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| Cal Poly Pomona        | “I want to add my thank you for the wonderful job done to organize this and also the hardworking folks at Cal Poly Pomona who made it work here. I thought the two keynote speakers were inspiring and the teacher participants also found them inspiring. I also thought we had a wonderful combination of 3 local speakers. I would like to share part of an email I received today as I believe this shows how well this worked here.”
   “What a great day yesterday. Well organized, outstanding keynote speakers, interesting ED Talks, relaxed and yet productive break out sessions, really cool people to talk to and get to know, and a good dose of fun worked into the whole thing here and there to keep it all moving along nicely forward. And then to top things off, a wonderful lunch.... What a wonderful day—our hard work paid off.” |
| Chico State            | “Yesterday’s event was truly inspirational! The feedback we received from our North State teachers was overwhelming positive. Indeed, many asked when they could register for next year’s event! Thank you for organizing such a wonderful (and massive) event! All of us at Chico look forward to continuing the exciting conversation!”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CSU Channel Islands    | “Wonderful day! Attendees were engaged and energized learners. They are now feeling great about who they are and what they do. ED talk speakers were highly effective at connecting teacher to teacher.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| CSU Dominguez Hills    | “I speak for the entire team at CSU Dominguez Hills in saying that the event couldn’t have gone any better. Both keynotes were well received and sparked a groundswell of discussion concerning the reasons we’ve chosen to be educators. The “unconference” model of EdCamp was a big part of adding energy and relevance to the day, and we all felt more connected to our community of educators at the end of the day than we did at the beginning. Thank you, NTC, AIUCC and the CSU for making this possible.”                                                                                                                                 |
| CSU East Bay           | “All of us at CSUEB were genuinely pleased with the whole event, it went beautifully and the teachers really appreciated it. The strongest take away for me was after the EdCamp during lunch, I repeatedly heard new teachers and candidates talking about how generous the veteran teachers were with their comments and advice. And the veteran teachers kept remarking on the insightful questions and enthusiasm of the new teachers. It seems that the two generations really connected.”                                                                                                                                 |
| CSU Fullerton          | “Congratulations to all on a successful statewide event!! I’ve heard nothing but positive comments from teachers and I think we can all feel good that our “ |
hard work produced an event that was deeply appreciated by teachers. I cannot thank each of you enough for your support, participation and patience. In addition to knowing that we’ve done something good for the teachers of California, the outcome that I value most from our work together is the knowledge that we truly have a strong, collaborative network of schools and colleges of education in the CSU, that we can pull together to achieve a very ambitious but worthwhile goal. I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart, and I will always treasure the spirit of collaboration that we built together...we in the CSU truly are better together!”

“You may enjoy this message from a former teacher who attended the Summit. She just retired.”

“Most of the staff development I’ve received lately has been aligned to ‘improving test scores.’ It was a breath of fresh air to see that California education is moving back to what I consider ‘the basics’—to address the whole child, to make instruction rigorous but meaningful, and to inspire kids to be independent lovers of learning. Thank you for your part in bringing education back to what really matters. I left feeling inspired and relieved that education is getting back on track. And I met some great people!”

CSU Long Beach

“At CSULB we had a wonderful day. Our gathering place was outdoors in the Central Quad, with a huge outdoor screen for the keynotes (loved the cloud cover all morning!). I agree with your comments, everyone, about the positive feedback from teachers about the EdCamp model, and the opportunities to talk together about things that mattered most. We also loved it that so many of our alums returned for this. We’re already thinking about ideas for next time!”

CSU Los Angeles

“Yesterday was a great day for teachers in California and a great day for the CSU. The organization was flawless, the production values were high, and the learning was deep. Our teacher colleagues were honored by the professionalism of the event and encouraged by the opportunity to share with other teachers. The best of the day was when I was told, ‘today has made me feel so proud to be a teacher prepared in the CSU.’ Does it get any better than that? As we say in French: ‘Chapeau!’”

CSU Monterey Bay

“We had a very positive and inspiring event at CSUMB as well. I know that this was because of the Summit leadership. Our team greatly appreciates the guidance from them. The keynote speakers were very well received at our site. Thank you to all of you who assisted in this event.”

CSU Northridge

“Teachers were extremely appreciative and commented that it was so refreshing to have conversations led by teachers for teachers (line to share with Joan). Several participants shared that they would try to take the spirit of Ed Camp back to their respective schools to promote similar conversations. I emphasized that the university plays a significant role as “convener” by bringing together professionals to share ideas and build community...and they should be empowered to take on a similar role when back at their sites in the fall. The NTC and Ed Camp personnel were top notch and proved to be the secret ingredient to make this all work at our campus. The Ed Talk speakers were fabulous as well...Tina, Aba, and Rebecca provided incredible inspiration to all those in attendance. Thanks again for your leadership in pulling this off!”

