

WHAT'S A CONFRATUTE?

Confratute, a professional development **conference** and summer **institute** with a good deal of **fraternity** mixed in, is celebrating its **43rd** year in **2020**! With staff and participants from across the United States and the world, Confratute has grown in size and diversity as a unique educational experience. The continued success of our program is due to our commitment to:

- **Differentiating instruction, high-end learning, and enrichment teaching.** All students can benefit from enjoyable and challenging learning opportunities, and that learning is maximized when we consider each student's abilities, interests, learning styles, and preferred modes of expression. Our research demonstrates that a strength-based approach is the best way to both challenge our most advanced learners and to close the achievement gap for at-risk youngsters.
- **Selecting the very best professionals who spend the majority of their time directly involved with schools, teachers, and kids.** Our focus on practical skills and personalizing the learning process has resulted in nothing short of superlative evaluations over the last 42 years.
- **Creating an informal learning environment** where you can interact on a first-name basis with the staff; meet on the patio with people who share similar concerns; discuss hopes and dreams about education on a sunrise walk around the duck pond; share a late night guitar sing-along with other members of the chorus; or make plans to stay in touch with new friends and colleagues or visit other people's schools.

Most of all, Confratute is a community of learners willing to put aside the roles and responsibilities of their everyday jobs to become totally immersed with others in an atmosphere designed to promote acceptance, trust, scholarship, hard work, and fun. We believe that everyone has something to contribute to educational improvement. Please join us at **Confratute 2020** and create a vision and the skills to make the vision a reality in your schools.

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