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LTF Trainer Spotlight:
Foy Owens

English Common Core Standards Crosswalks for Levels Two and Three have been posted! Read more about the Common Core Standards and view the current Crosswalks [here](#).

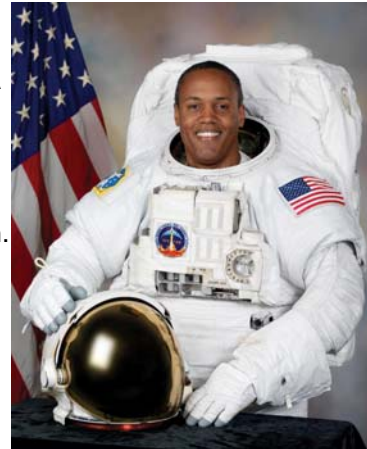
October 1st One-Day Conference

Sessions are filling fast for the **LTF One-Day Conference at J. Frank Dobie High School (Pasadena ISD) in Houston, Texas**. This conference is designed for 6th-12th grade teachers of English, math, science, social studies, art history/studio, and music theory. Attendees will receive continental breakfast, lunch, and a pre-loaded flash drive of conference materials--all for just **\$109!**

We're excited to announce that **NASA Astronaut Alvin Drew** will be our keynote speaker for this event. It's not every day that you get to hear an astronaut share his experiences in space and talk about STEM education.

For more information and to register, please visit our [website](#) or email events@lfttraining.org.

We'll see you in Houston!



NEW! Fall Training for Science

LTF is now offering Fall Science Training for Modules 1 and 2 and Modules 5 and 6. The training will be held November 10-11 in Dallas, TX, at Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School. Classes will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Training for Modules 3 and 4 and Modules 7 and 8 is scheduled for January 12-13.

Register [here](#).



Retirement hasn't stopped Foy Owens from doing what he does best: teaching. In fact, retirement has not only given him the opportunity to continue working as an LTF Trainer for the past five years--it has allowed him to take his 41 years of public education experience to Africa. Earlier this year Owens spent ten weeks teaching math at African Christian College in Swaziland.

Read the full story [here](#).

Texas teachers will receive 30 hours of CPE credit for attendance and will fulfill the annual six-hour Gifted and Talented Update. Teachers who attend all 30 hours will be eligible for reimbursement from TEA.

Reminder: Fall Training for English & Math



This week we're kicking off our Fall Institutes with [Year 1 English Training](#), held at the Laying the Foundation headquarters in Dallas, Texas. The first two days of training are on September 9-10, and the final two days will take place on January 20-21, 2012.

[Year 1 Math Training](#) will work the same way, with the first two days of training on Sept. 16-17 and the final two days on Jan. 27-28, 2012.

It's not too late to [register](#) for these Fall Institutes!

August LTF Forum Winners

Congratulations to the August LTF Forum Winners:

- **Andrew Hollinger** (randomly selected)
- **Steve Mintner** (best comment)

To read Mr. Mintner's comment about screencasting, please visit the [LTF Science Forum](#).

Just because the LTF Forum Contest is over doesn't mean that the conversation has ended! We encourage you to continue to participate in [LTF Forum](#) discussions, where you can learn more about LTF Training, exchange teaching tips, and share thoughts on education in general. Invite your friends to visit the Forums too.

Elliot Mayen recently joined the LTF team as our new Video Project Manager. Be looking for some great new videos in the coming weeks and months. Welcome aboard, Elliot!

Laying the Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality teacher training, rigorous classroom materials, and web-based resources to improve the quality of English, mathematics, and science instruction. LTF believes that training, mentoring, and empowering the teacher corps will lead to high standards of academic excellence for all students.

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