CSU San Bernardino

“It was clear from the comments made that the teachers who attended at CSUSB felt the event was a complete success. Several commented that the
**CSU San Marcos**

“All the same sentiments from CSU San Marcos! Wonderful collaborative spirit throughout, fantastic support from NTC, awesome EdCamp session leadership, and terrific, unparalleled perfection from the entire team here at CSUSM. Let's schedule next year’s summit!”

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**Fresno State**

“The California Teachers Summit was GREAT in Fresno! I was the last to leave the room, and heard nothing but positive comments. Other states should do this! And we should do it again! The Summit was a success in so many ways! You all did a magnificent job in helping this day to run so smoothly! I only wish more of our faculty would have been able to attend to witness the power of this event and participate in the sessions. The conversations with our regional math and science teachers (and MSTI "grads") were so enjoyable and informative (both ways). They definitely want a one-stop-shop for STEM Professional Learning opportunities (we have that on the Fresno State STEM website!)."

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**Sacramento State**

“Congratulations all around to everyone! A long haul and a wonderful finish. A quick story (I'm the sentimentalist).

“On Thursday as I entered onto campus, I saw the media truck (Metro Media) outside of the Alumni Center. They were unpacking their equipment; and at that very moment I knew it was going to be great; and like the sentimental parent, a slight tear came to my eyes and a sigh of relief. That night as we were working on the final items, my lead staff, Debbie Santiago, told us that we could go home and rest; and then she and Steve O'Donnell (graphics designer), stayed until midnight working to make sure all the signage was ready to go out at 6 in the morning.

When I arrived on campus on Friday, the signs were out, and the staff were out putting the registration tables together. Faculty arrived, and as one faculty member put it, came in prepared to 'serve as ushers' in support of the teachers as they came in. As teachers arrived they were greeted with the utmost professionalism.

“So, in addition to thanking all who helped to coordinate the efforts, I want to say a special thanks to all the staff/faculty here who worked tirelessly to ensure that the teachers/educators had a wonderful day...from the food service folks to the media teams (on and off campus), and all the staff who managed the processes on our campuses or at event centers!

“I know I couldn't have done it without having a great team—and all those who showed up on Thursday and handled the stuffing and preparation for Friday. I really got a chance to witness the power of collaboration and caring by all my staff. They came together to put up signs along the way to make sure that people found their way, to greeting all the teachers as they entered, to putting out lunches, breaking down boxes, and making sure that all those who showed up...”
had a good experience. “Teachers from across the state were in attendance at Sacramento State...the Ed Talk speakers were a home run, and the keypoints were inspirational; and the EdCamp and NTC exercises provided opportunities for teachers to talk and give thought to strategies and ideas they could take back to their classrooms, as well as allowed teachers to share their stories. At the end of the day, the teachers in the room said that they’d attend a gathering like this again, and I suggested that if they wanted it, we would need to hear from them about how they’d like us to frame the day.

“I do think that it was a great idea to have us all hear the same keynotes and it allowed us to all feel as though we were one...all interested in ensuring that educators/teachers had a great experience throughout the day; and that they hopefully left the summit feeling as though ‘we’ recognize, appreciate and value what they do in support of the academic success and achievement of all our children and family members.

“Thanks for working with the Gates Foundation as well as others to make sure we all had the resources needed to create such wonderful spaces for teachers/educators across the state.”

**San Francisco State**

“Thanks very much for your leadership and support. San Francisco State was pleased and proud to collaborate with you and with our partners throughout the state on this marvelous event. The content and tone of the day were uplifting and inspiring, and we were grateful for the opportunity to learn from and with remarkable world class educators. The Better Together event provided evidence that we are a strong community and the best is yet to come. We look forward to next steps!”

**San Jose State**

“We had a fabulous day at SJSU and the audience was jazzed about the discussions and TED talks throughout the entire day. Many of the teachers stayed through the final closing session and were enthusiastic about the EdCamp model. They really liked being able to discuss the issues they found most pressing. Thanks to both of you for organizing this event. Claire: You made it especially easy for us to work together to make this happen. I also want to acknowledge the superb work done by our administrative staff (Ha Thai), faculty (Dr. Ferdie Rivera) and associate dean, Mary McVey. All went above and beyond to make the event such a smash hit at SJSU.”

**Sonoma State**

“I believe that many teachers connected with each other, were inspired and connected with us. I wish you would have spoken on the livecast. Furthering our connections with Ellen Moir and the New Teacher Center should be a priority for us—we share a vision. Finally, Claire and Joan thank you for leadership in this matter. We pulled it off.”