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NOVEMBER 16 – 18, 2009 HOLLYWOOD RENAISSANCE HOTEL, CA

## location

All conference meeting rooms will be located at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel, in Hollywood, CA. Located as a cornerstone for the spectacular Hollywood and Highland Center, the Renaissance Hotel offers easy access to shopping, world-class dining, various sight-seeing opportunities and entertainment, and the historic heart of the world's movie making capital.

## host

EduAlliance Network (EAN) is a California 501(c)(3) nonprofit that disseminates information about model education programs through publications, conferences, technical assistance, and trainings. Our mission is to create learning opportunities for educators that instill a culture of excellence, caring and respect in our schools. We work to ensure that all students have the opportunity to graduate and become productive and thoughtful adults.

## sponsor

National University  
<http://www.nu.edu/>



**This conference** was created for educators who are dedicated to helping at-risk students achieve success. Topics and sessions are reviewed and selected by professionals who are currently in the field working with at-risk youth. We strive to provide a conference that gives participants the strength-based strategies and skills they need to inspire at-risk students to stay in school and graduate. All sessions and topics work together to help transform schools into caring communities for all students, from kindergarten through high school.

*Conference sessions include the following topics:*

- *CSS Comprehensive Student Support Strategies\**
- *Best Practices, featuring Shining Star Schools\**
- *Engaging At Risk Students*
- *Family & Community Collaboration*
- *Increasing Academic Achievement*
- *Instructional Strategies*
- *Safety & Violence Prevention*
- *Mental Health*

**\*Comprehensive Student Support (CSS) program**

*focuses on school program elements that have been implemented over the past 22 years in California schools. These program elements transform school culture and climate, having a wide range of benefits including dropout prevention.*

**\*What is a Shining Star School?**

*SB65 Comprehensive Student Support schools that scored well in this year's annual peer review of their application and showed significant gains in academic improvement by meeting their API and AYP targets were designated Shining Stars. These schools will be presenting throughout the conference so that you can hear firsthand how they achieved their outstanding results.*

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**Featured Topics**

- **The SST & RTI<sup>2</sup> Connection**
- **Engaging At-Risk Students**
- **Drug & Gang Interventions**
- **Positive Schoolwide Climate to Engage All Students**
- **Homelessness and Sudden Poverty Support**
- **New Mental Health Strand**



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# keynote speakers



**Al Castillo**  
Director, Secondary School Services,  
Los Angeles Unified School District

## Leadership for the 21st Century

Up to the 19th century leadership was a birthright. In the 20th Century we believed that leadership could be taught. In the 21st century we are discovering that everyone can take the lead. We are finding that more and more organizations are struggling with a hierarchical leadership structure. YouTube, blogging and Twitter, are making our world more transparent requiring a different kind of leader. This keynote will talk about the leadership necessary to take education into the 21st century.

AL CASTILLO is a former English teacher, counselor, Assistant Principal and High School Principal. As a Principal he guided two high schools to Small Learning Communities, full inclusion, block scheduling, interdisciplinary curriculum, and senior projects. As a Director he has guided all secondary schools in Local District 6 in the development of Small Learning Communities, Block Scheduling, as well as Professional Learning Communities.



**Cristal McGill, Ph.D.**  
Education Consultant, ASU Faculty Associate, Teacher Education Programs, Arizona State University

## Unlock the Power, Spirit and Greatness Within

Those around us often influence who we become later in life. Please allow me to take us on a personal journey and use our own life experiences to influence and shape the greatness within our youth. We as compassionate adult leaders and ambassadors of hope can promote emotionally healthy environments and relationships through the art of getting and creating a positive support system. Arm our students with courage, strength, and a support system that promotes self-reliance, healthy risk-taking and success. Answer the needs of the 21st century students and prepare them for problem-solving and creative thinking to promote pro-social emotional development. What we do has potential to 'turn them off' or 'turn our students on,' so let's get these youth re-engaged and thriving.

DR. CRISTAL MCGILL utilizes her education, neuroscience research and personal commitment when working with challenging student populations to create presentations that are renowned for being engaging and practical to help inspire the world's reluctant learners. Cristal received her doctorate in education from Arizona State University where she remains as a faculty member along with presenting for WhyTry and Impact Learning.



**Jaiya John**  
Executive Director, Author and Speaker, Soul Water Rising

## A Faith in the Harvest to Come

Jaiya John's message is a compassionate journey into the soul of youth in jeopardy. Of particular focus is the nature of our embrace when serving vulnerable students. Educators dare to step into a space with youth and dance with their sensitivities, wounds, hopes and passions. This invites us to pour our own beauty and struggles into the young lives we seek to nurture. Our unfolding becomes a template for their young unfolding. The way we see ourselves feeds the way they learn to see themselves. The beauty and challenge of our work: a seeding whose truest rewards often run latent, blossom later. Requiring in us a faith in the harvest to come.

