

#NYCSchoolsTech Summit

Digin Panel | July 28, 2021 | 2:45-3:45 ET

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Description

Five education leaders and experts in digital accessibility and inclusive practices from around the country will discuss a variety of issues related to inclusive practices. We will dive into the why, what, and how of inclusive practices as well as address how you can be a disability rights advocate yourself.

Moderator

- [Sean M. Arnold](#) | STEM Coach | [District 75](#)

Panelists

- David Carroca | Director of Assistive Technology | [District 75](#)
- [Hue-An Wren](#) | Teacher on Special Assignment | [Garden Grove Unified Schools](#)
- [Katie Fielding](#) | Tech Coach | Woodbridge HS - VA
- [Kim Zajac](#) | Speech/Language Pathologist & Audiologist | [Norton Public Schools](#)
- [Rhianon Gutierrez](#) | Director of Digital Learning | [Boston Public Schools](#)

Materials:

- Presentation: <https://diit.nyc/diginpanelpres>
- Agenda Link: <https://diit.nyc/diginpanel>
- [Translation](#)
- [Previous panel agenda](#)
- Event Website:
<https://www.techlearningevents.com/nycschoolstechsummit/home>
- [Social Media Tips](#) (#NYCSchoolsTech)
- Research Information: [Digital Inclusion Checklist](#), [DigIn Evaluation Toolkit](#)
- See [Additional Resources](#) Below

Agenda Overview

[2:45 - Welcome](#)

[2:47 - Introduction](#)

[3:00 - Panel Questions](#)

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Agenda

2:45 - Welcome /Greetings/ Overview

- [Agenda](#)/ Topics Covered
- Expected Outcomes

2:47 - Introduction

- About the Panelists ([Intro Video](#))
- Their Inclusive Work
- Poll Everywhere Overview (polllev.com/seanarnold809)

- What does inclusive learning mean to you? ([Inclusive learning Video](#)) ([Respond Online](#))

3:00 - Panel Questions

- What are some effective ways of involving people digitally? ([Respond Online](#))
 - [On Accessibility](#)
 - [On Differentiation](#)
- How do we adopt inclusive language? ([Respond Online](#))
 - [Accessible & Inclusive Social Media](#)
- Where are people embracing digital inclusion? ([Respond Online](#))
 - [Special Games for Special Players](#)
- What places still need work?
- How has the pandemic changed how you think about digital inclusion? ([Respond Online](#))
 - [Remote Learning in Special Education](#)
 - [Events at the End of the World](#)
- What role does digital citizenship play in inclusive practices? ([Respond Online](#))
 - [Accessible & Inclusive Social Media](#)
 - [Common Sense Media](#)
- How can educators get support for providing accessible content? ([Respond Online](#))
 - [Wave Web Accessibility Checker](#)
 - [Chrome Accessibility Guide](#)
 - [MacOS Accessibility Guide](#), & [iOS Accessibility Guide](#)
 - [Windows Accessibility Guide](#)
 - Training Pages ([Apple](#), [Google](#), [Microsoft](#))
- What makes you hopeful about the future of inclusive learning? ([Respond Online](#))
 - [Hope in the Heart of a Health Crisis](#)

3:30 - Audience Q&A

- Audience Posts
- What key message do you want to convey to educators about inclusive learning?

3:40 - Next Steps

- Resource Share Out
- Reconnect ([DigIn Team](#), [#NYCSchoolsTech Facebook Group](#), [#NYCSchoolsTechChat](#))

3:45 - Adjourn

Note: Evaluation will be emailed to participants after the Summit.

Moderator Info

Name: Sean M. Arnold

Title: STEM Coach

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Bio: As a special educator and STEM Coach in NYC's District 75, citywide special education, Sean works with a broad range of students and educators. He is committed to reaching all students through innovative technology and practices. He shares his expertise at making learning personally meaningful, intrinsically motivating, and made for everyone at conferences and at BraveInTheAttempt.com. He has received the ISTE Outstanding Teacher Award, ISTE Inclusive Learning Network Outstanding Educator Award, NYCDOE Excellence in School Technology Award, the EDxEDNYC Excellence in Technology Award, and several other accolades and certifications.

