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TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL, DOOR 1

BOARD MEMBERS ONLY, IF YOU ARE NOT A BOARD MEMBER, YOU WILL NEED TO BE AT LEGACY FOR 12PM ONLY.

Board Meetings

10:30 AM – B109-B111 – NDCEL Board Meeting

11:30 AM – Separate Board Meetings

B108 – NDASA

B112 – NDASSP

B114 – NDAESP

B109-B111 – NDSOS

2023 NDCEL SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL, DOOR 1

12 PM - REGISTRATION OPENS - LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL
MUST REGISTER FOR GRAD CREDIT BY THURSDAY AT NOON

12:00 PM – Lunch Available for all attendees *sponsored by McGough Constuction*

1:00 PM – Keynote: Auditorium – *Mitch Reed – The Little Things that Make the Biggest Difference*

2:00 PM - Workshop: Auditorium – Mitch Reed – Cardboard Confessionals

2:50 - 3:10 PM – Afternoon Refreshments

3:10 - 4:00 PM – Break Out Session 1

4:10 - 5PM – Break Out Session 2

OFF-CAMPUS - BISMARCK MUNICIPAL BALL PARK

5:40 PM – Supper and Larks game *sponsored by Renaissance – Bismarck Municipal Ballpark – Fireside Tailgate Deck*

Supper available from 5:40pm-7:10pm, first pitch at 6:35pm

Your ticket(s) will be given to you upon registration. You are responsible for your ticket(s).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 - LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

MUST REGISTER FOR GRAD CREDIT BY THURSDAY AT NOON

7:00 AM – Registration and Breakfast *sponsored by ICON Architectural Group*

8:00 AM – Opening Remarks

8:00 AM – Legislative Update - Dr Aimee Copas and Kevin Hoherz

9:00 AM – Keynote: Auditorium – *Monsignor Shea – Leading with Confidence and Gratitude*

10:00 - 10:50AM – Round Tables per your Job Description

Superintendents: B209-B211 (upstairs)

Secondary Principals: B109-B111 (main level)

Elementary Principals: B009-B011 (downstairs)

Miscellaneous Jobs: Cafeteria (main level)

11:00 - 11:50 AM – *General Session: Auditorium – Heidi Nieuwsma, MSW, LCSW – Passion Fatigue: Impact on Educators*

12:00 PM – Change and get ready for golf!

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OFF-CAMPUS - PRAIRIE WEST GOLF COURSE

12:30 PM – Boxed Lunches *sponsored by STOPlt Solutions* – Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan ND

1:00 PM – Golf tournament – Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan ND

5:30 PM – Social and Steak Fry *sponsored by Consolidated Construction and the University of Mary* – Prairie West golf course, Mandan ND

Your ticket(s) will be given to you upon registration. You are responsible for your ticket(s).

*Get a HOLE-IN-ONE on Hole #12 and win \$5,000! *Prize(s) subject to rules and conditions. Sponsored by CoreFacility Solutions*

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

MUST REGISTER FOR GRAD CREDIT BY THURSDAY AT NOON

7:00 AM – Registration and breakfast *sponsored by ICS*

8:00 AM – General Session: Eddie Slowikowski *sponsored by Herff Jones* – *Creating Inspired Performance from your TEAM*

9:00 AM - 9:50AM – Breakout Session 3

10:00 AM - 10:50AM – Breakout Session 4

11:00 AM – Keynote: Auditorium – Jamie Valderrama – Life 101

12:00 PM – Door Prizes and Closing Remarks

University of Mary Graduate Credit for Summer Conference:

You **MUST** register for grad credit by noon on Thursday, June 22, 2023. Must attend Larks game or the Steak fry along with scanning in at Legacy High School each day. Please go to the registration table.

\$45 - cash/check

\$47 - credit card



Mitch Reed

Florence, SD School District
Superintendent/Elementary
Principal/SPED Director

1:00 PM, Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Auditorium

About the Speaker

Mitch Reed is currently the Superintendent of Schools in Florence, SD. He along with his wife Shari and three children live in Watertown. Mitch has a strong passion for kids and building relationships with them. The Cardboard Confessionals project allowed him to build even stronger relationships with the students he worked with. He learned a great deal about how past experiences and backgrounds play a role in everyday living. It also allowed him to look at my life and evaluate his priorities. This journey of sharing his message has been a great one. Mitch has met many strong people along the way that deserve all the credit in the world. The first step to helping those in need is to understand what they are going through and appreciate their strength!

Notes:



**SCAN TO REGISTER FOR GOLF,
GRADUATE CREDIT, AND MULLIGANS
IF YOU DIDN'T ON YOUR ORIGINAL
REGISTRATION FORM.**



Mitch Reed

Florence, SD School District
Superintendent/Elementary
Principal/SPED Director

1:00 PM, Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Auditorium

Keynote – The Little Things that Make the Biggest Difference

Healthy and genuine relationships are what build a solid foundation for a bright future. This presentation focuses on personal stories and messages that reinforce the importance of relationships and the power that lies within each of us. We discover the five most influential people in our lives and how they came to be. We discuss the little things in life and how taking advantage of those can make all the difference. The first step to helping those around us is to appreciate their strength and understand what they are going through. By doing this, we can empower them to support and care for those in their lives.

