



# Rich History 1817-2017 Bright Future

## Celebrating Mississippi's Bicentennial

Join teachers from around the state who are passionate about bringing the best innovative and practical teaching strategies to the classroom. The Whole Schools Initiative is Mississippi's first comprehensive statewide education program which uses the arts as a vehicle for teaching the school curriculum. This unique program goes far beyond "art for art's sake." The WSI takes the proven power of learning through the arts to the entire curriculum and makes the subjects come alive!

The WSI Summer Institute is a professional learning opportunity open to any educator interested in teaching the school curriculum through the fine arts. Sessions will be offered for educators who work in Early Childhood through 8th grade and self-contained special education classrooms.

Pre-registration closes on **Friday, May 26th**. Registration information may be accessed at [www.mswholeschools.org](http://www.mswholeschools.org)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### Kevin Spencer

Kevin Spencer is a teaching artist, researcher, speaker, consultant, and award-winning film producer as well as faculty in the Special Education program at Carlow University (PA) where he teaches a course on the intersection of the arts for special populations. He is also a world-renowned illusionist with dozens of accolades to his credit. He and his wife, Cindy, were the recipients of the Merlin Award for International Magicians of the Year (2009) and six-time recipients of Performing Arts Entertainer of the Year. Most recently, the Millbourne Christopher Foundation honored them as Illusionists of the Year (2015) for their unique contributions to the art of magic.

Spencer is widely considered the leading authority on the educational and therapeutic benefits of magic tricks in education and rehabilitation. His work has taken him around the world where he has conducted professional development training for educators, interactive classroom activities for students, and continuing education workshops for rehabilitation specialists.. He is a regular speaker at international education and healthcare conferences and believes in the power of the arts to bring transformative experiences to people of all abilities.

The 2017 Whole Schools Initiative (WSI) Summer Institute will be held **June 13th - 16th** at the **MS Gulf Coast Community College**. This four day conference will bring together over 300 educators (pre-k to pre-service), artists and community members for over 180 hours of high quality professional development opportunities from local and national presenters. The Mississippi Gulf Coast is always celebrating something - whether it's blues, jazz or the newest opportunity to savor Gulf-to-table seafood. Come experience the charm and hospitality of the coast while improving your skills, knowledge, and awareness of arts integration.

### INSTITUTE DATES AND FEES

**June 13th - 16th** at the MS Gulf Coast Community College Resort & Hospitality Center | Biloxi

PRE-REGISTRATION..... **\$250**  
(Ends May 26th. )

Online Registration closes May 26th

ON-SITE REGISTRATION ..... **\$275**

### CONFERENCE HOTEL

#### Doubletree by Hilton

**\$125 (plus applicable taxes)**

**940 Beach Blvd | Biloxi, MS 39530**

**For reservations call (228) 546-3100**



**RETURN PAYMENT OR INQUIRIES TO WSI SUMMER INSTITUTE C/O ANDREA COLEMAN, COORDINATOR:**

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