

ACCE 2020

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LIST OF PRESENTERS

Presenter(s)	Biographies
Dr. Valerie Rows, Academic Growth Coach, Ewa Beach Elementary School	My name is Valerie Rows and I am a 3rd grade teacher in the Hawaii Department of Education. Born and raised in New York, I started my career in education as a 7th grade English teacher in Brooklyn, New York, married into the military, and taught in many states. I became focused on Literacy, once I realized that every state I taught in, students struggled in that area, so I obtained my license as a Reading Specialist. In 2013, I obtained my Doctorate in Education in Instructional Leadership.
Dr. Casey Asato, Head of School, St. Francis School	Casey serves as the Head of School at Saint Francis School. He has held other administrative and teaching positions in Hawai'i, the U.S. Mainland, and abroad. Casey is a fellow of the US State Department Teaching Excellence & Achievement/International Leaders in Education Program (Kharkiv, Ukraine), NEH Summer Institute (Oaxaca, Mexico), and Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Summer Teacher Institute. He holds a BSc in Finance, MA in Asian Studies, MA in the Teaching of Social Studies, and an EdD in Professional Educational Practice. Casey has been appointed Head of School at the American School of Marrakesh commencing July 2020.
Mrs. Joan Hiel, CGS Catechist, St. John Vianney Parish	After 35 years in education, learning the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd hands on method for teaching our faith to children has been inspirational to me. I have been honored to watch the young and old be touched by the simplicity and beauty of the three different levels of works. I'm eager to help bring it to Hawaii parishes and schools. Training is a wonderful experience Individually and is an especially useful tool for our diocese as we switch to restored order. Come explore our faith journey with renewed perspective and become a co-wonderer with me.
Dr. Mitch Yamasaki, Professor, Chaminade University	I taught history at Chaminade University of Honolulu. In recent years, Sacred Hearts and Saint Louis students have enrolled in my World Civilizations courses. They were outstanding students. Their intellectual curiosity and ability raised the level engagement for my college students. I am also the Director of the Chaminade History Center. Its mission is to enhance the teaching of history and social studies in Hawaii's K-12 schools. We run teachers' workshops and seminars. We also make teaching materials available to teachers at no cost.
Mr. Brian MacMaster, Teacher, Saint Patrick School	Brian MacMaster serves as the Dean of Students at Saint Patrick School. He is a proud Alum of Hawaii Pacific University where he received his Master of Education. Brian has taught throughout the K-8 system in his years at Saint Patrick School and with the DOE. On weekends and afternoons alike, Brian can be found coaching young student-athletes from around the island- instilling in them the importance of hard work, patience, and class.
Mrs. Jackie Degel, Regional Vice President, FACTS Management	Jackie Degel was a Catholic school teacher and administrator in California, Montana, and Washington for over 30 years before joining the FACTS Education Solutions Team. She worked with student response teams to identify, create, and support accommodations, modifications, and interventions for a diverse student population while growing the instructional practice of faculty and staff by providing coaching and professional development in areas including classroom management, special education, leadership, and STEM initiatives. With FACTS Education Solutions, Jackie is committed to connecting schools with resources to change the course of education and impact student growth. She currently lives in Seattle, Washington.

