

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 8-10, 2014

to celebrate IASA's Golden Anniversary
at the Annual Conference!



We are marking the 50th anniversary of IASA becoming a stand-alone association at our Annual Conference, **so please save the dates October 8-10**. We have designed a commemorative coin that will be given to attendees, and we are working very hard to make the conference the highlight of our Golden Anniversary celebration.



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We already have confirmed many of our main speakers and it is an outstanding group, including:

- ✦ **Hall Davidson**, director of the Discovery Education Network and a nationally known educator and speaker on education in the digital age. Before coming to the Discovery Education Network, Davidson was Director of Educational Services at KOCE-TV, a PBS station in Orange County, California and taught math on a television show that earned an Emmy.
- ✦ **Jon Gordon**, noted author and business consultant, who has written books on such topics as leadership, culture and teamwork. He has authored nine books, including *One Word*, *The Energy Bus* and *The Seed: Finding Purpose and Happiness in Life and Work*.
- ✦ **Suhail Farooqui** is CEO of K12 Insight, a company that specializes in survey design and deployment in public schools, and the impact of surveys and community-wide communication on public schools. He is widely recognized as a visionary helping America's public schools become more relevant and effective at their core mission.
- ✦ **Rafe Esquith**, an award-winning teacher at Hobart Boulevard Elementary School in Los Angeles, where he has taught since 1984. Many of his students, who are all from a community of poor and immigrant families, start class very early, leave late, and typically achieve high scores in standardized tests. Esquith has authored books about teaching and his annual class Shakespeare Productions was featured in the 2005 documentary *The Hobart Shakespeareans*.

We also have invited the two candidates for governor, *Governor Pat Quinn and Republican candidate Bruce Rauner*, to attend a special forum and discuss their views on public education. This one still is in pencil and may remain so right up to the conference because of the obvious complexities of scheduling that are involved, but we have been given indications that both candidates might take advantage of the opportunity to come and talk about one of the most important issues facing our state.

The dates of the Annual Conference are Wednesday, October 8 through Friday, October 10. We hope that you are able to join us and help celebrate IASA's Golden Anniversary!



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