Changing the Story Together:

Inspiring our Youth to Thrive in an Ever-Changing World

July 19 & 20, 2017
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Hosted by the
Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation
179 County Route 64
Mexico, NY 13114

Join the Wisdom Thinkers Network in a two-day summer institute to equip all our children with a character-rich foundation needed for a meaningful life in school, community, and the workplace.

- **2 days**
- **3 internationally known speakers**
- **8 distinct, exciting and interactive professional development workshops** focused on three key themes including: Whole Child Interventions, Raising Resilient Children, and Sustainable Livelihoods, plus great networking opportunities.

Full Speaker Biographies and program information available:
http://www.wisdomthinkers.org/change-story

Registration fee is only $50 for both days, which includes beverages and a light lunch.
Limited space available, so reserve your seat now at: **https://WTNchangingthestory.eventbrite.com**

Presenting outstanding internationally known speakers:

Dr. Darcia Narvaez, Director, Notre Dame's Collaborative for Ethical Education

"Building The Nest: From brain function to flourishing children and communities of character"

Award winning author and researcher on how early life experience influences societal culture and moral character in children and adults: 2015 - William James Book Award: ***Neurobiology and the Development of Human Morality: Evolution, Culture and Wisdom*** and Editor, Journal of Moral Education.
Learn more at: http://darcianarvaez.com/ http://www3.nd.edu/~dnarvaez/

Dr. Naresh Singh, International Development Consultant

"Changing the story from Poverty to Sustainable Livelihoods"

One of world's foremost experts on poverty alleviation – former principal UNDP advisor on poverty and sustainable livelihoods, former Exec. Director, UN High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor. He has worked in over 60 countries.
Learn more at: www.sustainable-livelihoods.com

Dr. Jonathan Cohen, NSCC, President, National School Climate Center

"Building a Positive School Climate - Promoting a Community of Upstanders: Promoting Learning as well as Preventing Cruel and Bullying Behaviors"

Nationally known expert on School Climate, Safe Schools, and Bullying Prevention.
Learn more at: www.schoolclimate.org.

Break-out Session Workshops Include:

- "Stories of our Past, Influencing our Future" - Changing the Story between school and community – service learning with a purpose - reversing the "Brain Drain"
- Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges: How do I reach unreachable students and families?
- Turtles and Sandboxes: Simply integrating SEL and Character Education into School Culture from Classroom, Specials, and Service Learning
- Teaching Resilience and Instilling Hope: Understanding and Effectively Responding to the Impact of Childhood Trauma in Schools
- Curbing Chronic Absenteeism: Tools for Engaging Students and Families in School, All Day, Every Day
- Amygdala Hijack: Social and Emotional Learning

Schedule:

	July 19 - Day 1	July 20 - Day 2
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	**Registration & Light Refreshments**	
8:30 - 8:45	**Welcome – Ralph Singh**, Chair, Wisdom Thinkers Network Introduction to Dr. Darcia Narvaez	**Welcome – Ralph Singh** Introduction to Dr. Naresh Singh
8:45 - 10:15	**Dr. Darcia Narvaez**	**Dr. Naresh Singh**
10:15 - 10:30	**Break**	
10:30 - 12:00	**Session 1 - Workshops**	**Session 3 - Workshops and Thematic Discussion groups**
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	**Lunch**	
1:00 - 2:30	**Session 2 - Workshops**	**Dr. Jonathan Cohen**
2:30 - 3:00	**Student Showcase**	**Wrap Up – amplifying our work**
3:30 - 5:30	WTN reception by invitation	

Note: Registrants will receive a copy of the final program as it becomes available, by email.

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