

2019 Future Professionals Workshop

Presenter's Bio's



Mike Lally -

Currently Mike is the physical education teacher at Bookman Road Elementary School. Prior to teaching at Bookman Road Mike was the Education Associate for Health and Physical Education at the South Carolina Department of Education in which he carried out professional development in standards based instruction in both content areas. Last school year he has provided 22 days of professional development around the state for over 200 teachers and hosted a summer physical education institute for 70 teachers. Mike spent his first 12 years teaching elementary physical education at Round Top Elementary School in Richland 2. While at RTE Mike implemented many initiatives to change the culture of Round Top to put P.E and the arts at the forefront of the schools focus. Some examples are daily morning “Fun Run” in which an average of 120 students participated, “Workout Wed.” a fitness focused day, a district intramural program for elementary schools, FLIGHT Contest (Friends, Living In Good Health Together) a teacher health and fitness contest, created a library of fitness videos for the school to perform on the daily news show, worked with the occupational therapist to develop the “Smile Lab” a sensory motor lab for students that do not qualify for services (now required for all kindergarten and first graders). In 2010 Mike was named teacher of the year for Round Top Elementary the same year his wife Kelly was named teacher of the year at Polo Road Elementary. Mike has presented content in many state conferences and the SHAPE America Conference in Nashville and the National P.E Institute in Asheville, NC.



Ben Landers -<https://www.thepespecialist.com/>

Ben Landers is a Physical Education teacher who also runs a company called The PE Specialist. Ben has been teaching K-5th PE since 2007. He has completed National Board Certification in PE and also has a Masters in Education from Southern Wesleyan University and a Masters in Educational Leadership from University of South Carolina. Ben also serves as a Clinical Model Teacher for the University of South Carolina, helping to mentor future Physical Education teachers as part of their graduation requirement.

Ben started this website ThePEspecialist.com in 2014 in an effort to provide an amazing resource for teachers. He has a passion for kids and teaching quality physical education lessons that will empower students to be the best they can be. Being a PE teacher is such a great opportunity to have a positive impact on the kids that you teach, but his hope is to also impact more students through providing resources and ideas to teachers.

The reason he started this website is to share knowledge, inspire teachers, add value to the Phys Ed community and help solve some of the problems that teachers are struggling with in schools today.



Dr. Judy Rink -

Dr. Rink is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of South Carolina where she spent thirty years working with the undergraduate and graduate programs in professional preparation chairing the work of over 25 doctoral students. She is the recipient of, among others, the AAHPERD Luther Gulick Award, AAHPERD Scholar Award, the NASPE Hall of Fame Award and is a member of the National Academy of Kinesiology.

Dr. Rink chaired the first national physical education content standards committee and worked with NASPE to develop the PE-Metrics material. She has currently chaired the SHAPE committee to develop national assessments for the 50 Million Strong SHAPE initiative. She has been on the editorial review board of all the leading physical education research journals and has been the editor in chief for the *Journal of Research for Teaching in Physical Education* and the pedagogy section editor for the *Research Quarterly*. Dr. Rink has current books, in methods of teaching, curriculum school wide physical activity. Dr. Rink was the director of the SC Physical Education Assessment Program and has worked with SCAHPERD on a continuous basis to improve PE programs in our state.



Principal Will Moody -

Will Moody is the Principal of Gilbert Primary School in Lexington County School District One. Prior to becoming a principal, Mr. Moody served as an Assistant Principal at Round Top Elementary in Richland School District Two for four years and he was also an elementary school counselor for the first sixteen years of his career. During his twenty-one years in public education, Mr. Moody has been honored three times as Teacher of the Year and, in 2009, was named the Elementary School Counselor of the Year for South Carolina. He earned his National Board Certification in 2007. Mr. Moody is the author of five professional publications for school counselors and he is the co-author of four other professional resources. Mr. Moody lives in Lexington.