

AIMS


10th Annual
Technology
Retreat
2005

Looking Ahead:
The Future
of Educational
Technology

April 24-26, 2005
Harbourtowne
Golf Resort
and Conference Center
St. Michaels, MD

About the Retreat

MISSION STATEMENT

The AIMS Technology Retreat, a gathering of colleagues from AIMS member schools, is held each spring. Its goal is to support those who are responsible for the implementation of technology in their schools. Time for sharing ideas and seeking advice in a relaxed atmosphere is central to the experience, as well as exposing participants to a wide range of technology trends that support good teaching, learning, and managing information systems in schools. While the retreat provides a rich learning environment, *it is not meant to be a series of hands-on training events*. Non-member school participants are welcome as space permits.

WHAT IS A RETREAT?

A period of seclusion, retirement, or solitude; a place affording peace, quiet, privacy, or security; a haven.

WHAT DOES SYNERGY MEAN?

Cooperative interaction of two or more agents of forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects.

Speakers

SUNDAY

KEEPING THE TRAIN ON THE TRACKS: A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION - TIM FISH

In this session, Tim will examine the current state of technology use in schools and look to emerging trends and some essential questions to provide a glimpse into where things may be going in the next ten years. This two-hour workshop will activate the thoughts and ideas of participants to ignite a conversation that will carry through the entire retreat and beyond.



Tim Fish is the Director of Instructional Technology at McDonogh School. He is coauthor of the first NAIS book focused on technology, *Leadership and Technology at Independent Schools*. Tim has also worked as a consultant and speaker at over 25 independent schools and educational associations.

Speakers, cont'd

MONDAY

VIRTUAL LEARNING - TIM MAGNER

Where is it going nationally and what does it mean for independent schools? Join Tim Magner and Tim Fish as they continue the conversation from Sunday night with a focused presentation/conversation on Virtual Learning. Tim Magner will provide an overview of the current trend in public schools and home schools. Tim Fish will provide some insight into ways independent schools can use virtual learning to improve learning and the home/school connection.



Tim Magner is the Deputy Director of the Office of Educational Technology, US Department of Education. As a spokesperson on K-12 educational issues, he speaks and writes on a range of subjects related to schools. Previously Microsoft's Executive Director of K-12 Education, Tim has been involved with educational technology from a variety of perspectives at the local, national, and international levels, and has been an educator, administrator, and technologist.

TUESDAY

LINKING THE LITERACIES: TEACHING AND LEARNING IN A MEDIA LANDSCAPE - DAVID CONSIDINE

A techno-skeptic and a media literacy pioneer, Dr. Considine provides a contemporary and historical overview of tools in schools, and the challenges facing educators and parents as our children are increasingly born into a media landscape that shapes their cognitive, psychological, and physiological growth and development.



David Considine coordinates the nation's first graduate program in media literacy at Appalachian State University. He is a founding member of the Alliance for a Media Literate America and has done extensive work for Discovery Channel's national "Know TV" workshops. David chaired the first National Media Education Conference in 1995 and has authored two books and countless articles on media literacy.

Synergy Sessions

SYNERGY SESSION #1 (MONDAY, 10:00-11:00 AM)

S 1A Tablets, PDA's, and Portable Devices
How are tablets, PDAs, and other portable devices being implemented into the curriculum? Learn and share with others in this session.

D 1B Multimedia 101
Digital video cameras, DVD players, DVD recorders, scanners, and more... Where to begin? Come learn about the hardware and software needed to start a multimedia program for your students. Bring your favorite gadget for show and tell.

S 1C Technology Departments of the 21st Century
How will Technology Departments look in the coming years? What/who will make up the Technology Department of the future? Come and share ideas about school technology and what role it will play in the day-to-day educational experience.

S 1D Connectivity
Discuss key network issues with colleagues! Talk about issues that bog down wireless networks, remote access roadblocks, encryption/security threats, and other connectivity conundrums. Focus will be on topics critical to participants.

