



**\*Promoting STEM Student Diversity—National and Illinois STEM Equity Pipeline Resources** (Loyalty Room) *–to be repeated in afternoon*

-*Lisa Matejka*, Research Coordinator, Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support, Normal, IL  
(Target audience: Counselors, Teachers, Administrators, Community Partners)

**\*Learning Strategies in Mathematics for Students with Learning Difficulties** (Excellence Room)

-*Johnell Bentz*, Clinical Assistant Professor, UIUC College of Education Department of Special Education  
(Target audience: Teachers, curriculum coordinators)

**\*Getting Started: Question and Answer Work Session for Potential New Schools** (Innovation Room)

-*Brenda Pacey*, U of Illinois PLTW Affiliate Director  
(Target audience: Administrative representatives of schools planning to join PLTW in 2008-09 for 2009-10 implementation, or in later years)

11:50-12:20

12:20-1:20 pm

**BUFFET LUNCH** (Illinois Ballroom)

**ILLINOIS PLTW ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**KEYNOTE:**

**"Innovation: Creative Problem-solving past, Present, and Future"**

-*Ashley Greer*, John Deere Technology Innovation Center

**ILLINOIS PLTW HS STUDENT EXHIBITS; RESOURCE EXHIBITS**

1:25-2:10 PM

**CONCURRENT SESSION #3 (select one)**

**\*PLTW Counselors and Administrators: Program Implementation, Reporting, Recognition/Certification Processes, Research Highlights** (Lincoln Room)

-*Steve Parrott*, PLTW State Leader; *Brenda Pacey*, PLTW Affiliate Director  
(Target audience: Counselors, Administrators, Curriculum Coordinators, representatives of potential new schools)

**\*PLTW Teachers: Best Practice Tools and Tips for Student Success** (Quad Room)

-*Dara Randerson*, POE Master Teacher, Oswego East HS; and *Bill Christian*, IED Master Teacher, Thornton HS, Facilitators  
(Target audience: PLTW-trained teachers)

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2:15-3:00 pm

**CONCURRENT SESSION #4 (select one):**

**\*Building Strong Business/Community Partnerships** (Lincoln Room)

-*Jeff Jerdee and Michael Geist*, District 214/Wheeling HS  
-*DeAnna Myers*, Sargent & Lundy, Chicago  
(Target audience: Community partners, administrators, PLTW team leaders of current and potential new PLTW schools)

**\*Student Recruitment, Advising, Retention: Guidance Counselor Panel and Group Discussion** (Quad Room)

-*Karrin Hawkins and Marty Tarmann*, McLean County Unit 5, Normal  
-*Polly Knudsen*, Buffalo Grove HS; *Scott Deutsch*, Elk Grove HS (District 214)  
(Target audience: Counselors, administrators, teachers from potential new schools)

**\*PLTW Teacher Idea-Sharing Roundtables**

(DE, CEA, CIM, EDD—Loyalty Room)

(IED and POE—Excellence Room)

(Biotech, Aero, GTT—Innovation Room)

(Target audience: PLTW-trained teachers and Affiliate Instructors)

3:00 pm

**Front Lobby Farewell Station**

-**Evaluation/Certificates of Attendance/Door Prizes distributed**

-**Kern Family Foundation teacher reimbursement forms**