

Montessorians Gather in Jacksonville

Annual Conference to take place February 12-15, 2010

Conference Information:

Hundreds of dedicated Montessorians will gather at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida this February for a conference titled *Montessori on the Edge: Mapping Cohesive Development*.

Montessori is on the cutting edge of many innovations in education that the mainstream conversation is only beginning to recognize. The sustainable outcomes of Maria Montessori's work are the foundations of her approach. As the national educational dialogue shifts towards the needs of the child, Montessori advocates have the unparalleled opportunity to position themselves to take Montessori education to the next level in the United States.

This annual AMI/USA conference serves as an excellent way to examine current educational structures and strategies for intellectual and legislative development. The 700 conference participants this year will include policy makers, educators, teachers, administrators, classroom assistants and parents. Previous successful and influential speakers at our conferences include Sergei Brin, founder of Google and Montessori alumni; creativity expert Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D.; and author Dan Pink.

The conference is dedicated to Renilde Montessori, granddaughter of Dr. Maria Montessori.

For more information about AMI/USA, or to register for this year's annual conference, please visit the AMI/USA website at <http://www.amiusa.org/register2010>.

Highlighted Event:

2010 Keynote Address: *Improving Classroom Impact* with Bob Pianta, Ph.D.

Friday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville-Riverfront (225 E Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, Florida)

Open to the general public, tickets \$15 at the door

The Association Montessori International / USA invites the public to attend Bob Pianta's keynote address *Improving Classroom Impact*. Pianta will discuss his research and development of a system to measure quality in the classroom outside the realms of standardized testing and scoring. His ideas complement the Montessori emphasis on observation and propose to fill many of the theoretical gaps in current educational structures. The keynote is open to the public, and tickets are available at the door.



Bob Pianta serves as dean of the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. He is the Novartis Professor of Education and director of U.Va.'s Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning (CASTL). Pianta has earned a reputation as a nationally recognized leader in education, and he was called upon for advice by President-elect Obama's transition team.

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