

Featured Presentation
**Inspiring ELLs at the secondary level through
language-rich classrooms**

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Spruce



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Abstract: It is essential that we strive to inspire our secondary English Language Learners (ELLs) so that they find school meaningful and can be prepared for college, career and life. This session will show how middle school and high school teachers can enhance their instruction by making it more language-rich.

Biography: Sarah Ottow, founder and lead coach of Confianza and ELL students, has dedicated her career to empowering teachers and promoting equity for culturally and linguistically diverse students. She has served as a classroom teacher, an ELL specialist, a district coordinator and a bilingual literacy coach/reading specialist in Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Puerto Rico schools. Sarah has earned a Masters of Science in Curriculum and Instruction focused on social justice in urban education. As an ELL PD Specialist and WIDA Consultant, Sarah works with educators across the country to support their multilingual learners and their families.

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