

C³ : Connections, Conversations, and Collaborations

Mission:

In order to thrive in today's educational climate, we need to rely on each other. Through our connections with our colleagues and students, we will continue to grow and learn - to hone our craft. We must take advantage of the opportunity for conversations, in hallways, at faculty meetings, across grade levels or departments, through social media, and at professional meetings, to stretch our thinking and appreciate other perspectives. We are at our best, instructionally, and professionally, when we collaborate with others. Ours is not a profession that should be held in isolation; we are stronger together and are able to move our students toward greater equity and foster lifelong development leading to the long-term benefits of education. We can think of no better place to foster these connections, conversations, and collaborations than at the annual PCTELA Conference.

Conference 2019 asks us to consider the following questions:

- *What have been the successful practices and projects that you have used to collaborate with colleagues in your department?*
- *What have been the successful practices and projects that you have used to collaborate with colleagues in a cross-curricular manner?*
- *What have been the successful practices and projects that you have used to collaborate with colleagues across schools, districts and the profession at large?*
- *In what ways and manners does cooperation and collaboration extend to students? How do you foster collaboration between and among students and encourage them to strive toward goals best reached by these collaborations and methods?*
- *How do you invite students to connect with and collaborate in your own scholarship and teacher research?*
- *How do parents figure in to a collaborative process? How do you connect with the larger geographic community?*
- *How does digital communication and social media impact collaboration, cooperation, and collegiality?*
- *What challenges and roadblocks exist in working cooperatively and how can these be addressed and overcome?*