

Event Update – November 17, 2004

2004 Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference

Vital Information

When: Tuesday – November 30, 2004 through Thursday, December 2, 2004
Where: Sheraton Nashua Hotel, Nashua, NH
Start time: 8:00 a.m. registration each day, Keynote Speakers each day at 8:45 a.m.
Press Pass: A Registration Pass and Press Kit will be available to all qualified press at the registration table in the Main Lobby.

Detailed information is available on the web at www.nhcmtc.org

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The 18th Annual Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference will begin on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 and run through Thursday, December 2, 2004, at the Sheraton Nashua Hotel, in Nashua, NH. The annual NH Conference, named after America's first teacher in space, has become the largest educational technology conference in New England, attracting over 1,800 participants last year. According to conference organizers, this year's advance registrations and exhibitors are ahead of last year.

The unique conference format showcases over 200 presentations centering on the effective uses of technology in education. During each of the three days, participants may: attend a keynote address by a national figure, choose to attend four sessions out of over 70 concurrent sessions offered each day, and tour an exhibit area that features displays and materials from 100 businesses and organizations from the US and Canada.

According to Dr. Mark V. Joyce, Executive Director of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association, “This conference features some of the very best uses of technology in education and perhaps more importantly, it is designed by and for educators.” He continued, “In a day and age when resources are tight and technology advances daily, this conference’s focus on sharing the best practices in technology is both educationally sound and financially valuable to schools and communities.”

Cyndi Dunlap of NHSTE, who is co-chair of the event, represents a rich network of technology experts who help to create a cutting edge agenda for participants. In addition to the many formal presentations offered, participants will have opportunities to learn creative uses of hand-held devices, share and discuss common technology challenges/problems, study specific topics in-depth, attend “hands-on” workshop sessions and create new uses of technology. Last year’s participants included educators from all of the New England states, plus New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia.

The conference is organized under the leadership of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) and its co-sponsors the New Hampshire Society of Technology in Education (NHSTE). In addition, a wide variety of area agencies and businesses play major roles in arranging and presenting the conference. Partners and major exhibitors include: AIG Valic, Apple Computer, BAE Systems, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Computer Resources, EdGate, EduTeam, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare of New England, The New “HP”, Local Government Center, Microsoft, New Hampshire Department of Education, New Hampshire Public Television Knowledge Network, Plymouth State University, Primex³, SERESC, Tandberg Educational, Unicom, View Communications, and over 70 other major businesses and organizations.

Limited registration is available on the day of the conference.