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Memorial for Siegfried Engelmann Held in Eugene, Oregon

On April 13, 2019, over 400 family members, friends, admirers and colleagues of Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann gathered for a memorial to his life and professional career. The memorial, hosted by Randy Sprick, featured speakers representing various facets of Engelmann's career in education. Speakers about the early years of DI included Carl Bereiter, Cookie Bruner, and a letter from Jean Osborn, read by Leslie Zoref. Doug Carnine, Hill Walker and Geoff Colvin spoke of Zig's work at the University of Oregon. Evan Haney, Jerry Silbert and Susie Hanner reflected on Engelmann's contributions as the senior author of the Direct Instruction programs. Gary Davis and Mary Gleason talked about his contributions to teacher training and implementation. Finally, Tom Torkelson appeared via video, and Owen Engelmann and Kurt Engelmann made compelling remarks about the legacy Zig left. The memorial closed with Zig's grandson, Nathan Engelmann, reading an excerpt from Engelmann and Carnine's landmark book, *Theory of Instruction*.



A unique feature of the memorial was the inclusion of excerpts from a 2005 interview with Zig. Each segment of the memorial included comments from Zig himself about the aspect being addressed. People commented that it was as if he were telling his own story.

NIFDI has created a webpage designed to be a central resource to house information and tributes to Zig. Currently this page has Zig's obituary, a full video of the memorial, all of the speaker's notes, some key videos about Zig, and many links to tributes from the field and press coverage. You can view this page at www.nifdi.org/zig. We will update the page as new items come in. If you would like to submit your own tribute or some other news item related to Zig's work, please send it on to bwickman@nifdi.org.

Plan to Attend the 45th National Direct Instruction Conference



Plan now to be in Eugene, Oregon July 22-26 for the 45th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes! Our keynote speaker this year is nationally recognized consultant Carolyn Schneider. Carolyn is a veteran DI trainer, with over 35 years experience with Direct Instruction. She has trained thousands of educators across the country, notably in the areas of coaching and supervision of implementations.

The conference will include training on all levels of the DI programs, as well as sessions on classroom management, data collection and analysis and much more.

New and expanded sessions this year include:

- Targeted Professional Development
- Teach Like a Champion
- The Psychology of Effective Coaching
- Refined Coaching and Supervision
- Reading Mastery K & I - Follow-up Training
- Corrective Reading Decoding - Follow-up Training

The conference also features all of our comprehensive institutes, including the Becoming an Effective DI Trainer, DI Coaching and the Administrators Institute: Effective Implementation and Supervision of DI. To download a complete brochure or to register for the conference, [click here](#).

Seventh Southwest DI Conference to Include Effective Trainer Institute!



By popular demand, NIFDI is including the Institute *Becoming an Effective DI Trainer* in the 7th Southwest DI Conference lineup.

The institute provides advanced training for teachers, coaches and building coordinators who already have substantial DI experience and are ready to become trainers. Over the course of five days, participants are introduced to the main steps for developing a program training for teachers new to Direct Instruction: creating a training outline, designing materials for a training packet, identifying critical program formats and articulating the rationale for the program's design. Participants pre-select a program and level to train, develop an outline for training teachers in the program and then deliver a presentation to the other participants. Trainees spend approximately half their time with the course leaders and half their time in other sessions observing and assisting actual program training sessions at the institute. There is an application for this specialized session. Download a [copy here](#).

The conference sessions are focused on the K-3rd grade levels of Reading Mastery Signature Edition Reading, K-2 grade levels of Reading Mastery Signature, DISTAR Arithmetic 1 as well as Corrective Reading Decoding.

To register or download a complete brochure, [click here](#).

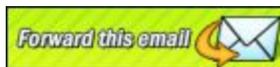
Nominate an Educator for an Excellence in Education Award

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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