Sunday, April 30, 2017
Pre-Conference Workshops
2:00pm-5:00pm

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How Video Conferencing is Changing K-12 in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula
Presented by: Mara Youngren-Brown and Matthew Zorbas (Kenai Central High School)
Constituency: K-12 /Track: TF
Join this live session as two high school student interns, along with their teachers, share how they have implemented videoconferencing in their curriculum successfully. In this session workshop see yourself using live video telecommunications (VTC) to explore bringing the world into your classroom. Using interactive video conferencing as a tool to deliver instruction or enrich curriculum broadens student access to content while increasing the depth and relevance of their learning experience. Not only are students more actively engaged but also a variety of learning styles are readily accommodated. Experience how VTC is becoming an accepted way of life for both teachers and students on the Kenai Peninsula. Learn how to implement strong technology as part of the instructional strategy in a learner-centered environment. See firsthand how it can positively impact teaching and learning in your school. Examples, best practices, and content resources will be shown. In this session, attendees will learn the following: * Alaska Student internship requirements and opportunities * The Day in the Life of a high school student intern * Effective collaborative videoconference project planning and implementation * Important reasons for kid-to-kid connections * Learn about professional development opportunities * Free video conferencing programs available for K-12

The Often-Overlooked eLearning Strategic Plan – Don't Have One? You Should.
Presented by: Darcy Hardy (Blackboard)
Constituency: HE/Track: RE
To ensure the long-term success of an eLearning program (blended, hybrid, fully online), colleges and universities need an eLearning strategic plan for growing online programs sustainably and at scale. An institution must consider and develop its goals, vision, organization, governance, policies and procedures, as well as accessibility planning around eLearning. When these areas are not at the core of the eLearning programming, the institution risks any competitive advantage in the eLearning space. Institutions often jump into developing courses and marketing programs when the campus is not organized efficiently, and the overall program has not been operationalized. Skipping strategic planning can cost the institution unexpected expenses and personnel resources. This workshop will address the components of an eLearning strategic plan, how it is critical to the success of the eLearning program, and help attendees draft their own strategic plan outline.

USDLA Chapter Leadership Workshop
Presented by: Linda Dickeson (USDLA)
Constituency: ALL / Track: RE
This is the sixth gathering of the USDLA Chapter leadership attending the National conference in order to network, share, plan, and learn with one another. We will focus on various aspects involved with USDLA Chapters that will provide knowledge, resources, momentum, and energy to take back to your local teams.