JAIYA JOHN was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, immediately placed in foster care and eventually adopted. Jaiya's childhood branded in him a burning passion for giving his life to improve the way human beings relate to each other. Jaiya studied psychology at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and earned his doctorate from the University of California, Santa Cruz in social psychology with a focus on identity development. Jaiya John is the founder and executive director of Soul Water Rising, a human relations mission devoted to compassion and understanding—two of humankind's greatest challenges. He has authored several books, including the memoir, *Black Baby White Hands*.

# conference schedule

## Monday, November 16

7:45 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast/Keynote  
9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Session A  
11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Visit Exhibitors  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break  
12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Session B  
12:30 – 3:15 p.m. Session BC  
2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Session C  
3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Visit Exhibitors  
4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Team Meeting\*\*

## Tuesday, November 17

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Coffee w/Exhibitors  
9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Session D  
11:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch/Keynote & Awards Ceremony  
1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Session E  
1:30 – 4:15 p.m. Session EF  
3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Session F  
4:15 – 4:45 p.m. Visit Exhibitors  
4:45 – 5:15 p.m. Team Meeting\*\*  
Team Night Out\*\*

## Wednesday, November 18

8:00 – 9:45 a.m. Breakfast/Keynote  
10:00 – 11:15 a.m. Session G

**\*\*Teams:** We highly recommend sending your outreach consultant, principal, student support staff, attendance specialist, teacher(s), and a parent from your School Site Council. Team participation ensures maximum school success!

## details

### Meals

The conference registration fee includes breakfast on Monday, morning coffee and lunch on Tuesday and breakfast on Wednesday.

### Session Selections

Session information will be available in July 2009 on our website [www.edualliance.org](http://www.edualliance.org). Whether you send in your conference registration before or after sessions are available online, you will be able to make your session selections up until 2 weeks before the conference. Your conference badge will list your sessions and will be your ticket to enter sessions. You may change sessions on site depending on availability.

## notes

### University Credit:

You may receive a semester unit from Fresno Pacific for attending the conference. More information will be available at the conference.

### Questions:

Conference registration questions may be addressed to EduAlliance Network, 831-425-0299 or [admin@edualliance.org](mailto:admin@edualliance.org). You may print out additional registration forms and conference materials online at [www.edualliance.org](http://www.edualliance.org).



## travel

**By Air**  
Bob Hope/Burbank Airport (BUR)  
818-840-8840

**Travel to Hotel**  
Drive time: 15 minutes  
Distance: 7 miles

**Super Shuttle:** \$22/person  
(Advance reservations recommended)

**Taxi or Van:** \$25-\$35  
(Depending on traffic)

**Los Angeles Airport (LAX)**  
310-646-5252

**Travel to Hotel**  
Drive time: 25-35 minutes  
Distance: 13.1 miles

**Super Shuttle:** \$16/person  
(Advance reservations recommended)

**Taxi or Van:** \$40-\$100  
(Depending on traffic)

*Travel discounts can be found online in July.*  
[www.edualliance.org](http://www.edualliance.org)

## hotel

The *Ready to Learn* Conference will take place at the *Renaissance Hollywood Hotel* in Hollywood, CA. All sessions will take place within the hotel.

### Room Rate

The Conference room rate is \$139.00 plus tax. In order to receive the special conference rate, ask for the *Ready to Learn Conference* rate when you call the hotel.

### Address

*Renaissance Hollywood Hotel*  
1755 North Highland Ave.  
Hollywood CA 90028  
(800) 769-4774

### Parking

\$10 per day, no in and out privileges.  
\$29 per day valet with in and out privileges.

### Make Your Reservations Early!

In order to receive the \$139 room rate, you must make your room reservation by **October 16, 2009**. Reservations are guaranteed upon receipt of a deposit of one night's room cost by check, credit card or Purchase Order.

## registration

**Conference Dates:** November 16–18, 2009

**Registration Fee:** \$325 per attendee

**Registration Deadline:** October 19, 2009

*Registration fees are due in full prior to attendance at the conference. POs will be accepted.*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

(note: a larger version of this form may be found online at [www.edualliance.org](http://www.edualliance.org))

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
School District \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
School Grades \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (eve) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ # of team members attending @ \$325 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM OF PAYMENT

Check enclosed, made payable to EduAlliance Network  
 P.O. Copy Attached  
 MasterCard/Visa

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card# \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit CDV Code on back of Card \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer!

Every year volunteers are the heart and soul of the conference. If you would like to assist a speaker during their session, sign up below. You will only be assigned to a session you have requested.

Team Member's Name and Title (As it will appear on badge) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	Veg. Meals	Volunteer (Thank You!)
Name _____ Title _____ Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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## Mail or FAX to:

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## Refund Policy:

A full refund (minus \$50 processing fee) will be issued if a written request is received by October 19, 2009.

*No refunds after that date.*

## Registration Deadline OCTOBER 19, 2009

## Registration Brochure:

The registration brochure with session and keynote details will be available online in July.