

## “Engaging and Empowering Student Minds”

Thursday-Friday, September 24-25, 2009, at the Kahler Grand Hotel, in Rochester, MN

### CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The Executive Board of MNADE invites proposals for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual conference. This year’s conference theme will focus on engaging and empowering student minds through the understanding of their cognitive development as indicated by research. In particular, the conference will help participants apply brain-based knowledge to develop teaching strategies that most effectively aid developmental students in transitioning from high school to college, university, and technical programs, or in moving from dependent to independent models. A major objective of the conference will be to share teaching techniques for active and applied learning that promote student engagement based on students’ cognitive development.

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Sheryl Feinstein, Associate Professor, at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD. Sheryl is the author of the book, *Secrets of the Teenage Brain: Research-Based Strategies for Reaching & Teaching Today’s Adolescents* (2004). She is also the editor and co-author of *The Praeger Handbook of Learning and the Brain: Two Volumes* (2006), and authored *Parenting the Teenage Brain: Understanding a Work in Progress, Teaching the At-Risk Teenage Brain*, and, *Learning and the Brain: A comprehensive Guide for Educators, Parents, and Teachers* (2007). She has recently completed a Fulbright Scholarship to Tanzania and consults at a correctional facility for adolescent boys and at a separate site for Emotionally/Behaviorally Disturbed (EBD) adolescents in Minnesota. Her speaking vita is extensive, including many international presentations.

As you reflect on what you and/or your campus colleagues have to share on various aspects of active and brain-based learning, please consider

- successful transitional programs.
- departmental and/or college-wide projects and initiatives related to active, or brain-based, learning.
- collaborative resources that enhance student success and retention.
- lessons that you have used in your courses that promote students’ engagement and active learning.
- research that you and/or others on your campus have conducted related to active, applied, or brain-based learning.

In other words, we are interested in hearing about any efforts to promote developmental education students’ engagement through active, applied, or brain-based learning.

**Proposals should include names of presenters, a primary contact person (including phone, address, and e-mail), session title, a brief description of the proposed presentation (100 words maximum), and short two-three sentence presenter biographies suitable for submission in the conference program. Please indicate your audiovisual needs; both types of projectors are on-site, but we recommend that presenters bring their own laptops.**

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Direct questions to the above email address or call: 320-492-1251

Priority due date: June 15, 2009    Proposal close date: July 15, 2009