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Anita Archer to Present Opening Keynote at 44th National Direct Instruction Conference!

We are excited to announce that nationally recognized author, speaker and trainer Dr. Anita Archer will present the opening keynote at the 44th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes on July 24, 2018. The conference is held at the Hilton Eugene, in Eugene, Oregon, and runs July 23-27.

Dr. Anita Archer has taught elementary and middle school students and is the recipient of many recognitions for her contributions to education. Dr. Archer has served on the faculties of San Diego State University, the University of Washington, and the University of Oregon. She is nationally known for her presentations and publications on instructional procedures and literacy instruction and has co-authored several popular programs with Dr. Mary Gleason including REWARDS, REWARDS Plus, REWARDS Writing (Sopris) and Skills for School Success (Curriculum Associates). In addition to her keynote she will present a session on July 23 featuring a textbook she co-wrote with Dr. Charles Hughes titled *Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching*.

We will be releasing the conference brochure in the coming weeks. Make your plans now to be in Eugene for the week of July 23-27, 2018 for most comprehensive Direct Instruction training available-anywhere!

Special Edition 2018 Calendar Featuring Paintings by Zig Engelmann Available!

For the past 20 years, creator of DI and senior author of the DI programs Zig Engelmann, has produced a calendar featuring a sampling of his watercolor paintings to give to his friends and associates. This year, to celebrate that 20 year landmark, he is making the calendar available to you! Each month features one of his paintings, taken from scenes primarily in Oregon. When asked about his paintings, Zig says, "I try and make them as realistic as possible. I want..."
people to look at them and be able to feel like they are really there."

Copies of the calendar are only $23.95 each, which includes postage. [Click here](#) to order your copy.

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**First Four NIFDI Video In-services Available!**

NIFDI video in-services are designed to support school leaders in charge of managing Direct Instruction (DI) implementations. Through the guidance of the videos, participants will view demonstrations and receive information by expert DI trainers. Participants will also practice the skills being taught and receive feedback from the facilitator, who will follow a facilitator's guide. In addition, these video in-services provide a model for district and building-level coaches, APIs (assistant principals of instruction) or building coordinators on how to sequence examples and focus on critical issues when training, as well as provide activities that promote mastery of the targeted skills.

We have received some great feedback and would like to hear from you. If you have used in-services, please let us know what you think of them by sending an email to [training@nifdi.org](mailto:training@nifdi.org)

[Click here](#) for ordering information and a complete description of the contents of each in-service.

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