

**Virginia Association of Science Teachers
2024 Professional Development Institute (PDI)
Williamsburg, VA**



Schedule At a Glance

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Global CSI: Curiosity. Science. Inspiration.

Wednesday November 13, 2024

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM PDI Committee Dinner and Meeting

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM VAST Board of Directors Meeting

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Thursday November 14, 2024

CURIOSITY

Ticketed Donna Sterling Institute (separate registration and fee from the PDI)

Title: TBA

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Check in (location TBA)

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sterling Institute Presentations and Lunch

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9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Discounted ticket: Colonial Williamsburg self-guided tour for PDI attendees and family

(Purchase tickets when you register for the PDI. Deadline is October 31.)

(Pickup your ticket near the VAST Registration Desk beginning at 9:00 AM.)

2:30 PM – 6:00 PM PDI Registration Desk Open

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Ticketed Dinner/Buffer (location TBA)

(Purchase tickets when you register for the PDI. Deadline is October 31.)

6:15 PM – 7:45 PM **General Session I, Welcome to the PDI, Awards and Recognitions** (Auditorium, first floor)

Sponsored by: TBA

(Door Prizes Giveaway)

7:45 PM – 9:30 PM **Night with the Exhibitors** (Ballroom, First floor)

Sponsored by: WorldStrides

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Friday November 15, 2024

SCIENCE

7:15 AM – 4:30 PM PDI Registration Desk Open

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

7:30 AM – 10:30 AM Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM Concurrent Session 1 Breakout Presentations

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Concurrent Session 2 Breakout Presentations

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM **General Session II and Business Meeting** (Auditorium, first floor)

Speaker: Dr. Carol O'Donnell, Director, Smithsonian Science Education Center, Washington, DC

Title: *Transforming K-12 Science Education Through Innovation, Inclusion, and Sustainable Development*

Sponsored by: Virginia Space Grant Consortium

(Door Prizes Giveaway)

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM Ticketed Buffet Lunch (location TBA)

(Purchase tickets when you register for the PDI. Deadline is October 31.)

12:30 PM – 4:15 PM Exhibit Hall Open

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM Concurrent Session 3 Breakout Presentations

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Concurrent Session 4 Breakout Presentations

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM Concurrent Session 5 Breakout Presentations

5:00 PM – Travel on your own to Busch Gardens, free parking is available

5:30 PM – 10:00 PM: Ticketed Evening at Busch Gardens

(Purchase tickets when you register for the PDI. Deadline is October 31.)

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Saturday November 16, 2024

INSPIRATION

7:30 AM – 10:30 AM Registration Desk Open

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Exhibit Hall Open (Exhibitor Giveaways)

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM Concurrent Session 6 Breakout Presentations

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM Concurrent Session 7 Breakout Presentations

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Concurrent Session 8 Breakout Presentations

12:30 PM – 12:45 PM Ticketed box lunch pick-up

(Purchase tickets when you register for the PDI. Deadline is October 31.)

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM **General Session III and Meet Your VAST Officers** (Auditorium, first floor)

Speaker: Dr. George Hademenos, Richardson High School in Richardson, Texas

“Empowering Students to Make a Grade (and a Difference) in the STEM Classroom:

The W⁵ + H of my Experience as a Global Educator

Sponsored by: TBA

(Door Prizes Giveaway)