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College of Education to Host “Teachers As Leaders” Institute

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The USFSP College of Education is preparing for its annual “Teachers as Leaders” Institute, once again inviting practicing teachers to learn leadership skills to facilitate and support teaming and intellectual sharing within a school environment. This year, nationally known speakers will present on instructional approaches to increase math achievement among K-12 students. The event will be held on campus June 5 and 6.

“The ‘Teachers As Leaders’ Institute is an opportunity to celebrate teachers, and in the process, help them become leaders in their respective schools throughout the region and the state,” said Bill Heller, Ph.D., dean of the College of Education. “We as a College and University are very pleased to host this event.”

This year’s speakers will include:

Dr. Adolph Brown (Keynote) is a top-ranked educator and recognized Master Teacher. A first generation high school graduate reared in the poverty of housing projects, Dr. Brown is a trained anthropologist and clinical and educational psychologist. He is a popular and engaging speaker, inspiring a variety of audiences on real-world leadership and educational excellence.

Dr. John W. Hodge is president and co-founder of Urban Learning and Leadership Center (ULLC), an organization focused on student achievement and reduction of the achievement gap. He has served as a reading teacher, English teacher, AVID teacher, Assistant Principal and Associate Director of AVID Center Eastern Division. He served as Director of An Achievable Dream Academy, an inner city school that piloted many of the interventions used by Urban Learning and Leadership Center. An Achievable Dream Academy is a high performing, high poverty school that has received numerous national awards.

Dr. Mary Kay Stein holds a joint appointment at the University of Pittsburgh as professor of learning sciences and policy and as Senior Scientist at the Learning Research and Development Center. Her research focuses on mathematics teaching and learning in classrooms and the ways in which policy and organizational conditions shape teachers’ practice.

Last year’s event drew more than 150 teachers from Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties. Registration is free, but space is limited. The event is open to the public. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.usfsp.edu/education/teachers-as-leaders/>

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