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Welcome to all first-year arts educators on behalf of the Iowa Model of Excellence Mentoring Program, and the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education. We thank you for attending the Fall Mentor Symposium for First-Year Arts Educators.

This day is the result of the cooperation of six professional organizations working together to assure that every student in the state of Iowa receives a quality arts education.

THE MODEL OF EXCELLENCE MENTOR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ARTS EDUCATION THROUGH MENTORING OF FIRST-YEAR ARTS TEACHERS.

Program innovations include: identification of first-year teachers, assignment of both “active” and “observation” mentors (area-specific), development of a communications network to assist the mentoring process, development of a first-year teachers symposium, and the awarding of scholarships to join professional organizations and attend state conferences.

The Iowa Model of Excellence Mentoring Program is designed to enhance, not supplant the established local/district/state mentoring programs. The program is tailored specifically to the individual teacher and teaching situation.

The information presented ranges from “survival” to “mastery” skills needed to be successful in the arts classroom, and helps to:

BUILD PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH MENTORING, NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION.

Arts Educator Mentor Program

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FALL SYMPOSIUM

FOR FIRST-YEAR ARTS EDUCATORS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014
IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FORT DODGE, IOWA

IN COOPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING
PROFESSIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS:

ART EDUCATORS OF IOWA
IOWA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
IOWA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
IOWA COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION
IOWA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
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AGENDA

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Registration
Bio Science/Health Science Building
Iowa Central Community College

10:00 am - 10:50 am

"How I Survived My First Year of Teaching"
Panel discussion
Auditorium

11:00 am - 11:50 am

First Year First Aid Q & A
Art – Room 1
General Music/Vocal Music - Room 2
Instrumental Music - Room 3
Speech & Drama – Room 4

12:00 pm

Lunch – Bio Science/Health Science Building
Iowa Central Community College

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm

Creating the Mentor/Mentee Relationship
The Observation Mentor Program
Auditorium

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

Resources for the Art Classroom – Room 1
Resources for the Vocal Music Classroom –
Room 2
Resources for the Instrumental Music Classroom
Room 3
Resources for the General Music Classroom –
Room 4

3:00 - 3:50 pm

Professionalism...In and Out of the Classroom
Auditorium

4:00 – 4:15 pm

Evaluation and Remarks
Auditorium

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

REGISTRATION

Registration, coffee, juice rolls and mingling with fellow arts educators. Leadership of professional organizations will be introduced.

“HOW I SURVIVED MY FIRST YEAR OF TEACHING”

Panel discussion involving second-year arts educators. Presenters will discuss the joys and struggles of the first year of teaching.

FIRST YEAR FIRST AID ~ QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Small-group discussions will be focused on your specific questions as a first-year teacher. How can we help you?

Moderated by the Organization Mentor Chairs.

Topics could include resources, recruitment, fundraising, managing budgets, dealing with administration and parents...or any other questions you may have!

LUNCHTIME!

Lunch will be catered for all participants and presenters. Reserve your free lunch! RSVP to your organization mentor chair today!

Online registration will be available.

CREATING THE MENTOR/MENTEE RELATIONSHIP

The “Observation Mentor Program” component of the Iowa Model of Excellence Mentor program will be explored. Second-year arts educators and their mentors will share their experiences, explaining how they collaborated and designed their mentor experience.

QUALITY RESOURCES FOR THE “ARTS” CLASSROOM

Presentations will include tips for area- specific arts classrooms, resources, and materials.

Facilitated by Mentor Chairs with invited guests.

PROFESSIONALISM...IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

Panel discussion will encompass a variety of aspects of being a teaching professional. Topics will include how to share kids within a program, talking to parents and administrators, licensure and social media.

Presenters will encompass views from school administrators and a representative from the Iowa Educational Board of Examiners.