Conference Participants

There were 129 attendees to the 2015 Health & Life Science Collaboration Conference at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego, CA.

Teachers joined together to participate and collaborate in workshops dedicated to increasing student exposure to topics in health, medicine, and life science. Several participants from other parts of California, such as Los Angeles, Riverside, Imperial Valley, and others, also traveled to attend.

Participants included attendees from San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange County, Imperial Valley, and Riverside.
Workshop Session Highlights

Transitioning to College Programs
Attendees: 10
“Great info!”

Health & Biotechnology Labor Market
Attendees: 11
“Great information!”

Work Readiness
Attendees: 22
“Great resources and connections!”

Medical Biology Lab & Collaboration
Attendees: 53
“Good to teach our labs and hear from teachers who have implemented them.”

Medical A & P Lab & Collaboration
Attendees: 37
“I loved the lab! Great facilitator and opportunity to collaborate.”

Medical Chemistry Lab & Collaboration
Attendees: 32
“I love the curriculum.”

Biotechnology Lab
Attendees: 22
“Such a great lab! The idea is great and I would love to use it in class.”

CTE Collaboration
Attendees: 14
Great info and would have loved more time.”

Medical Middle School Lab & Collaboration
Attendees: 22
“Great labs! Very well organized and handouts really help.”

Expanding Your Pathway
Attendees: 18
“Very exciting! Can’t wait for the middle school ones... I think these are not just useful for English classes, but literacy in science.”

Conference Resources
All handouts, presentations, and resources presented at the conference are available online at www.haspi.org.

Keynote Address
“Extremely relevant inspired info we can use in our classrooms. Great graphics! Also loved the up-to-date and current info.”

Vaccines: Polio and the Present
Dr. Peter Salk
Dr. Salk not only spoke about the history regarding the polio epidemic, but also about the development of the polio vaccine by his father, Jonas Salk. His presentation also focused on the current status of polio and the later work of Jonas Salk. Dr. Salk provided a glimpse into how a widespread vaccination program can impact society.

The Importance of Education Related to Immunizations
Dr. Mark Sawyer
Focusing on the County of San Diego, Dr. Sawyer spoke about the impact of vaccines and immunization on society. He provided simulations and data to demonstrate the impact of community protection and what could happen without it.

Vaccination & Immunity Project
The Vaccination and Immunity Project has been created by the Health and Science Pipeline Initiative in collaboration with Rady Children’s Hospital, the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation, the San Diego Rotary, and the San Diego Foundation. At the conference, the module was overviewed and the lab component highlighted. The project is looking to reach at least 200 students. At the conference, 29 teachers with a combined student population of more than 2,200 students, signed up to complete the module in Spring 2016.

“Looking forward to running the lab. Can’t wait to inform students about this important topic!”