SYNERGY SESSION #2 (MONDAY, 11:15-12:15 AM)

S 2A Must-Haves for Infusing Technology
Have your kids excelled using Inspiration? Can't live without iMovie? Have flash drives replaced floppies? Participants will share ideas for the "must-have" software, hardware, "gadgets and gizmos" that result in successful curriculum integration.

P 2B The School-Home Connection
How are schools harnessing the power of technology to extend the classroom beyond its traditional borders? Join this panel discussion of unique ways that schools are creating virtual classrooms.

P 2C Strategies for Successful Technology Planning
Developing an effective technology program is an involved process. Please join this panel discussion on technology planning and budgeting.

D 2D Disaster Recovery Plans
Imagine that your file server just melted down. How long would it take to retrieve all of your files? This session will provide an overview of various backup and recovery options.

LEGEND

S Synergy - Facilitator for 5 minutes, majority open discussion

D Directed - Expert for 15 minutes, remainder open discussion

P Panel - Panel for 30-40 minutes, remainder open discussion

SYNERGY SESSION #3 (MONDAY, 1:30-2:30 PM)

P 3A Technology Proficiencies for Students and Faculty

What are they? How do you assess them? Do you require them? How do you teach them? How do they impact curriculum integration? This panel discussion will explore a variety of views about the role of technology standards for both students and faculty. Bring your standards to share.

D 3B Logistics: Best Ways to Store and Share
Managing multimedia projects in the classroom can be daunting. Come to this session and discuss the logistics and best ways to create, store, and share multimedia projects.

P 3C Cyber-Safety
The demands of instructional support of technology extend beyond the classroom, to include increasing parental concerns about home computer use and Internet safety. How do schools address these concerns? As a panel, school representatives will discuss programs that have been developed.

S 3D Network Efficiency
Building a proactive network: What are efficient tools for monitoring your network, locking down the desktop, or stopping unwanted spam, adware, or spyware? What are the best ways to solve common repetitive desktop problems?

SYNERGY SESSION #4 (TUESDAY, 10:45-11:45 AM)

S 4A Media Literacy: Going Deeper
Follow-up on Tuesday's keynote to discuss the importance of strongly interwoven information fluency skills in the curriculum, and how these can move a school beyond the "PowerPoint Plateau" of only skin-deep use of technology.

D 4B Publishing Multimedia
What do you do with finished work? Do you compress it? Do you QuickTime it? Do you burn it or publish it to the web? Come and learn how to publish and manage your multimedia projects.

S 4C Technology Professional Development: What Does It Look Like?
How has professional development changed in schools over the past few years? Share your stories of success and challenges in creating and delivering technology professional development at your schools - or bring your questions.

D 4D Creating an Efficient Information System
How do we create centralized information sources? Whom do we expect will update information in future databases? What information should parents be able to retrieve from school websites of the future? How will we make this happen?

Schedule

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2004

3:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration Dinner-Crab Claw (optional)
6:00 PM	Doors open for seating
6:30 - 8:45 PM	Tim Fish - Keynote
8:45 PM	Informal Time/Cash Bar

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2004

7:00 - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Tim Magner and Tim Fish - Keynotes
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Cafe Networking
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Synergy Session 1
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Break
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Synergy Session 2
12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 PM	Synergy Session 3
2:30 - 5:00 PM	Free Time
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Informal Time/Cash Bar
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Dinner (seated)
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Birds of a Feather
8:30 PM	Informal Time/Cash Bar

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2004

7:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00 AM	David Considine - Keynote
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Break and Check Out
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Synergy Session 4
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Evaluations/Door Prizes
12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch

Testimonials

- o I feel rejuvenated and ready to conquer the rest of the year. The timing is great for next year's planning.
- o This retreat gets better every year!
- o Thought-provoking topics. Great conversations.
- o Best conference ever. Useful sessions. Great information.
- o This was a wonderful experience. Being a first-timer, I... realize my problems are not unique and got great ideas.
- o Well organized, lots of great conversations, ideas, and opportunities to network.
- o Great retreat. I learned a lot and have some great ideas I want to utilize at my school.
- o Well planned, effective, many useful ideas and suggestions, always great networking opportunities.
- o Very useful and helpful. Reenergizing.
- o Relaxing, upbeat, user friendly.
- o As a "first timer" I found the retreat incredibly valuable.
- o A fantastic experience. I always learn many things.

