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Education Summit: Learning for Tomorrow

**July 26, 2008
9:00am-5:00pm
Washington DC**

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The 2008 Education Summit, scheduled in conjunction with “World Future 2008: Seeing the Future Through New Eyes,” will explore the cutting edge of education. A full-day program, the Summit will look at what tomorrow holds for education, including new technologies, new techniques and approaches to teaching futures, and visions for the coming decades.

8:30-9:00am **Light Continental Breakfast**
9:00-9:10am **Overview of Day**

9:10-10:30am ***Global Online Learning Pioneers (Panel of 7 students)***

Ted Kahn, co-founder, president, and CEO, DesignWorlds for Learning, Inc.
Neerja Raman, senior fellow, Stanford University and Media X Project

Online and virtual learning are now expanding rapidly beyond the major industrialized countries. The availability of high quality learning and teaching resources on the Web, many free of charge through open source or open access portals, is opening up incredible learning opportunities for students of all ages all over the world. However, we also need equal focus on how these resources are put into practice and how to support the diversity of student learning needs.

10:30-10:45am **Break**

10:45-12:00n ***Some Suggested Priorities for Futurists in the Classroom***

John Smart, president, Acceleration Studies Foundation

Ideas will be shared for better foresight curriculum development at all educational levels and online community development. A brief overview of what is involved in developing and teaching a foresight course at a leading university will be discussed.

12:00-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-1:45pm *Designing the Future of Education*

Irene Brock, partner, FuturEd, LLC

A comparative overview will be presented that enables participants to identify the critical differences between the old factory-model schools we still have and the 21st century learning centers we need.

1:45-2:45pm *Teaching Futures and Futures Education*

Stephen Steele, professor of future studies, Institute for the Future@AACC
Peter Bishop, president, Strategic Foresight and Development

2:45-3:00pm Break

3:00-4:30pm *Future Trends and Visions for Education*

David Pearce Snyder, president, Snyder Family Enterprises
Dennis Peterson, superintendent, Minnetonka School District
Arthur Shostak, professor emeritus of sociology, Drexel University

4:30-4:45pm Summary of Day's Events

Registration fee: \$75 members/\$125 nonmembers (includes light continental breakfast). Note: this is separate from WFS conference registration.

The conference is scheduled for July 26-28, 2008, in Washington DC. For additional information about the conference and the pre- and post-conference activities, visit www.wfs.org.