



Dwight School Tech Chair Basil Kolani Organizes Fourth TEDxNYED Conference at Brooklyn Tech

“Inside-Outside” Is the Theme of April 27th Event for Educators

New York, NY — Friday, April 26, 2013: Tomorrow, April 27, educators throughout New York City will gather at the fourth annual TEDxNYED Conference organized by Dwight School Chair of Information Services and Technology Basil Kolani and fellow educators. This year’s conference, which will take place at Brooklyn Technical High School in Brooklyn, NY, will be organized around the theme of “Inside-Outside,” focusing discussions about education from both inside and outside schools and classrooms. Attendees will expand their knowledge of the synergies between the fields of education and technology at this TED-licensed event. Since 1984, TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design), has provided a forum for the exchange of ideas about the latest innovations and the forging of collaborations through networking.

“In 2009, TED began enabling individuals to set up their own TEDx conferences,” recalled Mr. Kolani. I immediately set about gathering a team, and we were among the first to apply for an event centered around education.” As a teacher, Mr. Kolani is constantly innovating both in terms of leveraging technology to enable improved instruction of a wide range of subjects, as well as teaching students about how they can properly leverage technology in their own personal educational journey. His social media class was the subject of a 2011 *New York Times* profile.

To Mr. Kolani, the TEDxNYED experience is emblematic of Dwight School’s three pillars: personalized learning, community, and global vision. The diverse backgrounds of speakers and their perspectives will contribute to the larger dialogue among attendees, while the local, self-organized aspect of this event fosters a focus on the community.

TEDxNYED will feature a dozen expert speakers, including: Douglas Rushkoff, media theorist and the author of best-selling books on technology and society, including the recently published *Present Shock: When Everything Happens Now*; Trung Le, principal education writer at Cannon Design and *The Third Teacher*; and Audrey Watters, education and technology writer.

“With the calls for education reform, revamping programs to engage students more, and initiatives such as badging and open courses, it is the perfect time to put together a series of speakers who can address exactly what is being done to further teaching and learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Hopefully, our audience will leave inspired and challenged to think differently about their place in the educational puzzle,” said Mr. Kolani.

The event is open to the public and costs \$50/ticket. To register, visit <http://tedxnyed.com/2013/>

TEDxNYED sponsors include [Dwight School](#), the 140-year-old independent International Baccalaureate (IB) School located on Manhattan’s Upper West Side; and [Dwight School Seoul](#), the new state-of-the-art school located in Digital Media City (known as Seoul’s Silicon Valley). In 2009, Dwight was selected from 120 prestigious institutions by the Seoul Municipal Government to become an IB model school within the South Korean educational system. Dwight’s New York and Seoul campuses join others in London and on Vancouver Island as members of the global network known as The Dwight Schools.

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