



Minnesota Association of Colleges  
for Teacher Education Welcomes You

2004 MACTE Fall Meeting  
and Congress

## The Heart of a Teacher: What Our Kids Really Need

P-12 schools and educator preparation institutions must work together to help kids, families, and communities to succeed. As the stakes get higher for everyone and as the diversity of the needs and assets of children in our state change rapidly, we must work hard to understand the realities of the classroom. This understanding will inform the changes that are needed in our programs and our services to school partners.

We invite you to attend this Congress with your colleagues and partners. Our agenda is full of opportunities to learn about these topics in an environment that will help us all to frame the issues and push forward with plans. As always, we anticipate that everyone will have opportunities to listen, share, risk, and support as we get to the heart of our teaching programs -- what our kids really need.

Tuesday, October 26

8:00 am Registration - Continental Breakfast Served in Foyer Area

### Grand Ballroom

9:00 - 9:15 am Welcome and Introductions: *The Heart of a Teacher: In Today's Reality* Linda Distad, President, MACTE  
 9:15 - 10:30 am State Demographics: *Metamorphosis in Minnesota* - Tom Gillaspay, State of MN; *Students of Color* - Carlos Mariani/Bruce Vandall, MMEP  
 10:30 - 11:00 am Coffee Break: *Institutional Team Discussions: What Does This Mean for Our Programs?*

11:00 - 12:15 pm PANEL: *Welcome to Our World! School Realities in Race/Ethnicity, English Language Learners, and Class/Poverty*  
 Hear a diverse panel of school district leaders address today's issues and suggest ideas for schooling to meet the needs of today's kids  
 Barbara Devlin, Richfield Public Schools    Pamela Haack, Rochester Public Schools    Kathy Leedom, Willmar Public Schools

12:15 - 1:15 pm Lunch Break in Lake of the Isles Room

### St. Croix Room

#### BREAKOUT I: *Best Practices for Building Success in Schools*

Hear stories of exemplary practices from those working in school districts and making a difference in the lives of our kids

*Reflections of a Rejuvenated Urban Teacher*  
Dwight Watson, Hamline University

### Minnesota Room

*Creativity in the Classroom*  
Ossie James, Leann Walker  
Lyndale Elementary

### Mississippi Room

*Enhancing Children's Early Learning Experiences*  
Robin Hasslin, Bethel College

2:30 - 2:45 pm Coffee Break

2:45 - 4:00 pm BREAKOUT II: *Best Practices for Building Success in Teachers* - Educators speak to methods for creating and sustaining communities

*Building Stronger Communities*  
Keith Dixon, Patty Hoffman  
Fairbault School District

*Creating Our Own Community*  
Carmen Coballes Vega  
Metropolitan State University

*Bringing Us Out to the Community*  
Jean Strait, Hamline University

4:00 - 5:00 pm MACTE Continuing Education Committee Presentation:  
*What Are the License Renewal Requirements? How Will We Meet Them?*  
Ann Marie Biermaier, College of St. Benedict/St. John's

MACTE Special Session - Placement Directors:  
*What Are the Issues? How Will We Manage Them?*





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MACTE Meeting: October 25; Two-Day Congress: October 26 - 27, 2004  
 at the Hilton Minneapolis North, 2200 Freeway Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN

To Register, click on [www.mnteacher.org](http://www.mnteacher.org), complete the registration form, and make your Hilton hotel reservations. Feel free to contact Laura Von Holtum, Executive Assistant, MACTE, at [lauravh@somtel.net](mailto:lauravh@somtel.net) or 715.497.6754 with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to your joining us for the complete program, but welcome your presence on either day that works best for you. We have a packed line-up of critical topics and invite you to strengthen the partnership in preparing quality teachers and providing quality education for all of Minnesota's children.

Wednesday, October 27

8:00 am	Registration - Continental Breakfast Served in Foyer Area		
	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>		
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome and Introductions: <i>The Heart of a Teacher: It's What Our Kids Need Today</i> - Linda Distad, President, MACTE		
	<b>St. Croix Room</b>	<b>Minnesota Room</b>	<b>Mississippi Room</b>
9:15 - 10:00 am	BREAKOUT III: <i>Understanding the Culture of Gangs</i> Ramon Serrano, St. Cloud State University	<i>Child and Adolescent Nutrition and Health Issues</i> Mary Story, U of MN, School of Public Health	<i>Data-Driven Professional Development to Increase Student Achievement</i> Kitty Foord, MN State University, Mankato
10:00 - 10:15 am	Coffee Break in Foyer Area		
10:15 - 11:00 am	BREAKOUT IV: <i>The Bully-Victim Relationship: Impediment to Learning</i> Walter B. Roberts, Jr. MN State University, Mankato	<i>Mental Health Conditions Affecting Minnesota Students - Issues for Teachers</i> Rick Auger, MN State University, Mankato	<i>New Program Models for K-12 ESL</i> Ann Mabbott, Hamline University
11:00 - 11:15 am	Coffee Break in Foyer Area		
11:15 - 12:00 pm	BREAKOUT V: <i>Bullying and Adolescent Girls</i> John Hoover, Christine Imbra, Bobbie Hume, Kate Steffens St. Cloud State University	<i>Collaboration with Other Adults in the Classroom</i> Nina Mosser, Maria Alicia Arabbo St. Paul Public Schools	<i>What New Teachers Need to Know: An Emphasis on Differentiated Instruction</i> John Schulz, Debbie Ondov Hopkins School District
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break in Lake of the Isles Room		
	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>		
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Dessert Bar - <i>The Needs of Our Kids Today</i> - Bill Sommers, Chaska Public Schools		

