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Conference Keynotes

Tuesday May 19th Opening Keynote: Opening Learning for All by Serving Stone Soup Globally! (Dr. Gerry Hanley)

Abstract: Free and open educational resources and services are being used to expand access to education for diverse communities nationally and internationally which can improve equitable access to sustainable employment. The Stone Soup folktale serves as an effective change management strategy for digital and distance education by providing inclusive methods that leverage free and open educational resources and services.
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Wednesday May 20th Luncheon Keynote: Embrace Lifelong Learning (Dr. Sae Schatz, Ph.D)

Abstract: The Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Initiative is a government program reporting to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Education and Training under the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness. The ADL Initiative bridges across Defense and other Federal agencies to encourage collaboration, facilitate interoperability, and promote best practices for using distributed learning. By optimizing distributed learning, the Department of Defense is able to provide the highest-quality education, training, informal learning, and just-in-time support, tailored to individual needs and delivered cost-effectively, anytime and anywhere – with the ultimate outcome of force readiness. In carrying out its mission, the ADL initiative spearheads efforts to create a "Future Learning Ecosystem" to move from disconnected, episodic learning experiences towards a curated continuum of lifelong learning, tailored to individuals, and delivered across diverse locations, media, and periods of time. The ADL Initiative examines new ways to innovate distributed learning through research and development projects, and increases organizational and technological interoperability by working with allies on collaborative projects, sharing information, and driving uptake of shared specifications and standards
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Thursday May 21st Closing Keynote: Year 2020 - Emergence of the Internet of Everything (IoE) SMART Distance Education Technology Transformation (Dr. Robbie Melton)

Abstract: The rise of connected 'SMART technologies provide new opportunities for transforming distance teaching and learning for the digital workforce. This presentation showcases the innovations of IoE Smart Technologies (EduGadgets) as data-driven transformation educational and workforce tools.
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