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**Donna Wilson Speaks at the 2015 National
Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Conference**

Donna Wilson, a renowned author and leader in improving student learning by connecting the implications of mind, brain, and education research to educational practice, spoke at the National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Conference. The conference takes place each year at the Yacht Club Resort in Walt Disney World, Fla.

Dr. Wilson modeled the use of a practical framework for effective teaching based on the science of how people learn. She also shared practical strategies that can be applied immediately in schools and classrooms. Wilson's presentation drew on the research and development that underpins a recent series of books including *Five Big Ideas for Effective Teaching: Connecting Mind, Brain, and Educational Research to Classroom Practice* published with Teachers College Press. She also built on her recent Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence webinar "Engaging Brains: Effective Strategies for Effective Teaching and Leading" based on her recently published text, *Positively Smart: Science and Strategies for Increasing Happiness, Achievement, and Well-being*, a best seller in cognitive psychology with Wiley-Blackwell.

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