



2010 Conference Speakers



Saturday General Session Kick-Off Speaker, Dr. William Boshers

Dr. Boshers is a Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Education and the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Policy Institute. In addition, he recently served three years as Dean of the School of Education at Virginia Commonwealth University. He has been a teacher, principal, state director, local superintendent of two districts and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He also provides two weekly commentaries on the morning and nightly news as the NBC12 educational specialist

Dr. Boshers has written more than thirty-nine articles and has coauthored two books on school law and educational leadership (*Law and Education: Contemporary Issues and Court Decisions* and *The School Law Handbook, What Every Leader Needs to Know*).



Saturday Luncheon Speaker, Dr. Christopher Howard

Dr. Howard, 24th President of Hampden-Sydney College, is one of the youngest college presidents in the United States. He is a distinguished graduate of the US Air Force Academy where he earned a BS in political science and received the Campbell Award, the highest academic award in the country presented to a senior football player. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned his Doctorate in politics at Oxford University and an MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School. Dr. Howard has published a new book entitled *Money Makers: Inside the New World of Finance and Business*.

Saturday Banquet Speaker, NCTE Past-President Kylene Beers

Kylene Beers is Senior Reading Advisor to Secondary Schools for Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Columbia University. A former middle school teacher, Kylene has turned her commitment to adolescent literacy into the major focus of her research, writing, speaking, and teaching. She is the author of *The Genteel Unteaching of America's Poor* and *When Kids Can't Read/What Teachers Can Do*, co-editor of *Adolescent Literacy: Turning Promise into Practice*, and the former editor of NCTE's *Voices from the Middle*. Additionally, she is the senior program author of Holt Rinehart and Winston's *Elements of Literature*, grades 6-12, and *Holt Literature and Language Arts*, grades 6-11. With articles in *English Journal*, *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*, *School Library Journal*, *Middle Matters*, and *Voices from the Middle*, Kylene is a recognized authority on struggling readers who speaks both nationally and internationally. She has served on the review boards of the *English Journal* and *The ALAN Review*, and on the SIGNAL Board (Special Interest Group on Adolescent Literature) of the International Reading Association as well as the ALAN Board (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE). She is the 2001 recipient of the Richard W. Halle Award given by NCTE for outstanding contributions to middle school literacy.



Sunday Brunch Speaker, Maggie Stiefvater

Maggie Stiefvater is the best-selling author of *Shiver*, *Linger*, *Lament*, and *Ballad*. From www.maggiestiefvater.com:

All of my life decisions have been based around my inability to be gainfully employed. Talking to yourself, staring into space, and coming to work in your pajamas are frowned upon when you're a waitress, calligraphy instructor, or technical editor (all of which I've tried), but are highly prized traits in novelists, musicians, and artists (I've made my living as one of these since I was 22). I'm an avid reader, an award-winning colored pencil artist, and play several musical instruments, including the Celtic harp, the piano, and the bagpipes. I also make great cocktail party conversation.

