

October 15, 2025

Welcome to  
*Myths about  
STEM Teaching  
Careers*



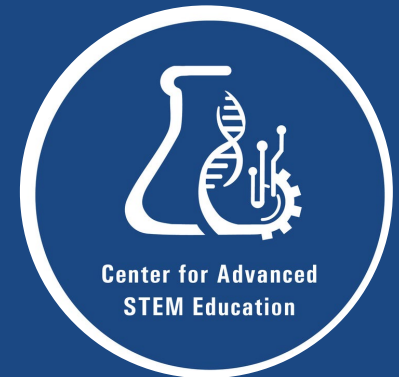
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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Icebreaker
- Panel Discussion
- Breakout Groups
- Group Discussion
- Closing and Announcements



# Ice Breaker



What was the subject your favorite teacher instructed?

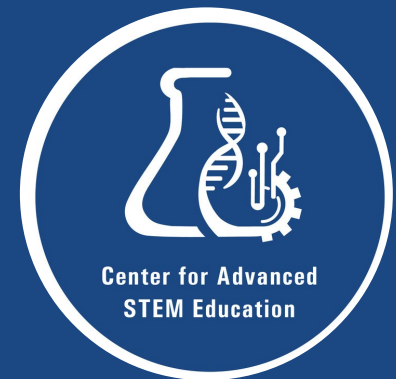


Have you pursued studies or engaged in that subject area since your exposure to it earlier in your education?



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# **Panel Discussion: Why did you want to become a teacher?**



# Teaching Myths:



Teachers must be extroverts and be good at public speaking.

Bee



Teachers don't make any money.

Gabriela



Teachers need to know everything in their content area.

Jean



Teachers work long hours.

Melissa



# Breakout Sessions



**Concern-** Technology/AI replacing teaching as a profession.



**Question-** Why is it important to keep humans central in facilitating the learning process?



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# Breakout Sessions



**Concern-** Teachers have a high workload (including unpaid labor) that may lead to job dissatisfaction.



**Question-** What are some ways teachers might balance workload and job satisfaction?



# Breakout Sessions



**Concern-** The profession of teaching in the US doesn't receive the respect it deserves.



**Question-** What would help elevate the status of teaching?





What non-monetary rewards do you anticipate or hope for in a teaching career?

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Nobody has responded yet.

Hang tight! Responses are coming in.

# Group Discussion

- What themes emerged from your three breakout sessions?
  - AI replacing teachers
  - Teacher workload
  - Teachers under-respected



# Closing Thoughts



Behind every advancement in medicine or technology is a teacher who left a lasting impression.



Be the teacher you needed.



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# Thank you!

## Please fill out the survey!

Interested in secondary education licensure?

School of Education at MSU Denver

<https://www.msudenver.edu/education/>

Slides from Get the Facts Out <https://getthefactsout.org/>



# No Nerves November Reframing Math Anxiety



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If you struggle with math anxiety or feel that you are “just not a math person”, this four-part workshop series can help you!

Learn concrete ways to reframe your negative math experiences and see how math is for everyone.

These workshops are open to all students and food will be provided.

**01**

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

October 29<sup>th</sup>,  
5:00–6:30 PM  
SI 1068

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**02**

## REFLECTING ON READING

November 5<sup>th</sup>,  
5:00–6:30 PM  
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**03**

## OVERCOME ANXIETY

November 12<sup>th</sup>,  
5:00–6:30 PM  
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**04**

## MATHEMATICS FOR HUMAN FLOURISHING

November 19<sup>th</sup>,  
5:00–6:30 PM  
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# Fun With Math



**With Dr. Francis Su and  
other groups**

**November 6th  
Tivoli Turnhalle  
12:00 – 2:00**

Come explore mathematics through the concept  
of play with games and puzzles based around  
math, including dice games and card tricks.

This event is open to all!  
Registration is encouraged.



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# Mathematics for Human Flourishing

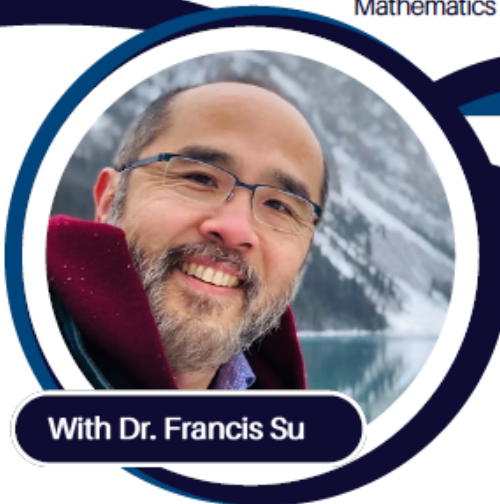
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

3:30 - 5:30 PM

St. Cajetan's

Think you aren't a "math person?"  
Join us as Dr. Francis Su explains how  
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# Thank you for attending!!

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