### 12th Literacy Essentials Conference – April 7, 2018
Central Connecticut State University
**Tentative Program-At-A-Glance**

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<td>Keynote Presentation Kylee Beers &amp; Robert Probst</td>
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<td>Breakout Sessions I, II, and III</td>
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**Breakout Session I**
9:10am-10:00am
- High School: Seeking Out Whimsy, Perspective, & Human Experience to Guide Literacy & Learning
  - Kylee Beers & Robert Probst
- Primary: Come Back to the Land of Make Believe: Animating Words to Support Narrative Skills and Imagination in Young Children
  - Juliana C. Galas, & Susan Trolle Brand

**Coffee Break and Vendor Browsing** - 10:00am-10:20am
(Bellin A & Bellin B/Alumni Hall)

**Breakout Session II**
10:20am-11:10am Development
- Middle-High (7-12)
  - Online Resources for the ELA 7-12
    - Teacher Stephanie McKenna
- High School: Strategies that Encourage Engagement and Critical Thinking
  - Kylee Beers & Robert Probst
- Primary: Creative Integration of Physical Activity and Fun into Classroom Climate and Literacy Skills
  - Patricia Bellamy & Cassandra Therriault
- Elementary-Middle: Writers Talk Writing: A Conversation among Authors Facilitated by Matt Dicks
  - Tony Abbott, Susan Campbell Baroletti, Davie Hyde Costello, Megan Dowd Lambert, Pegi Dietz, Shean, Susan Tan
- Elementary (K-6): Dyslexia in the Classroom: How Can Research Help Us Teach?
  - Barbara Goveo & Gail Cahill
- Elementary (K-6): Music in the Literacy Classroom: Teaching for Engagement, Understanding and Equity
  - Terri M. Griffin & Rachel Gibson
- Elementary-Middle: Learning About Diversity, and Black History Through Song and Personal Narrative
  - Mae Gibson Brown
- Middle-High: Seeding Literature to Improve Comprehension
  - Mark Schmidek

**Breakout Session III**
11:20am-12:05pm
- High School: Ecocritical Approaches to 360 Photography in High School English Classrooms
  - Rich Novack
- Primary: Set up for Lunch
- Whole Book Approach Techniques
  - Megan Dowd Lambert
- Invited Guests Only: Telling Stories Out of School: Celebrating Inspirational Teachers
  - Matt Dicks, Facilitator
  - Awardees and their Nominators
- All: But is Inclusion Enough? Representations of Transgender Protagonists in Children’s Chapter Books and YA Literature
  - Jeane Copenhaver-Johnson & Madeline May
- Middle-High School: Promoting Critical Thinking Skills Through Writing: Supporting All Students Using Universal Design for Learning Principles
  - Nancy Charron, Marilyn Fenton, & Margaret Harris
- Elementary-Middle: Read Aloud: The Gateway to the Joy of Reading
  - Linda Denault, & Nancy Situlnik
- All: Fostering Teacher and Student Identities as Readers and Writers
  - Jolene Malavac & Stephanie Affinito

**Celebrating Inspirational Teachers Luncheon**
- 12:10pm-1:15pm
  - Penny Kittle (Alumni Hall)
  - Tony Abbott, Susan Campbell Baroletti, David Hyde Costello, Pegi Dietz, Susan Tan, Megan Dowd Lambert, Jordan Sonnenblick

**Conference Chairs**
- Catherine Kurkjian, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT
- James Johnston, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT