



VDTSEA Spring 2025 Conference AGENDA
Friday April 11, 2025
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
VSU Randolph Campus, Conant Hall

- 8:00- 9:00 Welcome and updates: VDTSEA John Tribuna, Introduction of VDTSEA Executive Director, Joe Barch
- Joe Barch: Updates and Vision for the Driver Education Association
- Current Issues: DMV Justin McLane, AOE Tammy Pregent, VHSA Darren McIntyre
- 9:05-10:00 Determining Signs of Unreadiness for Driving Experiences (in class and behind the wheel): What to do about them.
- School Safety Resource Officer /Colchester Police Dept., Kyle Stugis, and School Consulting Physician, Dr. Elizabeth McDonald UVM Health/ Winooski Schools
- 10:00-10:15 Short Break for refreshments and networking
- 10:15 - 11:00 Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) as an aid to preparing lessons.
George Rooney, Middlebury Union High School
- 11:05-12:00 Strategies for combining Driving Instruction with English language Instruction, Including Cultural Considerations.
- Robyn Suarez and Kim Fankhauser, ELL Teachers, Champlain Valley and Burlington School Districts; Hamed Noorzai, driving instructor for the Vermont Afghan Alliance, Aden Haji, Haji Driving Academy, teacher of multilingual students in the Burlington area.
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch, Business Meeting, Awards, followed by Table Discussions about best activities and experiences in-class and BTW “What Works!” (Please come prepared to share what YOU do that students find helpful and fun in your program. Bring props if you want to!)
- 1:45 to 2:30 Each group reports and shares Best of the Best to attendees at Conant Hall Auditorium
- 2:30 to 3:00 Afternoon break, Networking

- 3:00-4:00 Procuring a vehicle for your driver education program. Practical considerations for maintenance, size, and what to do in special situations. Melissa Manson, Cow Tales Driver Education John Tribuna, Brattleboro Union High School
- 4:00-4:30 John Tribuna: Closing Comments, Pass in Evaluations, Receive Certificates of Attendance

Safe Travel Home!