



edACCESS a different kind of conference

Have you attended a large education conference recently? You probably sat in room after room with hundreds of other attendees listening to outside experts talk about topics that weren't quite what you were interested in. Did you come away frustrated, feeling that only a small portion of the time you attended was valuable to you?

If so, you're not alone.

An edACCESS conference is different. We use the peer conference model developed by Adrian Segar, author of *Conferences That Work: Creating Events That People Love*, for the majority of our conference sessions. Each edACCESS conference is *small, responsive, and attendee-driven*. The attendees share what they want to discuss, what they need help with, and answers from their own experience.

Does this sound like the kind of conference you'd like to attend? If so, we'd love to see you at edACCESS 2018. Register today!

edACCESS 2018 June 18-21

In 2018 we will be holding our 28th annual conference on the beautiful campus of Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey. Once again, attendees will enjoy our peer-centered conference coupled with great food and a relaxed environment. edACCESS 2018 will be a unique opportunity to get answers to questions, network with peers, and have fun. Don't miss it!

Peer Sessions

The vast majority of our conference consists of peer sessions determined by you, the attendee. These highly rated, informal sessions are customized every year to meet the expressed needs of conference participants. Discuss only the topics that are relevant and important to you!

The Solution Room

The Solution Room gives you the opportunity to meet and build in-depth connections with 4-5 new peers through sharing problems, advice, and support. You'll also receive help from your peers on a professional problem or challenge important to you. Watch a one-minute video at bit.ly/SolutionRoom.

Keynote

Beyond Digital Citizenship

Presenter: Reuben Loewy

We are in the midst of the greatest information and communications transformation in human history. Entertainment, commerce, education, healthcare, and communication have all been radically upended by the Internet. However, the majority of institutions do not address the complete picture of what the Internet is, how we affect it, and how it affects us. This keynote session will address how we can guide teachers and students to engage positively and creatively with the Internet, rather than addressing the negative aspects of social media and fake news. Reuben Loewy is a leading pioneer in the burgeoning field of Internet Studies in schools, and author of *Living Online: Teaching the Internet*. Born in London, Reuben is a graduate of the London School of Economics and Political Science. In his previous career as a foreign correspondent, Reuben reported from the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the Balkans, for various media. He has lived and worked in England, Scandinavia, Africa, and the Middle East before settling in Princeton, New Jersey. For more information about his educational non-profit, visit: <http://www.livingonlinelab.org>



Topical Sessions

Robotics

Mike Garrant, technology instructor at Blair Academy, will host hands-on sessions in robotics. These sessions will position attendees as students in the classroom, and invite them to work with robotics equipment from a student perspective. In addition to utilizing the robotics facilities of the new Chiang Center for Innovation and Collaboration, this program will provide context for what is involved in starting and promoting a robotics program at a school in terms of both equipment and resources.

Makerspace

Mike Garrant, technology instructor at Blair Academy, will host hands-on sessions in design and fabrication. Like the Robotics workshop, these sessions will position attendees as students in the classroom, and invite them to work with the fabrication equipment from a student perspective. This will include exposure to 3D printing, laser cutting, vinyl cutting, and T Shirt printing. The experience provides context for both two dimensional and three dimensional design. In addition to utilizing the maker space of the new Chiang Center for Innovation and Collaboration, this program will provide context for what is involved in starting and promoting a maker program at a school in terms of both equipment and resources.

Leadership Challenges Creating New Technology Spaces

Chris Fortunato, head of school at Blair Academy, will host a focus group discussing the challenges involved in creating new technology spaces at independent schools from a leadership perspective. Topics include assessing the needs of the school, creating a new vision, and bringing that vision to reality. The recent process of designing and implementing Blair's new Chiang Center for Innovation and Collaboration will be used to frame this discussion.

Demo Showcase: Bring the Excitement Home!

Facilitator: JT Amirault <demoshowcase@edaccess.org>

Participants will share an assortment of 10-15 minute demonstrations that showcase a variety of useful ideas and techniques. Our goal is to expose you to at least one useful technique or tool you can use back at your school. We encourage every school to contribute at least one demonstration to this session. Please contact JT to schedule your demo.





Conference Details

When: Monday, June 18 — Thursday, June 21, 2018

Where: Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey

Accommodations and facilities: To keep the conference cost low, a student dormitory, single or double room accommodation is included in the conference registration fee. Alternately you may make your own arrangements for accommodation off campus. A list of nearby hotels is available on the edACCESS web site.

If you have additional questions that the website can't answer, please contact the conference registrar, Robin Beaver, at registration@edaccess.org | (610) 922-1004

Join the edACCESS listserv at bit.ly/edaccesslist

edACCESS 2018 Conference Registration

Includes conference attendance, accommodations Monday through Thursday lunch, plus all meals, from dinner Monday through lunch Thursday, except for dinner on Wednesday when we will dine out in Blairstown.

	Cost
Early registration Paid in full before March 26	\$585.00
Standard registration Paid in full before May 3	\$665.00
Late registration..... At the door, subject to space available	\$755.00
Spouse/significant other meals and accommodations.....	\$360.00

A discount of 10% of these fees can be taken for three or more attendees from the same school.

For full details and to register for the conference, visit www.edaccess.org



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