11th Annual
Summer Leadership Institute

June 25-26, 2015
Heritage Hotel, Southbury

It’s Personal:
A Coherent, Student-Centered
Approach to Preparing Students for
Life and Learning in the 21st Century

Register now at  http://casci.ac/1243

Don’t miss what the SLI provides you with each year:
great PD and 2 days with colleagues in a setting
conducive to relaxation, reflection and rejuvenation.
Summer Leadership Institute

It’s Personal: A Coherent, Student-Centered Approach to Preparing Students for Life and Learning in the 21st Century

Nick Donohue, President and CEO, Nellie Mae Education Foundation
“Student Centered Learning, An Introduction”

As President and CEO of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Nick Donohue is leading efforts to reshape New England’s public education systems to be more equitable and more effective for all learners. Previously, Nick was a Special Master at Hope High School in Providence, where he oversaw implementation of the Rhode Island Commissioner of Education’s Order to reconstitute the school. Before Hope High School, Mr. Donohue was Commissioner of Education in New Hampshire. Nick has also served as New Hampshire’s Deputy Commissioner of Education, as a trustee of the University System of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Community Technical College System. Nick has worked tirelessly to promote equitable learning opportunities and close the achievement gap. Throughout his career Nick has championed innovative approaches to expand access to high quality learning opportunities for all learners, especially for those who are underserved. His leadership in education reform continues to challenge traditional notions of schooling to respond to our changing world and prepare all learners to contribute to a thriving democracy.

Marc Brackett Ph.D., Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence,
“Leading the Development of More Healthy & Effective Environments for Teaching and Learning”

Marc Brackett, Ph.D., is Director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, Senior Research Scientist in Psychology, and Faculty Fellow in the Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University. He is an author on over 100 scholarly publications which focus on (1) the role of emotions in learning, decision making, relationship quality, and mental health, (2) the measurement of emotional intelligence, and (3) experiments to demonstrate how emotional intelligence training improves people’s lives. Dr. Brackett is the developer of RULER—a CASEL SEElct social and emotional learning program that has reached nearly 1 million students from kindergarten to high school as well as school leaders, teachers, staff, and families. RULER has been shown to boost academic performance, decrease school problems, enrich classroom climates, and enhance teacher instructional practices. Dr. Brackett is a recipient of numerous awards, including the Joseph E. Zins Award for his research on emotional intelligence, and he serves on a wide-range of advisory boards, including Lady Gaga’s Born This Way Foundation. Dr. Brackett consults with school systems and corporations around the world and his research has been featured in the New York Times and on National Public Radio. Currently, he consults with Facebook on two projects, one of which is a large-scale study to prevent and decrease bullying.

Jonathan Costa, Director
School and Program Services at EDUCATION CONNECTION

Jonathan Costa is the Director of School and Program Services at EDUCATION CONNECTION, the regional service center for Northwest Connecticut. Jonathan has provided professional development opportunities throughout Connecticut on many topics with emphasis on the importance of educating students for the demands of the 21st century life, learning and work. Jonathan will introduce participants to a framework that helps to address the following questions: “How can leaders find coherence in the midst of competing and seemingly unassociated requirements like SEED, NEASC, CCSS, etc. and effectively integrate them into their core mission? How do leaders assist their various constituent groups in understanding that there are connections among these initiatives? How do principals report results in a coherent fashion that both assesses results and provides direction for future work without overwhelming staff along the way?”
Summer Leadership Institute  
2 Day Workshop Agenda

Thursday, June 25th

7:30 – 8:30 am  Registration and Refreshments

8:30 – 8:50 am  Welcome, Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director, CAS Constitution Room

8:50 – 10:15 am  Nick Donohue, President and CEO, Nellie Mae Education Foundation  
“Student Centered Learning, An Introduction”

10:15 – 10:30 am  Break

10:30am – Noon  Breakouts: How Maria Sanchez Elementary School, New Fairfield Middle School, Meriden’s High Schools, and the Pittsfield NH School District are creating challenging environments designed to prepare students for 21st century life and learning

Noon – 1:00 pm  Lunch (Eight Mile Brook)

1:00 – 2:15 pm  Marc Brackett, Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence,  
“Leading the Development of More Healthy & Effective Environments for Teaching and Learning”

