

SPEAKER BIOS

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS – MONDAY, MARCH 23

Harvey W. Perkins, Ed.D.



Harvey Perkins has spent 37 years in public education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent for instruction. He has led school-based and district-wide reform in both suburban and urban school districts. For over 15 years he has taught in the educational administration program at The George Washington University, specializing in the areas of curriculum development and leadership training.

Dr. Perkins has been consulting and training in the area of school improvement both in the state of Virginia and nationally for 25 years. He has served as a curriculum auditor through Phi Delta Kappa's Curriculum Audit Center, has completed training in the Southern Region Education Board's (SREB) Leadership Initiative modules on "Creating a High Performance Learning Culture" and "Using Data to Lead Change," and is a certified assessor and mentor/coach trainer by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) in its "Developing the 21st Century Principal" program.

He has been active in leadership positions with the Southern Region of the College Board since 1986 and has served as Southern Region Council chair and as a member of the National Academic Assembly. His leadership training focuses on increasing the capacity of school leaders to build distributed leadership networks in their buildings and in their districts to increase student achievement in the era of high stakes testing and No Child Left Behind. In addition, Dr. Perkins is well-known for his passion and energy as a motivational speaker for teachers and administrators who want to re-gain their focus and vision for the challenging yet rewarding work of public education. Currently, Dr. Perkins is CEO of the Urban Learning and Leadership Center (ULLC), a school improvement training and coaching company based in Hampton, Virginia.

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John W. Hodge



John W. Hodge has served as a reading teacher, English teacher, AVID teacher, Assistant Principal and Associate Director of AVID Center Eastern Division. He served as Director of An Achievable Dream Academy, an inner-city school where many of the interventions used by The Urban Learning and Leadership Center were piloted. An Achievable Dream Academy is a high performing, high poverty school that has received numerous national awards. Today, he shares his wealth of knowledge as the Director of ULLC™. Prior to starting his career in education, Mr. Hodge distinguished himself in the service of our country with the 7th Infantry Division of the United States Army. He is known as a master teacher and staff developer. His

career has been defined by helping students and teachers overcome obstacles and achieve goals.

Mr. Hodge has served as a motivational speaker across the United States and has been a guest lecturer at Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, North Carolina A&T State University and George Washington University. Mr. Hodge is currently a doctoral candidate at Virginia Tech. He is a trained facilitator for the (SREB) Leadership Initiative Modules “Leading Assessment and Instruction” and “Creating a High Performance Learning Culture,” and a trained assessor and mentor/coach facilitator and trainer in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) “Developing the 21st Century Principal” program. His presentations often serve as “the spark” for many schools in their quest to meet state and federal accreditation standards. He is also a frequent speaker for elementary, middle and high school student assemblies.