



📅 April 25, 2026

📍 O’Gorman High School, Sioux Falls, SD

09:00 - 09:25

REGISTRATION & WELCOME

G-WING & LIBRARY

09:30 - 10:20

WELCOME &  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: AI IN THE WL  
CLASSROOM

NATASHA BERG  
LIBRARY - LARGE GROUP

10:25 - 11:15

CLASSROOM BUDDIES:  
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING IN AN  
IMMERSION PROGRAM

YUBETH MEDINA OLAYA &  
ADRIAN LEDESMA MARTIN  
SPANISH G-105

11:25 - 11:50

COMMUNITY AND CLASSROOM:  
BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH  
ENGAGED TEACHING

MARIE-PIERRE CAQUOT  
BAGGETT  
ALL LANGUAGES, FRENCH  
EXAMPLES G-108

TWO LANGUAGES, ONE COMMUNITY:  
THE POWER OF BILINGUAL  
IMMERSION PROGRAMS

ZULEMA MEZA, YOCTZY PEREZ,  
ASHLEY AGUIRRE  
SPANISH IMMERSION G-105

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR  
INTEGRATING COMMUNITIES INSIDE  
& OUTSIDE THE WL CLASSROOM

VIVIAN FRANCO DIAZ  
ALL LANGUAGES G-103



11:55 - 12:20

ORAL PROFICIENCY PROJECT:  
EXPERIMENTING WITH A  
CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC  
EXCHANGE BETWEEN  
VERMILLION & LIMA

ANGELA HELMER  
SPANISH G-103

TEACHING FAIRY TALES IN THE  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
CLASSROOM

SCOTT FISH & TARYN HELGESON  
ALL LANGUAGES, FRENCH  
EXAMPLES G-108

12:25 - 1:10

WORKING LUNCH WITH BOARD  
MEETING

CAFETERIA

1:15 - 1:55

KEYNOTE #2: SEAL OF BILITERACY

YUTZIL BECKER DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
LIBRARY - LARGE GROUP

2:00 - 2:30

LESSON SWAPS A & B

SWAP A G-105  
SWAP B G-108

2:35 - 3:25

ADAPTING UFLI FOR SPANISH: A  
PRACTICAL APPROACH FOR  
IMMERSION PROGRAMS

ADRIAN LEDESMA, ANA BAEZ,  
CINDY GUTIERREZ, MIRIAM DEL  
CAÑO  
IMMERSION SPANISH G-103

LANGUAGE SWAP: A MULTILINGUAL  
PEER LEARNING PROJECT

SARAH SINNOTT  
ALL LANGUAGES G-105



3:25 - 4:15

“THE PAST IS A FOREIGN COUNTRY”: DIVERSIFYING THE CURRICULUM WITH LOCAL GERMAN HERITAGE

NATHAN BATES  
GERMAN G-108

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION: EMPOWERING PARTICIPATION IN MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITIES

KAREN NICKEL  
ALL LANGUAGES G-105

4:20 - 4:45

IT'S NOT JUST A GAME!  
BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE CLASSROOM

MEGAN FISCHER  
ALL LANGUAGES, SPANISH  
EXAMPLES G-108

CREATING ACTIVE VIEWERS AND CRITICAL THINKERS: USING REMAKES IN A HUMAN RIGHTS FILM CLASS

MARIA SPITZ  
ALL LANGUAGES G-103

4:50 - 5:20

LESSON SWAPS C & D

SWAP C G-105  
SWAP D G-108

5:45 - ...

SOCIALIZING / DINNER

TABLES RESERVED AT  
TAVERN GRILL

## OGHS PARKING LOT & INSTRUCTIONS:

**3201 S KIWANIS AVE, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57105**

ENTER FROM KIWANIS AVE, TAKE YOUR FIRST RIGHT, AND PARK IN THE BACK OF THE BUILDING AND ENTER THROUGH THE G-WING DOORS (NOT THE MAIN ENTRANCE). SEE THE MAP FOR CLARIFICATION.

