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There's Still Time to Register for the National Direct Instruction Conference

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Plan on being in Eugene, Oregon, July 21-25, 2025, to attend the **51st National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes**. We are anticipating an amazing week of training and special events this year.

The conference will begin with Dr. Jan Hasbrouck as our featured keynote speaker. Jan has a long history with Direct Instruction, having received her B.A. and M.A. at the University of Oregon. She is the author and co-author of several books and instructional programs. See www.janhasbrouck.com for more info on Dr. Hasbrouck's accomplishments.

Along with comprehensive training on all Direct Instruction programs, we have many specialized sessions as well as our popular coaching, trainer-training, and administrator leadership institutes.

We will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the publication of *Expressive Writing* and the 50th Anniversary of the publication of *Corrective Reading* throughout the week. There will also be a reception on Thursday, July 24, to recognize Owen Engelmann and Bernadette Kelly for their much-deserved induction into the DI Hall of Fame and presentation of the Excellence in Education Awards (see below).

[Download the brochure](#) for complete session descriptions and [register online here!](#)

Excellence in Education Award Winners Announced



The NIFDI Board of Directors is pleased to announce their selections for the 2025 Excellence in Education Awards. Each year, we recognize individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children through the *Carnine/McRoberts Student Improvement Award*, the *Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award*, and the *Wesley Becker Excellent School Award*.

There are two recipients of the Becker Excellent School Award.

Athena Learning Trust Cluster, located in the United Kingdom. Their nomination notes the significant positive impact the Direct Instruction mathematics curriculum has had on their students, staff, and the wider educational community.

Mastery School Australia Coolangatta. Their implementation of *Connecting Math Concepts*, *Spelling Mastery*, *Reading Mastery*, and *Corrective Reading* as their instructional core has received national notice for the results they are achieving.

The Engelmann Excellence in Education Award is shared by three outstanding educators, all of whom teach at Mastery Schools Australia's Southport campus.

Bryce Kennedy is a year 9-10 teacher. In his letter of support, Principal Matt Cavanaugh notes, "Bryce has made a profound and lasting impact on our school community through his exceptional teaching ability, unwavering professionalism, and outstanding mentorship."

Brooke Schembri works with neuro-diverse students as well as those who have significant emotional challenges. She is noted for her effective, dedicated, and compassionate work to make sure each student succeeds.

Jamie Phillips works with students in years 7-8. The letters of support from her students note how they have gained confidence in themselves through her continuous support and encouragement. Master Teacher Melissa Pilcher reports that, "Jaime is not only an exceptional classroom teacher but also a generous and skilled mentor to her colleagues."

There will be a reception at the National DI conference on July 24 to recognize these outstanding schools and individuals. Please look for the call for nominations, which will be released in February, and consider nominating your school, colleague, or student for an award.

Educational Achievement Publishing Launches Newsletter

[Educational Achievement Publishing](#) (EAP) has begun email distribution of **Achievement Matters**. Marketing Director Randi Saulter refers to it as "your go-to source for news, insights, and resources from Educational Achievement Publishing, the publisher of *Direct Instruction Spoken English* (DISE)."

Future issues will include helpful tips for classroom implementation, highlights from schools using DISE, answers to frequently asked questions, and much more.

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