

***AVID***  
***National Conference***  
*College Readiness for All:*  
*Delivering the Dream*

***Call for Proposals***

**Gaylord Texan Hotel and Conference Center**  
**December 9-11, 2010**  
**Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas**

The AVID National Conference is a forum to discuss and share best practices on opening access to rigorous curriculum for all. Participants include superintendents, school board members, district and site administrators and other educational leaders. We invite you to submit a proposal for a presentation on improving academic achievement and college readiness in schools and communities.

## **Presentations**

### **There are two presentation options at National Conference:**

1. One-hour-and-fifteen-minute presentation at a Concurrent Session, which will run December 9-11, 2010. All rooms will be arranged in theater-style.
2. Two-and-a-half-hour workshop at a Concurrent Session, which will run December 9-11, 2010. All rooms will be arranged in theater-style.

## **Themes/Topics**

### **Presentations should be designed to help participants:**

- Become more knowledgeable about quality school programs, best practices, and *replicable* college readiness initiatives that promote access to rigorous curriculum, such as Advanced Placement® and International Baccalaureate®.
- Learn about building educational leadership capacity and providing strategic staff development for closing the achievement gap.
- Learn about issues facing the educational system and solutions for closing the achievement gap and promoting college readiness.
- Learn how to accelerate educational access and equity by utilizing rigorous curriculum as a vehicle for change.
- Leverage AVID and acceleration efforts to promote access and equity.
- Learn how to identify barriers that affect the academic success for African American males, Latinos, and English learners and how they can help raise achievement for those students.

### **Presentations should address at least one of the following topics:**

- African American male acceleration
- College readiness cultures
- Elementary to high school alignment
- Gender inequity
- High school to postsecondary alignment
- Latinos and/or English learners support
- Leadership for college readiness
- Postsecondary recruitment, retention, and completion
- Site and district leadership
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiatives and programs
- Successful integration of AVID initiatives
- Support and strategies for low-income and underserved students

## What Makes a Good Proposal?

Proposals should include elementary, middle, high school, district, or postsecondary practices and interventions that are successfully having an impact on learning in the core content areas, systemic levers that accelerate academic performance, effectiveness of accountability systems, and practices that can close the significant achievement gaps existing along racial, ethnic, gender, and socio-economic lines. Presentations should include projects/strategies that participants can replicate or implement at their school or district. Proposals that focus on AVID support, or increasing access to rigorous curriculum are encouraged.

The title and the 75- to 100-word description should summarize and accurately reflect the content of what you are proposing for the session. As you develop your proposal, think about real and concrete results, what educators most want to know, and how your session can be interactive and involve conference attendees in the session. Your presentation should allow for 10-15 minutes at the end for a questions from your audience.

### **Submission Information**

Acceptance criteria are based on the concise, accurate presentation of best practices addressing one or more of the themes on the previous page. Proposals should feature a brief summary of the project goals, achievements and importance. All proposals must include a brief biography (maximum of 50 words) for each proposed presenter. Each biography should include the presenter's name, title, organization, telephone number (cell phone preferred) and email address. Send your submission via email to [natlevents@avidcenter.org](mailto:natlevents@avidcenter.org).

**Deadline to submit proposals:** February 1, 2010

**Notification of acceptance:** April 1, 2010

If your proposal is accepted, you will be required to register for the conference. We will waive the registration fee for the primary presenter for each session. Presenters are responsible for their own travel and lodging. Additional presenters will each be required to pay for registration.

***All materials presented and given out must be original work. Distribution of copyrighted materials is strictly prohibited.***

## Concurrent Session Details

Concurrent Sessions run for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes or two and a half hours. There will be Concurrent Sessions on December 9 and 10 and one concurrent session on December 11. All rooms will be arranged in theater-style.

Be prepared to present up to three times during December 9-11.

Below is a sample Concurrent Session description:

### What's It All About? An Introduction to AVID

**Presenter:** Dr. Jane Doe

**Affiliation:** National AVID Director of Professional Development and Program Quality, AVID Center

This session will provide a brief overview of AVID—its history, essential components, what it looks like when in place at a school and in a district, and how it is making a difference for students. Participants will learn about the program's strategies and methodologies; the curriculum; what to expect in outcomes; and next steps in implementing the program in their school or district.

## Concurrent Session Presenter Frequently Asked Questions

**How many people will attend my Concurrent Session?** Rooms are set up theater-style for 50 participants.

**Is there a special registration fee for Concurrent Session presenters?** No, Concurrent Session presenters must register in advance, but the registration fee is waived for the primary presenter. Presenters are responsible for their own travel and lodging. Additional presenters are required to pay the full conference registration fee.

**I have more questions about a Concurrent Session. Who do I contact?** Linda Powell-McMillan, Director of Development, [lpowell-mcmillan@avidcenter.org](mailto:lpowell-mcmillan@avidcenter.org), or Rosemary Ellis, Central Division Director, [rellis@avidcenter.org](mailto:rellis@avidcenter.org).

Your session room will be equipped with the following:

- LCD projector and screen and connection cables for your laptop
- Two microphones and a head table

AVID will not provide:

- Laptops/computers. Presenters are responsible to bring their own.
- VHS/DVD projectors (if you wish to show video clips, please do so through your laptop).
- Internet connection
- Connection cables for MAC computers



# National Conference Presentation Proposal Form

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_ 1hr 15 min Presentation/Concurrent Session Proposal

\_\_\_\_ 2hr 30 Min Workshop/Concurrent Session Proposal

Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic addressed (please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American male acceleration      | <input type="checkbox"/> Postsecondary recruitment, retention, and completion           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College readiness cultures              | <input type="checkbox"/> Site and district leadership                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary to high school alignment     | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender inequity                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Successful integration of AVID initiatives                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school to postsecondary alignment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Support and strategies for low-income and underserved students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latinos and/or English learners support |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership for college readiness        |   |

Primary presenter name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School, district, college/university, or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required, all correspondence will be via email)

Secondary presenter name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School, district, college/university, or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief description of presentation (75-100 words):

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Brief biography of primary presenter (maximum 50 words):

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Name and title of additional presenters:

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Have you made this presentation before? If so, where?

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Contact/reference information for a previous conference presentation:

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Submit via email to [natlevents@avidcenter.org](mailto:natlevents@avidcenter.org) by **February 1, 2010**.

