

PDI for Your Own PD



2020 Professional Development Institute Co-Sponsored by NALP and ALI CLE In collaboration with the Professional Development Consortium

Many of you are working harder than ever and I am worried about you: sending middle-of-the-night emails, hosting back-to-back-to-back zoom meetings and trainings, and taking care of everyone else. I am (again) reminding fellow professional developers of the importance of **“practicing what we preach,” “securing our oxygen masks”** and **taking care of our own professional development**, especially this year.

Some of you may be planning to keep your heads down until 2020 is behind us but I remind you of an incredible annual PD opportunity just a few weeks away. The 2020 Professional Institute, which NALP and ALI CLE will host on **December 3 and 4**, in collaboration with the Professional Development Consortium, will be virtual this year and is a great opportunity to focus on your own development in what has been such a challenging year.

Excellent Speakers and 26 Timely Sessions Available for 30 days

I love attending PDI every December and not just because of the martinis at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, DC. Although we won't gather in DC in person and there will be no separate PDC meeting this year, I recommend investing in your own PD and registering for PDI, which will feature our industry's leaders discussing trends and sharing best practices.

The timely topics include everything from bias elimination to succession planning to well-being, as well as practical tips for managing, leading, communicating, training, and working remotely.

PDI 2020's speakers' roster is a who's who of legal professional developers, including **Ida Abbott, Melanie Priddy, Tracy Lalonde, LeaNora Ruffin, Michelle Nash, Andy Hales, Jackie Cranford, Diane Costigan, Anne Bradford, Rachael Bosch, Manar Morales, and Ian Nelson, to name drop just a few.**

Tracy is discussing her new book *The Joychiever Journey: How to Use Overachiever Strengths for the Pursuit of Joy*, at one of the plenaries. The other plenary will provide a state-of-the-industry report from Citi Private Bank's Law Firm Group, including an overview of the financial performance of the law firm industry in 2020.

I am honored to again be presenting the Management Foundations course with **Andy Hales**, on December 2nd from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. The pre-conference workshop is a crash course in PD, aimed at those new to the profession or transitioning to new roles. With no travel costs, consider sending registering your junior team members for the Foundations program this year.

The conference planners built in plenty of networking opportunities each day before and after the sessions to simulate the Mandarin ballroom. For those who attended the PDC summer conference, you will be familiar with Remo, the networking platform that will allow us to have small group discussions, catch up with old friends and make new ones. It is the next best thing to being there and a great way to stay connected with our PD community.

[Register Today!](#)

So, don't make me worry about you and just work away the rest of 2020. Consider signing up for PDI for your own PD: secure your oxygen mask, refill your reservoir, practice what you preach and get ready for an amazing 2021. I hope to "see" you there.

Meanwhile, please take extra good care!

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