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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS LISTING

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast United States Conference on Character Education

- 1 **Art with Character:** A multi-media presentation on character education in the classroom. Art lessons will focus on incorporating art history, literature and mass media in class projects. **Presenter: Sean Stewart, Art teacher, Greenville CSD**
2. **Middle School Models for Service Learning and Character Education:** Practical strategies for integrating service learning into any classroom. **Presenter: Val Dechene, Family and Consumer Sciences Educator, Brunswick CSD.**
3. **Growing Community from Within:** **Presenter: Kay Bradley, Associate , The Academy for Character Education Award Winning Champion of Character Volunteer**
4. **Technical Assistance for Schools/Districts Considering Apply for NYSSOC Awards:** A “how to” workshop for those interested in submitting NYS School of Character Award applications. **Presenter: Dr.Philip Fusco, Associate, The Academy for Character Education**
5. **Getting Everyone On Board:** **Presenter: Michael Ferrara; Principal, Waterloo Middle School 2008 Award Winning National School of Character**
6. **The Unique Journey of One District’s Becoming a National School of Character** An overview of how character education was addressed in the journey to energize a total positive character atmosphere. Three additional workshops on specific aspects of the program will follow this presentation see # 7, 8 and 9 below). **Presenter: Eric Freidman: Principal, Babylon Memorial Grade School 2008 Award Winning National School of Character**
7. **The Unique Journey of One District’s Becoming a National School of Character** Session 2- Morning Meeting/Positive Language **Presenter: Babylon Memorial Grade School 2008 Award Winning National School of Character**
8. **The Unique Journey of One District’s Becoming a National School of Character** Session 3- Literature Through A Character Lens. **Presenter: Babylon Memorial Grade School 2008 Award Winning National School of Character**
9. **The Unique Journey of One District’s Becoming a National School of Character** Session 4- Engaged Helping Activities/Keeping the Conversation Alive. **Presenter: Babylon Memorial Grade School 2008 Award Winning National School of Character**
10. **An Overview of Comprehensive Character Education: Focus Upon Recent Research on the Professional Ethical Learning Community and Performance Character:** **Presenter: Dr. John Walko, Director, The Academy for Character Education**
11. **Dogs in School: Creating a Dog Program in Your School:** This workshop is an easy to follow step-by-step guide to beginning a therapy/service dog program in your school. **Presenter: Catherine Ricchetti, K-5 Social Worker, Guilderland CSD**
12. **Peaceable School Program** This session will provide participants with an overview of the program as well as the four components that can be integrated into any school. **Presenters: Kathleen Berger, teacher and**

**Eileen Satterlee (A Champion of Character Award Winning Teacher), counselor, North Colonie CSD. A Champion of Charter Award Winning School**

**13. Smell the Flowers, Don't Dig in the Ditch** Emphasis on the use of positive language rather than negative. **Presenter: Diane Mosher, Family and Consumer Science teacher, Berlin CSD A Champion of Character Award Winning School**

**14. Character Education In and Beyond the Classroom:** Learn how successful practice evolved with a character education initiative that began in 1993. It will include school strategies, classroom activities and present practices that involve parents, the school district and the community. **Presenters: Bonnie Misch, Principal and Sheila Turverey (A Champion of Character Award Winning Teacher), Millard Hawk Primary School, Central Sq., N.Y. Award Winning National School of Character**

**15. Connecting to the Community Through Service Learning:** Utilizing school skills learn how to begin the service learning cycle of caring, funding opportunities, and how to create projects that will engage your students and staff. **Presenter: Suzanne Myers, Service Learning Coordinator K-12, Brunswick CSD A Champion of Character Award Winning Teacher**

**16. Lessons Learned, Part 1: Revisiting Character Education for Children:** This session investigates the tenets of Character Education. What works? What doesn't? What we have learned over time? **Presenter: Abbey Cash, Adjunct Professor of Education, SUNY New Paltz (see also #17)**

**17. Lessons Learned, Part 2: Character Education Practices that Make a Difference. Presenter: Abbey Cash, Adjunct Professor of Education, SUNY New Paltz (see also #16, can be attended independently of #16 or in conjunction with #16)**

**18. The Power of 1:** This program is a school-wide celebration of imagination that integrates character education strategies with the study of the Peter Pan literary classic. **Joan Monk, Education Director, Peter Pan Children's Fund, Yorktown, N.Y**

**19. Cooperative Learning Will Add Performance Values and Student Interest in Your Classroom:** Enhance student values and your ability to observe them in action! A descriptive guide with instructions for easy to complex strategies will be provided. **Presenter: Mel Horowitz, Associate Director, The Academy for Character Education**

**20.Character and a Culture of Excellence:** This session will briefly outline the "journey" of a rural k-12 school district implementing district and community wide efforts that have made a difference for students, employees and families. **Presenter: Lynn Macan; Supt. Cobleskill-Richmondville CSD; former building administrator of Award Winning National School of Character**

**21. Character Education and Special Education Presenters: Nadine Cunningham, special education teacher, Averill Park CSD A Champion of Character Award Winning Teacher and Award Winning Promising Practices School; Myles Goss, CSE Chair, Brunswick CSD; Kathy Barlow, Wildwood School**

**22. Character in the Academic Curriculum:** This workshop will focus upon infusing positive character into the English and Social Studies curricula. **Presenter: Mary Van Vliet, English Teacher, Schodack CSD**

**23. Building Character Through the Voyages of Discovery:** How the students incorporated the core values of the Middle School through their experience of Henry Hudson's Half Moon. **Presenters: Laurie Hausler Special Education and Kris Fountain, English teacher, Rensselaer Middle School Award Winning Promising Practices School**

**24 Developing a Bullying Prevention Program: From In Your Face to Cyber Space**

Additional workshop descriptions and details will be added to this list.  
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