



2011 NJEA Convention Highlight Sheet

Thurs., Nov. 10 @ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 11 @ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Diane Ravitch, education historian and author

Diane Ravitch is a research professor of education at New York University and a historian of education. She is also a

nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. Since the publication of her most recent book, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education* (2010), Ravitch has served as the voice of reason in the education reform debate.

Once an assistant secretary of education in the administration of President George H.W. Bush, Ravitch led the education standards movement and hailed the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act. But after witnessing the damaging effects of the nation's obsession with standardized testing, she has become an important advocate for public education and teachers as she calls for a research-based approach to education reform.

Her articles have appeared in many newspapers and magazines, She posts on Twitter as @DianeRavitch.



Manuel V. Scott, original freedom writer

At the age of 14, **Manuel V. Scott** dropped out of school, and his English grammar was so poor that he was classified as an English as a Second Language student. By age 16, he had lived in 26 different places and used drugs and

alcohol at an early age.

Scott credits his placement in teacher Erin Gruell's class at Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, Calif., as a major factor in turning his life around. He now holds degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and Trinity International University. He is currently working on his Ph.D.

Scott has addressed meetings and conferences of the U.S. Department of Education, the National Education Association, and hundreds of organizations and schools internationally. His story is one of immeasurable courage, strength, and determination to overcome extreme adversity. His message leaves audiences not only awed and inspired, but motivated toward change.

Thurs., Nov. 10 @ 3-4:30 p.m.

Room 202

State Board of Education Meeting

Educators have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues about educational policy.

Fri., Nov. 11 @ 9:30-11 a.m.

Room 202

Christopher Cerf, N.J. Acting Commissioner of Education

The acting commissioner will discuss a full range of issues confronting education in New Jersey. Come listen to the acting commissioner's presentation, ask questions, and share your perspective from the front lines.

Fri., 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Sheraton Hotel Crown Ballroom

A Celebration of Excellence

Congratulate the 2011-2012 New Jersey Teacher of the Year, the 2011-2012 NJEA HIPP Grant Recipients, NJEA's 2011 Awards for Excellence recipients, Baruti Kafele, Wendy Galloway, and Lee Bennett Hopkins. Celebrate with local, county, and state NJEA leaders, New Jersey business and education leaders, legislators, and honored guests.



Thurs., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Convention Center Exhibit Floor

High Tech Hall: Bigger and Better Every Year

NJEA and the New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning are proud to once again offer the SMART Technology Integration Showcase in High Tech Hall. Check out the addition of Teacher-to-Teacher Learning Labs where members present hour-long presentations.



Author's Alley - Member-authors available to sign books.

Great Ideas Forum - Showcases programs designed by New Jersey educators. Former **NJEA HIPP Foundation grant recipients** will discuss their projects.

