

→ **K-12 EDUCATORS:**

**CALIFORNIA INVENTION CONVENTION
WANTS YOU!**



Join our Invention Education **WORKSHOP**



Get into the Invention Convention spirit!

*This lively hands-on workshop will detail
step-by-step how to bring an Invention
Convention program to your school.*

*Join your peers for a fun day that
will help kick-start your year!*

**Santa Cruz County
Office of Education**
In the Board Room

IN PERSON

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 2023

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
INCLUDED!**

Cost: \$95



**WHAT WILL YOUR
STUDENTS INVENT?**

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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Who it's for: K-12 teachers looking for more science plus CTE, engineering, business, and art/design teachers, will enjoy working and learning alongside peers. It will also be especially engaging for teachers who already have students participating in engineering, entrepreneurship, or Shark Tank® type challenges.

- The CAIC program fulfills the California Core & NGSS, 21st Century Skills, and other requirements.
- Engage in activities that guide you through the Invention Process.
- Discover strategies that enable students to become creative problem-solvers.
- Experience first-hand the implementation procedures and tools.
- Understand the participation requirements for both the state level and the National Invention Convention events.
- Learn how your students can represent your school/program at state events, in the media, and at the National Invention Convention.

REGISTER TODAY!



FROM A PARTICIPANT:

"Over the last three decades I have had the pleasure of educating students. I have seen trends and programs come and go, but rarely do I encounter a program which survives the test of time and makes a lifelong impact on students. The California Invention Convention is the most exciting opportunity for students and educators alike! My students beg for the lessons and they support each other in their quests to find and solve problems in the world."

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Brenda Payne, Executive Director, California Invention Convention



Brenda began her career as an educator in Northern California where she introduced invention education to students, utilizing an engineering curriculum that she helped develop for her district. Continuing on as a principal at several schools in Northern and Central California and an interim superintendent for a small district in Santa Cruz County, she began the California Invention Convention (CAIC), a program that today serves thousands of students, as an annual celebration of K-12 inventors and entrepreneurs from across the state. Brenda has provided the professional development for the CAIC curriculum that teachers use in their classrooms and after school programs.

Jennifer Mead, Director of Education, California Invention Convention



Jennifer has been an innovative educator for over 3 decades. Her goal is to teach students through cooperative learning and critical thinking. Her service has been recognized with several awards, including 2020 Teacher of the Year from Junior Achievement of Northern California, the 2020 Lemelson-MIT Excite Award, and first place in the 2019 Henry Ford Teacher Innovator Awards. Jennifer's passion for innovative learning fueled her involvement with the California Invention Convention starting in 2018 and has led to her position as Director of Education for the California Invention Convention. Most recently, Jennifer has worked to enrich the lives of students through designing and instructing Professional Development for teachers, showcasing literature as a catalyst for Invention Learning.

