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Welcome to all first-year arts educators on behalf of the Iowa Model of Excellence Mentoring Program, and the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education. We thank you for attending the Fall Mentor Symposium for First-Year Arts Educators.

This day is the result of the cooperation of five professional organizations working together to assure that every student in the state of Iowa receives a quality arts education.

THE MODEL OF EXCELLENCE MENTOR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ARTS EDUCATION THROUGH MENTORING OF FIRST-YEAR ARTS TEACHERS.

Program innovations include: identification of first-year teachers, assignment of both "active" and "observation" mentors (area-specific), development of a communications network to assist the mentoring process, development of a first-year teachers symposium, and the awarding of scholarships to join professional organizations and attend state conferences.

The Iowa Model of Excellence Mentoring Program is designed to enhance, not supplant the established local/district/state mentoring programs. The program is tailored specifically to the individual teacher and teaching situation.

The information presented ranges from "survival" to "mastery" skills needed to be successful in the arts classroom, and helps to:

BUILD PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH MENTORING, NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION.

Arts Educator Mentor Program

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FALL SYMPOSIUM

FOR FIRST-YEAR ARTS EDUCATORS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010
IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FORT DODGE, IOWA

IN COOPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING
PROFESSIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS:

ART EDUCATORS OF IOWA
IOWA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
IOWA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
IOWA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
IOWA STRING TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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AGENDA

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Registration
Iowa Central Community College
Decker Auditorium Lobby

10:00 am - 10:50 am

"How I Survived My First Year of Teaching"
Panel discussion
Decker Auditorium

11:00 am - 11:50 am

Survival Tactics 101 Q & A
General Music/Vocal Music - Choir Room
Band - Band Room
Art - Room 108

Observation Mentor Training Roundtable
Decker Auditorium

12:00 pm

Lunch - Triton Inn ICCC

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm

Creating the Mentor/Mentee Relationship
The Observation Mentor Program
Decker Auditorium

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

Managing the Art Classroom – Room 108
Managing the Instrumental Music Classroom
– Band Room
Managing the General or Vocal Music Classroom – Choir Room

3:00 - 3:50 pm

IHSMA Festival Series - Auditorium
Differentiated Instruction in the Visual Art
- Room 108
Middle School Student ~ Friend or Foe?
- Band Room
Traveling Teacher Survival Guide - Choir Room

4:00 - 4:15 pm

Evaluation and Remarks
Decker Auditorium

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

REGISTRATION

Registration, coffee, juice rolls and mingling with fellow arts educators. Leadership of professional organizations will be introduced.

“HOW I SURVIVED MY FIRST YEAR OF TEACHING”

Panel discussion involving second-year arts educators. Presenters will discuss the joys and struggles of the first year of teaching.

SURVIVAL TACTICS 101 ~ QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Small-group discussions will be focused on your specific questions as a first-year teacher. How can we help you?

OBSERVATION MENTOR TRAINING ROUNDTABLE

Interested in becoming an “Observation Mentor?” Join a discussion about how the program works and how YOU can get involved.

LUNCHTIME!

Lunch will be provided for all participants and presenters. Located within the building at the Triton Inn - ICCC.

CREATING THE MENTOR/MENTEE RELATIONSHIP

The “Observation Mentor Program” component of the Iowa Model of Excellence Mentor program will be explored. Second-year arts educators and their mentors will share their experiences, explaining how they collaborated and designed their mentor experience.

MANAGING THE “ARTS” CLASSROOM

Classroom management continues to be the #1 “how to” request for the mentor program! Presentations will include tips for area-specific arts classrooms, organization, enrichment activities and planning for differentiated learning.

Presenters include: Liz Lyons, Art ~ Tri-County Schools, Ronda Sternhagen, Art ~ Grundy Center Schools, James Fritz, Instrumental Music ~ Decorah Schools, Kelly Daza, Instrumental Music ~ Des Moines, Roger Henderson, Vocal Music ~ Grinnell Schools, Tom Sletto, General Music ~ Drake University

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL SERIES

Alan Greiner, IHSMA Executive Director will present a session on rules, guidelines, deadlines and procedures for entering and preparing students for IHSMA festival events.

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION IN THE VISUAL ARTS

Meeting the needs of the special learner in the art classroom. Presenters include: Maggie Parks, Art ~ Marshalltown Schools and Chris Noel, Art ~ Newton Schools.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ~ FRIEND OR FOE?

Discussions encompassing the middle-school learner. Presenters include: Kelly Truax, Music ~ College Community Schools, Brian Stevens, Music/retired ~ Hampton-Dumont Schools.

TRAVELING TEACHER SURVIVAL GUIDE

Tips for managing the portable arts classroom. Presenter: Kelly Daza, Music ~ Des Moines, Cathy Kearney, Music ~ Des Moines