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2005 MICCA Technology Conference: Blazing New Paths

Forum on Technologies' Impact and the Role of Evaluation

When: Wednesday, April 27, 2005
2:00-3:45 PM

Where: Room 338 MICCA Conference

Ms. Susan Patrick
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Dr. Susan Lancaster, Bellarmine University, School of
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MICCA (<http://www.miccaonline.org/>), an ISTE affiliate, is Maryland's primary educational technology organization. MICCA is dedicated to providing leadership for advancing meaningful uses of technology in the educational communities of Maryland. One of MICCA's highlights is its annual conference which will be held this year on April 27 and 28th at the Baltimore Convention Center. In an effort to pull together dialogue between higher education and the K-12 community, MICCA has formalized a higher education special interest group (SIGHE). SIGHE will be hosting a new research/white paper strand including a Best Research Paper Award and will be hosting a forum/panel organized around a topic of interest to both the K-12 and Higher education community. **Unanimously, the topic of interest was Technologies Impact and the Role of Evaluation.**



Increasing costs of maintaining technology infrastructure and professional development efforts, as well as evidence of low use of current technology by teachers has generated urgency for research to help provide a rationale for specific uses of technology to support teaching and learning in today's classrooms. The Forum will begin with a conversation with a distinguished panel of experts about past and current research; describe topics and issues on which new research should focus, and offer guidelines for research methods to help provide results to guide future use of technology in education. Join us for a conversation about evaluation related to even the smallest grant initiatives that can help move this important agenda forward.