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WYTECC CONFERENCE TO CONVENE MAY 1-2 IN ROCK SPRINGS

CHEYENNE - Participants in the 4th annual WyTECC Conference will “Unleash Their Superpowers,” which is the theme of this year’s conference.

The conference convenes Friday, May 1 in Rock Springs and continues through Saturday, May 2. If you’re interested in registering, please click here: <http://wytecc.wildapricot.org/Registration>.

The Wyoming Technology-Engagement-Curriculum-Connection (WyTECC) was initiated and organized by Cristy Magagna-Pelham and Angie Spann from Sweetwater County School District #1. The two have worked tirelessly to advocate for the integration of technology into classrooms and curriculum.

The event has been building over the last three years into a statewide gathering that boasts more than 350 educators and thought and community leaders.

“We are building something that will last; this is not just a one-time once-a-year event,” said Magagna-Pelham.

National vendors will be there to showcase technology, including Crescerance, who created and supplied a custom app. “We’re really excited about adding an app this year,” said Magagna-Pelham. “This is something that was new for us, and will give up to the minute conference information.”

To download the app, click here: <http://wytecc.org>.

Angie Spann is a teacher-librarian and co-organizer. Although it’s a big conference, there is an informal atmosphere. “It’s statewide now, but we’ve tried to keep the local friendly flair,” she said.

This year promises to build upon previous years by offering a full day of Promethean pre-conference activities. These activities are designed to appeal across the spectrum of early childhood classrooms and teachers with foundational skills, to those with advanced Promethean technology skills.

“This conference is for everyone,” said Magana-Pelham. “Teachers, media specialists, administrators, technology specialists; there’s really something for everyone. We decided the theme should be “Unleash Your Superpowers,” because everyone has a special talent that they can build upon and share, and then take to the next level.”

Friday night kicks off with keynote speaker Dr. Wesley Fryer. He’s an author, classroom STEM teacher, speaker, and digital storyteller. He teaches 4th & 5th grade STEM in Oklahoma. Wes has been a Google certified teacher since 2009, was named an Apple Distinguished Educator in 2005 and a PBS Digital Innovator in 2014. His blog, “Moving at the Speed of Creativity.”

There will be a timed keynote competition Friday evening, similar to speed-dating. “This will be really fun,” said Magagna-Pelham. “We’ll do timed exercises between tables.”

Keynoter Sherry Crofut is an Education Technology Specialist in Rapid City, SD. She is a recipient of the Milken Family Foundation Award, and has published two volumes on best practices and customized teaching. She has been certified in Google Apps since 2011, and has a Master’s Degree in Technology in Education and Training. Ms. Crofut has been teaching computer literacy since 1997.

Leslie Fisher came to computer technology by way of music. She joined Apple in 1992 and was one of the first Apple employees to study Internet growth and implementation. She is well-known for witty, lively presentations in technology solutions for educators, as well as digital photography, editing and workflow.

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