

Breakout Session: Questions for Discussion

1. In his address, Mr. Perricone stated that "we teach who we are." What does this mean to you, and how does this observation relate to your work as a teacher?
2. In his talk, Mr. Perricone discussed the difference between the "art of teaching" and simple "instruction." What's the difference? Can you cite examples from your own experience?
3. Mr. Perricone introduced the concept of SHOSHIN as a means to avoid professional burnout. What is your reaction to this philosophy and its application? What difference might this concept make in your teaching?
4. Why did you become a teacher? Who or what inspired you to become one? What qualities did this person possess that led you to the decision to pursue this professional path?
5. What are the greatest challenges and greatest rewards of being a teacher?
6. How does your philosophy of life relate to your teaching style and your sense of identity as a teacher?
7. How would you articulate your "philosophical identity?" In other words, what do you perceive to be your sense of mission or purpose as a school teacher?
8. If there was one change that you would like to bring to your teaching style, what would it be?
9. Of all the thoughts and ideas that Mr. Perricone shared in his Keynote Address, what resonated for you the most?
10. What do you hope your legacy to your students will be?