2:15 – 2:30 pm  Break

2:15 – 3:15 pm  Jonathan Costa, Director, School and Program Services at EDUCATION CONNECTION  
Facilitated Follow-Up

3:15 – 5:15 pm  Reflection, Relaxation, Rejuvenation

5:15 – 6:00 pm  Social Hour (Terraces – Cash Bar)

6:00 – 6:30 pm  Betty Feser, Superintendent of Schools, Milford, CT  
“Thinking Systemically About Student-based Learning”

6:30 – 7:30 pm  Dinner (Garden Room)

7:30 – 8:30 pm  Presentation: Looking in Theater

Friday, June 26th

7:30 – 8:30 am  Breakfast (Eight Mile Brook)

8:30 – 9:00 am  TBA

9:00 – 10:30 am  “Farmington Public Schools: Students Leading Their Own Learning”

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 – Noon  Jonathan Costa  
“Where Do We Go From Here?”

Noon – 1 pm  Lunch (Eight Mile Brook)
Absolutely Amazing. Thank you for this opportunity!

All of the sessions were very well done. It was a good experience to be able to listen to educational professionals and have the chance to collaborate with other professionals.

Excellent focus on coherence in a time of competing initiatives and agendas. Appreciated the straight forward and critical role coherence plays in all that we do.

Excellent. Great to be with other administrators at the end of a very difficult year.

Great conference. Gave participants the opportunity to reflect on their own district and practices. Ample time for good discussion with those in your own district and networking with others.

Great. I come away with tools and ready to use materials for the entire next school year.

I enjoyed this conference very much. It was wonderful to meet other educators and the presentations were overall very good. The location, food, amenities, etc were also very nice which just gave a great feeling overall towards the conference. I hope I can return next year!

I feel like the institute addressed current issues with a global vision and helped the participants to see how it all tied together and how it all tied to us and our differing roles.

I will ABSOLUTELY return next year! The location was great, food was great, speakers were AWESOME!!!! Thank you for such a lovely two days!
Summer Leadership Institute

Registration Information

- Register online at http://casci.ac/1243
- The closing date for submitting registrations is May 28, 2015. Early registration is encouraged.
- Participation is limited to 120 people and the Institute has sold out the past six years!
- Registration will be on a “first come, first served” basis with regional consideration.
- Due to limited seating, only those who can attend and actively participate in the full institute, Thursday morning through Friday afternoon, should apply.
- Team participation is strongly encouraged.
- CAS will make all hotel reservations.

Direct institute content questions to:
Tim Breslin at CAS, (203) 250-1111, or tbreslin@casciac.org

Direct registration questions to:
Erin Guarino at CAS, (203) 250-1111, or eguarino@casciac.org

Fees

- The registration fee $300.00 for CAS members, $350.00 for non-CAS members, and $250 for registered CCSS Leadership CoP participants. The Fee includes two days and one night at the Heritage Hotel, all meals and refreshments, and conference materials. CAS will make all hotel reservations.
- The fee is not altered if you are not staying overnight. You will be asked to make this decision for each participant in your group when you register. A separate Excel form will be filled out by the contact person which is available on our website. It is titled 2015 CAS SLI Registration Sheet.
- To check school membership status, go to www.casciac.org and click on directory.
- Purchase orders will be accepted, but PAYMENT MUST be received prior to May 28, 2015. Spots will not be held for those that are not paid in full by May 28, 2015. Credit cards are accepted.
- Check or purchase order should be made payable to the Connecticut Association of Schools and mailed to:
  30 Realty Drive
  Cheshire, CT 06410
  Attention: Erin Guarino
- Refunds will not be given due to cancellation after May 28, 2014 or for non-attendance at the institute.
The Heritage Hotel in Southbury offers spacious accommodations in a classic Connecticut setting. Guest rooms, many with views of the Pomperaug River and golf course, are complemented by state of the art conference rooms and full resort facilities.

Amenities include

- Fitness center
- Indoor/outdoor swimming pools
- Tennis
- Racquetball
- Ping pong
- Mountain biking
- Golf
- Sports Pub
- A variety of spa services

Accommodations and use of resort facilities are included in the Institute registration fee. Additional fees apply for golf, mountain bikes, spa services, and overnight guests not attending the Institute.