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## Nobel Laureate Carl Wieman, Goldie Hawn to address landmark educational conference on neuroscience discoveries and real-world classroom applications

ASPEN, CO – Sept 1, 2011 – The [New York Academy of Sciences](#), the [Aspen Brain Forum](#) and [TeachAde.com](#) are pleased to announce an upcoming conference that will highlight new discoveries in cognitive neuroscience pertaining to childhood learning and development and discuss how this research can be applied in the classroom. ***Cognitive Neuroscience of Learning: Implications for Education*** will be held on September 22-24, 2011, at the Aspen Institute in Aspen, CO.

New discoveries in the field of developmental cognitive neuroscience hold great promise for improving current teaching methods. Yet, there remains a significant gap between the scientific discoveries that could improve our education system and the application of this knowledge. This meeting will highlight cutting-edge developments in cognitive neuroscience relating to reading and language, mathematical ability, executive function and attention, and learning and memory with potential to improve current teaching methods for typical and atypical learners. This conference will also include a detailed review of the current obstacles to applying these methods in the classroom as well as the related emotional, sociological and environmental factors.

The conference opens up with a public lecture by **Goldie Hawn**, who will speak on the MindUP™ curriculum, the Hawn Foundation's signature educational initiative, now published by Scholastic. A social and emotional learning program designed for pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade children, MindUP™ is informed by current research in cognitive neuroscience, positive psychology, social emotional learning, mindfulness, and evidence-based teaching.

The keynote lecture will be given by **Nobel Laureate Carl Wieman** of the White House Office for Science and Technology Policy, who will discuss the opportunities and challenges to realizing the potential for developments in neuroscience to dramatically improve education.

The New York Academy of Sciences is offering a limited number of **free registrations** for K-12 teachers interested in attending this conference. Please submit an email to Melinda Miller ([mmiller@nyas.org](mailto:mmiller@nyas.org)) that includes your name, position, school affiliation, and a brief statement about why you would like to attend. The deadline for submission is Monday, September 5.

To view the full agenda and register for the conference, please visit [www.nyas.org/NeuroEducation](http://www.nyas.org/NeuroEducation). TeachAde members can use code "SAVE20NEUROED" to receive 20% off the registration price.

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