Harbourtowne

If you've visited St. Michaels, then you are familiar with its charm. If not, you should find it relaxing and quaint with plenty of history and character. For more information, visit www.harbourtowne.com or www.stmichaelsmd.org.

Directions: Take Route 50 East. One mile before Easton, take a right on Route 322. After a few lights, turn right onto Route 33. Continue 10 miles, pass through the town of St. Michaels to the entrance of Harbourtowne on the right. Pass the brick gatehouse and follow resort signs.

PLEASE NOTE: *Check-in time - Sunday, 3:00 PM. Check-out time - by Tuesday, 11:00 AM. Harbourtowne may honor early check-ins if available, but can ONLY guarantee the 3:00 PM check-in time.*

Presented by AIMS Technology Committee

Marty Hankins, Co-Chair <i>Garrison Forest School</i>	Roya Fardoust <i>Beauvoir, The National Cathedral Elementary School</i>	Demetri Orlando <i>Norwood School</i>	Marlene Sclar <i>Landon School</i>
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Registration Form

Please print clearly

Deadline: March 15, 2005
No refunds after this date

Name _____

School _____

Phone _____ Email _____
(Email Required) 4882

Please Check Your Selections¹
Reduced rates are not available for partial attendance

AIMS Rates

___ Complete Package/2 nights \$665.00 Single occupancy
___ Complete Package/2 nights \$540.00 Double occupancy²
Roommate's Name _____

___ Day Package/2 days \$290.00

Non-AIMS Rates³

___ Complete Package/2 nights \$825.00 Single occupancy
___ Complete Package/2 nights \$700.00 Double occupancy²
Roommate's Name _____

___ Day Package/2 days \$425.00

Sunday's Dinner at Crab Claw (optional)⁴ (meets at Harbourtowne, 3:30 PM) ___ Yes ___ No

Monday's Dinner at Harbourtowne ___ Crabcakes ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian

Synergy Session Choices⁵

(Circle ONE letter for each Session you will attend)

Session 1	A	B	C	D
Session 2	A	B	C	D
Session 3	A	B	C	D
Session 4	A	B	C	D

Would you be willing to?

Facilitate a Session ___ Which Session? _____
Take Notes in a Session ___ Which Session? _____
Please check if this is your first time at the retreat _____
Birds of a Feather topic suggestion _____

Online Registration

(for AIMS members only). You can register online at www.aimsmd.org. A link is available from our homepage. You will receive an email confirmation.

Cancellations

are only accepted before the deadline date. All communications about reservations must be through AIMS, not Harbourtowne!

No Onsite Registration!

Dress is Casual

¹ All packages include entire program and Monday and Tuesday's meals. AIMS members: Your school will be billed for your registration.

² Double occupancy is ONLY available if your roommate registers concurrently, otherwise a single rate charge will automatically apply.

³ Non-AIMS members will be admitted on a space available basis AFTER the deadline date and must pay in advance.

⁴ Sunday's dinner is NOT INCLUDED in Package Price. Reservations are made at Crab Claw by AIMS. Crab Claw accepts CASH ONLY.

⁵ AIMS reserves the right to cancel a session due to low attendance. In this event, you'll be notified by email. Email addresses are for AIMS use only.



If registering by mail, please duplicate this completed form for your records and send to: AIMS, 890 Airport Park Road, Suite 103, Glen Burnie, MD 21061