# Discovery Education Fall VirtCon 2016 Agenda

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**October 22, 2016 - Streaming live from the Discovery Communications Headquarters**

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Discovery Education Fall VirtCon Session Descriptions

What’s New with Discovery Education? Content, Features and Functionality for the New School Year
Presenter: Kristy Vincent
New school year. New faces. New enhancements to Discovery Education! Curious how Discovery grew and changed over summer? Spend 15 minutes exploring that here. The search feature has taken on a new look and feel to help get you the content you need even faster. Global Labs is here to give you a window into the vast world in which we live. Want to learn how to use all of this? That is now available to you in the one stop shop called the Professional Learning Center. Let’s look at where to find step-by-step guides, interactive tutorials and even toolkits already put together for you. Time to see what is new. Check it out here!

Community Conversation: Learner Agency and Student Ownership
Host: Hall Davidson          Panel: Danielle Williams & Becky Goldberg
This conversation will provide participants with creative ways to encourage students to become autonomous and put themselves in the driver’s seat of their own education. Panelists will share artifacts from their classroom experience and participants be able to contribute their ideas through our chat.

Blending Hands-On with Digital
Presenter: Lance Rougeux
We all have favorite activities and projects that elicit wonder and excitement from our students. When we couple those great experiences with a rich variety of digital content, we help create a differentiated learning environment. We’ll explore some of our favorite hands-on activities like Pumpkin Math, catapult construction and zombie brain dissection and connect them to Discovery Education interactives, content collections and more. Note: No real zombies will be hurt in the creation of this session.

Top Free Programs & Challenges for Your School
Presenter: Mike Bryant
Seven ecliptic programs unite this fall to overthrow the classroom status quo. Virtual Field Trips, digital explorations and challenges grab hold of your students’ attention and bring boredom to its knees. Virtual Field Trips will transport your students from a farm in Ohio to the surface of Mars. Digital explorations allow your students to explore the chemistry behind dying eggs and the genes coding cancer. Challenges provide opportunities for your students to creatively solve problems from distracted driving to surviving a journey to Mars. Join our Program Champions as we run through the magnificent seven programs you must know about for the fall and beyond.
Community Conversation: Supporting Literacy Through Digital Content
Host: Lance Rougeux            Panel: Mae Christiansen & LaDonna Reynolds
This conversation will explore best practices for using digital media and tools to help students become the skilled readers, writers and thinkers needed in today’s world. Panelists will share artifacts from their classroom experience and participants be able to contribute their ideas through our chat.

Election Connection: Five Tips for Using Discovery Education During Election Season
Presenter: David Fisher
Election season is in full bloom and Discovery Education can easily help you select great resources for your students. Join me as we explore five awesome resources and their practical classroom uses. Take advantage of current events with the Global News. Study political cartoons. Explore Content Collections and SOS Strategies that support a variety of election content. Bring great education partner programming to your students with Chase The Race. And for our Social Studies Techbook users, explore some great election resources with one of the authors of that content, Dan Byerly. With great content like this presenting a unified election platform, you’ll find it easy to bring the election to life for your students.

Virtual Reality in Discovery Education
Presenter: Hall Davidson
Virtual Reality (VR) is impacting the world in major ways - and now it’s part of Discovery Education. During this session we’ll take a look at how to use it, make it, and integrate it! You’ll see where this amazing content lives inside of your Discovery Education services and get practical ideas for how to bring these experiences into your classroom.

Community Conversation: Collaborative STEM
Host: Mike Bryant            Panel: Kelli Recher, Danielle Williams, & Jonathan Gerlach
This conversation will focus on STEM projects that support 21st century skills and enable students to contribute their ideas, share and review data from other students, and collaborate with classrooms around the world. Panelists will share artifacts from their classroom experience and participants be able to contribute their ideas through our chat.

Collaborative Projects Powered by Discovery Education
Presenter: Dean Shareski
New to Discovery Education are collaborative projects. These opportunities enable students, teachers, and learners of all ages to pose questions and together find answers. By sharing data, discussing important ideas, and collaborating with classrooms around the world students can grow their creative, communication,
collaboration and critical thinking skills. In this session we will introduce you to the basics of Discovery Education’s collaborative projects and take an inside look into a classroom using the resource. We’ll also share a great story of success from a student making a difference as a result of one of these projects.

Content Creation with Board Builder
**Presenter: Emily Wirth**
Discovery Education Board Builder enables teachers and students to create digital bulletin boards with a variety of media, including sourced and self-created resources. Board Builder can be used in a variety of ways: for topic delivery and engagement, for assessment, and to determine student understanding. In this session we’ll share how to create and share boards, identify classroom strategies for using Board Builder, provide examples of boards created by teachers and students, and even give you resources for sharing Board Builder with your colleagues.

Community Conversation: Professional Learning Strategies
**Host: Lance Rougeux**  **Panel: Rachael Postle-Brown & ShaBranda Faison**
This conversation will discuss research-based professional development strategies to support educators in utilizing digital resources. Panelists will share artifacts from their classroom experience and participants be able to contribute their ideas through our chat.

Sharing Spotlight on Strategies (SOS) with Your Colleagues
**Presenter: Jannita Demian**
Are you utilizing the SOS with your students and looking for ways to share your experience with others? Have you been asked to share the power of Discovery Education with your colleagues? In this session, we will share tips and tricks for how to deliver our #1 requested professional development session around the Spotlight on Strategies series. Walk away with resources and ideas to help inspire your colleagues.