite's show "21st Century." [Click here](#) to view the video. The portion that talks about the Berieter-Engelmann preschool begins at time marker 9:45. We look forward to sharing more with you about the amazing people and events that took place in the early years of Direct Instruction.

Nominate an Educator for the Excellence in Education Award



An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success-success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years, there has been a tradition of recognizing excellence in education at the National DI Conference and this year is no exception. Individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children will be recognized through the following awards:

- Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award
- Wes Becker Excellent School Award
- The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

Please take this opportunity to 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 [download the application packet today!](#)

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