Golden Apple Fall Lecture Series 2019

When? 1:00-2:00 Lecture 2:00-2:30 Q&A
Where? Del Norte High School Library
5323 Montgomery Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87109

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Planning curriculum is the political art of deciding which knowledge and skills are worthy of classroom time, and which are not. Mark Robinson proposes to explore the challenges and pitfalls of this art, and to offer his own reflections on principles which can guide this challenging task.

Mark Robinson is a 2017 Golden Apple Fellow. An Iowa native, he has taught in public and private schools in Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois. For the past twenty-one years, he has taught history and mathematics at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque.

Saturday, October 5, 2019
Apples & Oranges: Lessons Learned from a Finnish & German Educational Study Tour.

This presentation takes us on a journey over 5,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to explore the unique and highly regarded educational systems in both Finland and Germany. Why do Finnish students do so much better than American students? What can we learn from Finnish and German schools? What are US schools already doing well that often gets overlooked? We will take a look at best practices in both Finnish and American schools.

Miskee Blatner is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher in her 21st year of teaching, and is an Educators Rising teacher leader at Eldorado High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She leads the Education and Training Career Pathway at her school where she serves as the co-teacher for the school NM Pre-K program as well as the Teacher Academy class, a dual credit course with CNM. Mrs. Blatner earned a bachelor’s degree
from University of Idaho and a master's degree from Carroll College. Blatner was awarded the Golden Apple in 2017.

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

"The Mindset of an Explorer"

How can we inspire our students to become curious, adventurous, engaged and empowered global citizens? This session will offer interactive activities to inspire teachers to cultivate their own Explorer identity and create opportunities for students to see themselves as Explorers.

Jennifer Chavez-Miller is currently a Teacher Support Specialist with APS after 21 years in the classroom teaching elementary to college level students. As a 2010 NM Golden Apple Fellow, a 2014 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Fellow, and a 2018 National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Grosvenor Teacher Fellow, she has cultivated her own attitudes, skills, and knowledge as an Explorer to create opportunities for students to develop global competence and an Explorer mindset using literature, technology, geography and experiences to connect them with the world.

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

Friends of the New: Teachers as Advocates--

Teachers are often viewed as the enforcers of the "old ways" and makers of compliance because it is our job to explain how to navigate the world, which requires knowledge of its passageways as they are. Our realm, though, is really the welcoming in of the new.

Jeff Tuttle has Bachelor's Degrees in English Literature and Radio and Television Journalism, and a Master's Degree in K-8 Education. He has taught 28 years: K-5 with gifted and learning disabled children, inclusion classes, and is currently teaching 3rd grade at Monte Vista Elementary. He was part of a group that moved the state to the current "dashboard" system of school evaluation and is working with a group of educators & policy makers in the changing teacher evaluation system. Tuttle was awarded the Golden Apple award in 2013.

**Stay Tuned for the Spring Lecture Series!**