Panelist Info

Name: David Carroca

Title: Director of Assistive Technology

Work Affiliation: [NYC DOE District 75](#)

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Bio: David Carroca is the Director of Assistive Technology for District 75 – NYCDOE. David is a NYS-licensed occupational therapist and special education teacher with over 18 years of

experience in education. The D75 assistive technology team provides evaluations and therapeutic interventions for students as well as implementation strategies for the District 75 community.

Name: Hue-An Wren

Title: Teacher on Special Assignment

Work Affiliation: [Garden Grove Unified School District](#)

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Bio: I am an Instructional Technology TOSA in a large urban school district in Southern California. I'm also an Adjunct professor in the Cal State Fullerton Masters Program in Edtech. Here I'm able to work with teachers through a rigorous program that focuses on bringing Edtech practices into the classroom to foster engaging and innovative learning environments. I spend a lot of my time merging the foundations of theory with practical classroom implementation.

Name: Katherine Jo Fielding

Title: Instructional Technology Coach

Work Affiliation: Prince William County Schools

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Bio: With 17 years of experience in public schools, I am always excited to talk about ways to integrate technology into the classroom. I transitioned to the role of Instructional Technology Coach at Woodbridge Senior High School after 13 years in the high school science classroom. In that position, I have quickly found my niche in sharing instructional technology practices with my colleagues. I was selected VSTE Coach of the Year in 2019, generously nominated by colleagues. I take joy in building capacity in teachers, students, and caregivers so they can fully participate in the digital world.

Name: Kim Zajac, MA CCC-SLP/A

Title: Speech/Language Pathologist and Audiologist

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Bio: Kim Zajac, MA CCC-SLP/A is a certified Speech/Language Pathologist and Audiologist in the Norton Public Schools in Massachusetts. She is an affiliated virtual practicum instructor at Emerson College in the Speech@Emerson Graduate Program. Kim is a MassCUE board member and a Co-Founder of [@EdCampSoutheasternMA](#). She has presented at various conferences including ISTE, MassCUE, and New England League of Middle Schools Annual Conference. With over 20 years experience working with individuals across a variety of settings, She is passionate about establishing equitable access and inclusion for ALL students.

Name: Rhianon E. Gutierrez

Title: Director of Digital Learning

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Bio: As an educator, I have worked in K-12 and higher education and at the district level, including in a supervisory capacity. I bring an adaptive mindset to design equitable and inclusive learning experiences for all learners. My work is driven by my core values of inclusion, equity, lifelong learning, and collaboration.

I view the world as a classroom where everyone should have access to high quality learning experiences, face-to-face and virtual, that engage them in creative and authentic problem solving and collaboration. My work is grounded in Universal Design for Learning (UDL) where planning and designing for learner variability is at the center. I work in collaboration with others to design flexible learning environments from the start by choosing relevant multimodal and accessible resources that give learners options to engage with the content.

Additional Resources

- Tools & Information
 - [CAST](#)
 - [ISTE Inclusive Learning Network](#)
 - [UDL Tech Tool Kit](#)
 - [EF Toolkit](#)
 - [Innovator's Compass](#)
- Blogs
 - [Brave In The Attempt](#)
 - [Kim Zajac](#)
 - [Rhianon Gutierrez](#)
 - [Katie Fielding](#)
 - [The Perfect Blend](#)
- Books
 - [The New Assistive Tech: Make Learning Awesome for All!](#)
 - [The Perfect Blend: A Practical Guide to Designing Student-Centered Learning Experiences](#)
 - [Inclusive Learning 365: Edtech Strategies for Every Day of the Year](#)
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