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**Tuesday, October 25, Students as Global Entrepreneurs: A New Education Paradigm for the Age of Globalization**, 4:00-5:30 PM, Joseph Sears School, Nygaard Auditorium, 542 Abbottsford Rd., Kenilworth, 60043. At a time when the world needs more creative and innovative talents to meet the unprecedented challenges and take advantage of the vast opportunities presented by technological changes and globalization, school systems around the globe continue to focus on producing good tests takers. At a time when old industries are rapidly replaced by new ones, schools continue to force students to prepare for jobs that may not even exist when they graduate. At a time when students need to learn to collaborate globally in this interconnected and interdependent village, schools continue to push a nationalistic Cold War style curriculum to make them “globally competitive.” At a time when children have become increasingly disengaged and disinterested with the outdated Industrial Age curriculum and pedagogy, schools are asked to cram more of the same. At a time when human diversity should be celebrated and taped into as assets, schools are asked to homogenize the curriculum and narrow children’s educational experiences.

In this presentation, **Yong Zhao, Ph.D.** provides a summary of his forthcoming book *Students as Global Entrepreneurs*. In this book, Dr. Zhao suggests a radical new approach to preparing our children for the globalized world. Instead of imposing on children a prescribed common curriculum derived from past experiences or research about what today’s employers need, Dr. Zhao proposes that we should prepare children as global entrepreneurs who are willing and able to create jobs in the global economy, to contribute positively to the globalized society, and to enjoy the vast cultural diversity of humanity. Dr. Zhao is also the author of the acclaimed book *Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization*.

Dr. Zhao is currently **Presidential Chair and Associate Dean for Global Education, College of Education at the University of Oregon**, where he also serves as the director of the **Center for Advanced Technology in Education (CATE)**. Dr. Zhao has extensive international experiences, and has consulted with government and educational agencies and spoken on educational issues on six continents. His current work focuses on designing 21<sup>st</sup> century schools in the context of globalization and the digital revolution.

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