KIDS, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES THAT HELP THEM PROSPER
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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

K-12 and university teachers and administrators, school board members, and other community members who care about education came to Laramie June 25 for the Wyoming School-University Partnership’s and the National Network for Educational Renewal’s Kids, Schools, and Communities that Help Them Prosper conference.

Participants heard and shared multiple perspectives about the opportunity gap youth face, discussed different practices that increase opportunities for students, and celebrated the idea that it takes a community to give a rich education to students.

The one-day conference started with a panel discussion exploring Robert Putnam’s book, Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis. The discussion was lead by Mauro Diaz, John Anderson, Brent Pickett, and Deb Shanley.

After lunch, participants had the opportunity to attend three rounds of three break out sessions. These sessions included:

- Community, Citizenship, and the Classroom — presented by Colleen Burridge-Collins, Patti Kimble, and Saige Albert
- Schools, Universities, and the National Parks: Partnering for an Engaged Citizenship — presented by Ana Houseal, Teddi Hofmann, and Deb Shanley
- On the Road, the Dean’s Listening Tour: A Focus on Education across Wyoming’s 23 Counties — presented by Michael Day
- The NNER at Work — presented by Ann Foster, Greg Bernhardt, Dennis Poitthoff, Deb Shanley, and Leslie Wilson

In the evening, participants reconvened to wrap up and officially welcome and kick off the NNER 2015 Summer Symposium. The 41 participants and facilitators came from around the country to UW’s campus for the four-day symposium from June 26-29.

Thanks to the NNER for co-sponsoring this conference!

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