

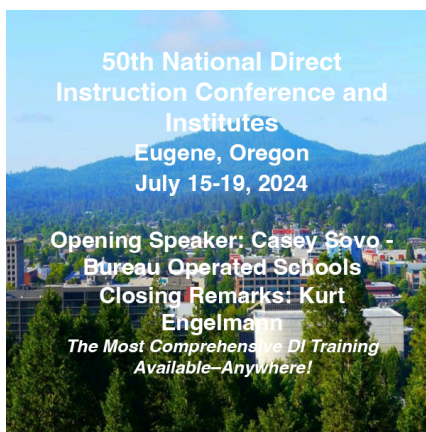
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National Direct Instruction Conference Videos Available!

The 50th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes was held in Eugene, Oregon, July 15-19. At the opening on July 16, students Sho-un Tanaka of Eugene, Oregon, and Jackson Willis from Springfield, Australia, were presented with the Carnine/McRoberts Student Improvement Awards. Doug and Linda

Carnine presented the awards. They related how these students, in partnership with dedicated instructors effectively delivering Direct Instruction programs, showed amazing growth. [Click here](#) to view their very compelling stories.

After the student award presentations, NIFDI President Kurt Engelmann introduced keynote speaker Casey Sovo. Casey is the Superintendent of several very remote Bureau of Indian Education schools in North Dakota. His inspiring keynote focused on how the school improvement efforts were guided by the seven tenets of the Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Indians. He presented an amazing story of resilience and perseverance by the staff and students to implement DI with fidelity. [Click here](#) to view the story of their success.

On July 19, Kurt Engelmann presented his closing remarks. He highlighted the key elements needed to become a successful teacher with DI. [Click here](#) to watch his presentation.

Individual and School Recognitions Presented at the National DI Conference



On July 18, a reception was held to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Direct Instruction Conference and to present the Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Awards to Kate Walsh Little from Baltimore, Maryland, Betsy Primm from Atlanta, Georgia, and Zoe Anlezark from Springfield, Australia.

The Wesley Becker Excellent School Award recognition was given to Mastery Schools Australia Springfield Academy and Hampstead Hill Academy in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Sara Tarver, a Professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, was inducted into the Direct Instruction Hall of Fame posthumously.

[Click here](#) to see the presentation and acceptance of each of these awards.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the conference, a panel of speakers, including Linda Carnine, Jerry Silbert, Geoff Colvin, and Doug Carnine, spoke on the relevance of Direct Instruction from its inception to the current time. Arguably, now more than ever, there is a need for the implementation of Direct Instruction programs for the benefit of all of our students. [Click here](#) to hear the panel's comments.

Noel Pearson Presents The Power of Direct Instruction



In a webinar sponsored by McGraw-Hill International, Noel Pearson, Founder and Chair of Good to Great Schools Australia (GGSA), spoke to over 700 educators. His talk focused on how Direct Instruction is the most promising approach to solving the performance gap among Australian students. The process must start in primary school, Pearson said.

"The achievement gap between the children who leave our remote schools is up to five to six years behind the mainstream, so when our children turn up in Cairns, or Brisbane, or Townsville, they find themselves with peers who are many years ahead of them, and this, of course, drives loneliness, disappointment, and children dropping out, because we didn't furnish them with the education they needed to succeed."

[Click here](#) to view Pearson's powerful and persuasive message. You can also view a written summary [here](#).

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