



Annual Conference

Empowering Students with Literacy Super Powers

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Register now at utahliteracy.org
Educator \$110 (early bird pricing until 9/15)
Undergraduate students \$55

The conference will be held at:
Mountain America Expo Center
9575 S. State Street
Sandy, Utah

A few of the presenters include:



Jason Wright is a *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling author. Some of his published works include the following: *The James Miracle*, *Christmas Jars*, *The Wednesday Letters*, *A Letter to Mary*, *The Lost Carnival* and *The Christmas Doll*. He teaches writing workshops and presents “kindness” assemblies around the U.S.

Dexonna Talbot was crowned Miss Utah 2019 in June. She has done many presentations about “Servesteem” – increasing self-esteem through service. She is also the author of a children’s book, *You and Me*, which discusses bullying, and loving and accepting others for their own unique selves.



Jessica Winward is a classically trained actress, experienced teaching artist, and a dynamic director. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Classical Theatre from Southern Utah University graduated summa cum laude. Upon graduating she accepted an international two-year touring contract with Missoula Children's Theatre. She toured to 37 states and 5 countries performing, teaching, and directing just under 100 casts of various musicals.

Barbara Andrews spent 27 years as a classroom teacher, ESL teacher, Reading Recovery and Descubriendo la Lectura teacher, and as a district instructional facilitator and administrator. During that time, she focused extensively on the needs of bilingual students and English learners. Barbara’s wealth of experience now helps her provide effective professional development as a Senior Literacy Consultant for Benchmark Education Company.



Mica Byrum, M.Ed., is a consultant for 95 Percent Group. She has over 13 years of educational experience including classroom teacher, reading coach, and DIBELS assessment trainer. Through Project N2:20, Mica served the state of Oklahoma as a literacy coach, working with struggling school systems across the state.