TEACH 2 INCLUDE

Inclusivity of all people in an educational environment is paramount to creating an educated and thriving community and workforce. Financial support for this conference offsets the costs associated with attendance for North Alabama's educators and increases accessibility of this exciting new conference regardless of ability to pay. Your support of this conference demonstrates your commitment to diversity and inclusion, as well as the importance you place on addressing these critical issues in the communities where you have a presence. Together, we can create an educational climate that is attractive to current and future residents of the area and drives healthy workforce development.

Teach 2 INCLUDE, an annual conference for faculty in K-12 and higher education institutions across North Alabama, explores the challenges surrounding diversity and inclusivity in the classroom and shares methods for making a difference.Through this conference, we will make a positive impact on our community by equipping educators to create more inclusive educational environments for our region's students.

Each year, Teach 2 INCLUDE will be centered on a theme. In 2023, the theme will be "Leading with World Languages," celebrating the inclusiveness and diversity shown through the study of world languages and cultures. Generous support from our community partners allows us to recruit dynamic subject matter experts and speakers from across the region. Donations to this event are tax-deductible.

SUPPORT LEVELS AVAILABLE

$10,000 - Presenting Supporter
- Solo logo placement on rotating digital signage slide
- Logo in printed program
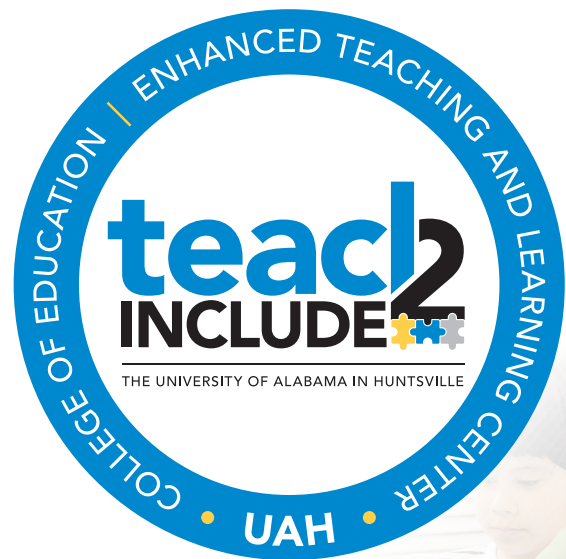- Logo printed on swag bag/T-shirt

$5,000 - Trailblazer
- Prominent logo placement on rotating digital signage
- Logo in printed program
- Logo printed on swag bag/T-shirt

$2,500 - Bridge Builder
- Logo on rotating digital signage
- Logo in printed program

$1,000 - Advocate
- Logo on rotating digital signage
- Logo in printed program

ORGANIZERS

DR. MICHELLE GREENE
Director, Enhanced Teaching & Learning Center, UAH Lecturer, College of Science

Dr. Michelle Greene joined The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) in 2016. She earned her B.Sc. in Biochemistry from Rhodes College and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Indiana University. Throughout her professional career, she has worked in biochemical research laboratories and in sales and marketing for biotechnology companies. She has taught chemistry and biochemistry in higher education for over 10 years. In June 2019, Dr. Greene was named Director of the Collaborative Learning Center, and in June of 2021, the first Director of UAH's Enhanced Teaching & Learning Center. In this role, she seeks to improve the educational environment at UAH by, among other things, fostering inclusivity and student participation in their courses.

DR. HAMSA MAHAFZA
Clinical Assistant Professor, UAH College of Education

Dr. Hamsa Mahafza is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the UAH College of Education and is a 2022 Honors College faculty fellow. She received her Ph.D. in Culture, Literacy, and Language from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Her teaching specialization includes multiculturalism and world language teaching methods. In her research, Dr. Mahafza focuses on service-learning in teacher education, as well as heritage language learning and school choice. In 2022, she joined the Board of Directors of the Alabama World Languages Association (AWLA) and also received the AWLA "Friend of Languages" Award. Currently, she serves as AWLA Advocacy Director. She is the author of *The Arabian Cinderella and the Secret of the Woven Threads* (in press). Her goal is to bridge the gap between cultures through culturally-responsive teaching.

Diversity in education is about acknowledging that every student is different. **Inclusion** is about taking deliberate steps to encourage all students to engage and succeed.

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