<p>Mr. DJ Adams, Principal St. Catherine School</p>	<p>It has been my good fortune to serve as a Principal at six different schools in three distinct countries on our beautiful planet. One of the greatest challenges was successfully opening the first Canadian certified school in the middle eastern country of Oman. My administrative career has been blessed to work with hundreds of teacher curious about their own education. As a lifelong learner who believes in a fail forward growth mindset it is a privilege to share some of our experiences on professional learning.</p>
<p>Dr. Elizabeth Park Assistant Professor, Director of Early Childhood and Montessori Programs, Chaminade University</p>	<p>Elizabeth Park, PhD is currently an Assistant Professor of Education and Director of Early Childhood and Montessori Programs at Chaminade University of Honolulu. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from UCLA, Master of Education in Early Childhood Education with Montessori Credential from Chaminade University of Honolulu, and a Ph.D. in Educational Technology from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Her scholarship of teaching and learning includes integrating emotional intelligence in the early years, digital media and STEM education for early childhood, Montessori education, intergenerational practices, and different aspects of early childhood learning environments.</p>
<p>Mrs. Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy, Director of Religious Education, Diocese of Honolulu</p>	<p>Jayne is director for the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation in the Diocese of Honolulu. A proud graduate of the Hawaii Catholic Schools, she is committed to lifelong catechesis and evangelization, especially through the lens of Asian and Pacific-Island enculturation. Jayne is a national speaker, published author, and blogger for "Catechists Journey" by Loyola Press.</p>
<p>Mr. Dan Mawyer, Technology Instructor, Damien Memorial School</p>	<p>Dan Mawyer has been a teacher in Hawaii Catholic Schools for the past eight years, and currently teaches Computer Science at Damien Memorial School, where his students engage with inquiries in programming, coding, and game design. Mr. Mawyer is also proud to be the Middle School Robotics coach at Damien Memorial, and is widely known for his love of Star Wars.</p>
<p>Dr. David Shimoda</p>	<p>For more than 24 years I have worked in education as a teacher, a librarian, a data coach, and an academic coach. I have taught students and adults in both face to face and online environments. Through life experiences, I have come to know that I will always learn more than I can teach. I look forward to sharing what I have learned!</p>
<p>Mr. Cheyne Nomura, English Teacher, Damien Memorial School</p>	<p>Mr. Nomura has been teaching high school English (10th and 11th grade Honors as well as AP Language) at Damien Memorial School for five years, wherein he also advises the school's Student Government. He teaches a vast array of literature with his three different courses and has organically found methods that help to engage his students with course readings. He is also an adjunct to Hawaii Pacific University's Master's in Education program. In his free time, he is an avid reader and theatre goer.</p>
<p>Dr. Shawna Ortogero, Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii</p>	<p>Shawna has served students of all ability levels in the Hawaii Department of Education for 17 years. She started off with a part time job tutoring English Learners (ELs) from Vietnam, and helping students with disabilities as a paraprofessional tutor in the Honolulu district. These 2 jobs helped Shawna realize that working with this population of students was her happy place! As a special education teacher for 5 years, she taught a variety of subjects in both a resource and a fully self-contained setting to students with mild/moderate and severe disabilities in Windward Oahu. Shawna also served as a district resource special education teacher and Assistant Principal in Leeward and Central Oahu and a Special Education District Educational Specialist in Nanakuli-Waianae. In her current position as an Assistant Professor, Shawna's research interests include special education teacher development (from novice to expert), administrative support for special educators, and evidence-based practices for students with mild/moderate disabilities. She holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism, master's degree in special education, and doctorate degree in exceptionalities. Shawna enjoys working with students, playing soccer, spending time with her family, and writing.</p>
<p>Mrs. Kaui Nakamoto, Assistant Principal,</p>	<p>I have been an educator for 20 years. I started my career as a special education teacher at Makaha Elementary School. I served as a special education mentor at the University of Hawaii Manoa. I am currently an Assistant Principal at Kapolei High</p>

Kapolei High School	School. I have been married for 16 years and have two children. My husband is Principal at Leilehua High School. Our children attend Mililani Middle School and Leilehua High.
Ms. Asia DiAntonio, Teacher, St. Ann Model School	Asia Di Antonio is an art teacher and the owner of KidzArt Windward- An art enrichment program for all ages. Asia was born and raised on Oahu and graduated from Kailua High School. She has taught collectively over 700 students in the last 6 years from the ages of 2 to 96 and has a mission to prove that everyone can draw
Mr. David Oglesby, Educator, Bishop Museum	David Oglesby is a graduate of Chapman University with 15 years of experience in formal and informal education. Presently, an educator at Bishop Museum and instructor at University of Phoenix. Also, recently published a children's book, "Nana the Happy Face Spider's Happy, Sad, Happy Day!" (available on Amazon). Member of The Society for Cinema and Media Studies, The National Association for Interpretation, and The American Alliance of Museums. Currently working on a documentary on the pineapple industry in Hawaii.
Mrs. Margaret Rufo, Principal, Mary Star of the Sea Elementary School	Mrs. Margaret Rufo earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of London, Ontario, Canada, in 1992. Having enjoyed the teaching responsibilities as a nurse, she decided to pursue her Bachelor in Education Degree and subsequently received her Masters of Administrative Education in 1995. Since, Margaret has taught in Canada, Guam and currently resides in Hawai'i with her husband and two boys. She has been proudly teaching in a Catholic School environment since 1993 and became Principal at Mary, Star of the Sea School in 2015. Her commitment to her Catholic Faith and to life-long learning forms the foundation of her pedagogical philosophy.
Dr. Helen Turner, Vice President of Innovation, Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Chaminade University	Helen Turner is Vice President of Innovation at Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii. She is a tenured Professor of Biology at Chaminade, and she served as Dean of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics from 2007-2019. She holds an affiliate Professorship at the University of Hawaii School of Medicine. She leads several university and statewide initiatives in STEM education, especially in the areas of diversity and inclusion. She runs a research laboratory focused on molecular physiology and pharmacology, and contributes to nationally to science policymaking. She has an extensive portfolio of Federal and foundation research and education grants that support student scholarships, curriculum development (especially in the newly developing area of Data Science and Analytics), enrichment programs and research.
Dr. Brandy Sato, Vice Principal, Sacred Hearts Academy	Dr. Brandy Sato is a Vice Principal at Sacred Hearts Academy. Dr. Sato received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in Curriculum and Instruction in 2014, and her Master's and Bachelor's degree at Chaminade University. Dr. Sato also served as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Assessment in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Prior to her work in Texas, she served as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at Kamehameha Schools for six years, and was a teacher at Le Jardin Academy for 3 years.
Teacher Panel from St. John the Baptist	Madison Caley, Grades 3-4 Teacher Amanda Mosler, Grades 5-6, 7-8 Language Arts and Social Studies, Spanish, P.E. Dr. Mike Rockers, Superintendent for Hawaii Catholic Schools