Workshop – Cardboard Confessionals 2:00 PM, Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Join us for a live look at the project, and how it was conducted, and work through the thoughts, dreams, aspirations, and challenges of those in attendance. We will be engaging in the same project that students did and diving into those answers!

The project:

To show students the wide variety of thoughts, dreams, and aspirations, our sociology class conducted a social project. We asked students, ranging from 6th grade through 12th grade, seven questions that required them to take a step back and look at their experiences and their priorities. The confessions that we received through the duration of the project shows the resilience of the students around us.

7 questions that students answered:

- *What is one thing you want to do before you die?*
- *What makes for a meaningful life?*
- *What is one thing in life you have given up?*
- *What is something people misunderstand about you?*
- *Of what are you most proud?*
- *What do you think about when you are alone?*
- *Describe your life in six words.*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Tuesday, June 20 , 2023

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM

B009-B011 – *Using Shared Leadership to Eliminate Achievement Gaps Across Your District*

Justin Fryer - Superintendent of Lisbon Public School District, Andrea Johnson -Sheyenne Valley Special Education Unit Director, Patricia Schmit - Lisbon High School English Teacher

Lisbon Public School District has implemented a districtwide steering committee the past two years. The committee's job is to ensure that our school district is evaluating progress towards needs assessment goals and our strategic plan. The committee reviews and desegregates data, surveys key stakeholder groups, adjusts the MTSS process as needed, and monitors special education program processes. With these direct actions, this committee has significantly impacted our district in a positive way. We have been able to accomplish many of our districtwide goals and continue to make tangible progress across our school district. Participants who attend this session will gain an understanding of how to desegregate student achievement data to improve the MTSS process and special education programing. Additionally, participants will learn how to implement a districtwide steering committee. This committee will help districts improve stakeholder buy-in to increase project success rate throughout their school district.

B109-B111– *Differentiating Professional Learning*

Dr. Tabby Rabenberg - Principal of Bismarck Public Schools

Differentiating professional learning can be difficult when you have teachers at various spots in their learning and implementation. Providing teachers with options that align to building goals and personal professional goals provides teachers with choice while ensuring that building goals are being met.

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BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Tuesday, June 20 , 2023

3:10 PM - 4:00 PM

B112 – State of Career and Technical Education in North Dakota

Wayde Sick - State Director of ND Department of Career and Technical Education

This session is intended to provide a general update of Career and Technical Education in North Dakota, including the impact of the 68th Legislative Assembly.

Wayde Sick is the State Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education, starting in this position in May 2018. Prior to serving at NDCTE, Mr. Sick was employed at the North Dakota Department of Commerce as the Workforce Division Director. Mr. Sick was with the Burdick Job Corps Center in Minot, North Dakota from 2003 to 2011, serving in multiple roles including academic instructor, CTE Manager and Deputy Center Director. Wayde has been involved in education and workforce development for over twenty years. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science Education and Masters in Management, both from Minot State University.

B209-B211 – Boarding School Survivor and Impact on Administrative Style **Pat Phillips - Systems Innovator at Bismarck Public Schools and Kevin Hoherz - Special Projects and Legislative Relations**

Participants will review output of the NDCEL Mental Health Summit in early June, and have the opportunity to give some input and add to the work.

Notes:

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Tuesday, June 20 , 2023

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM

B009-B011 – Updates to the Academic, CTE, and North Dakota Scholarship

Jim Upgren - Assistant Director, Office of School Approval & Opportunity for NDDPI

This session will provide updates to the \$6,000 Academic, CTE, and North Dakota Scholarship program. Highlights include the requirements for each scholarship, legislative updates, and the transition and timeline from the traditional Academic/CTE Scholarship to the new North Dakota Scholarship aligned with Choice Ready.

B109-B111 – ABLE in School

Dr. Cory Steinter - Superintendent of Northern Cass School District, Kim Pladson - President & CEO of TNT Fitness

A physical education class. Removing barriers between special needs students and their peers through a curriculum that is interactive and engaging. It helps the higher-level students better understand special needs learners and how they can help assist them throughout their school day. Every learner matters!

ABLE in Action is an ecosystem designed to support inclusion in public education. The curriculum largely focuses on peer-to-peer learning, physical outputs, and social and emotional learning for distribution in rural and urban communities across North Dakota.

ABLE in School goes beyond the status quo by diligently advocating for a permanent system in education for the benefit of special needs students. This kind of curriculum does not currently exist. The ecosystem is designed and can be implemented in any size school district with fewer resources yet meet and serve the needs in urban districts. It is important that rural schools are being served so that special needs students can have access to the resources, curriculum, and be workforce ready after their years of high school and/or transition years.

Students with special needs require higher levels of inclusion with peer engagement. Envision how 13 years of inclusion will lead them to be stronger physically, emotionally, and socially. It also embeds 'ability' in the peer. TNT's case study observed improved physical performance due to peer motivation, socialization, and exercise. In North Dakota alone, there are over 17,500 children on an IEP. Of those, approximately 9,500 children can be considered for the future workforce. As a society, we need to include special needs students in as many inclusive opportunities as they transition throughout their K-12 years and into adulthood so they too can be recognized and considered work force ready and active member of community.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Tuesday, June 20 , 2023

4:10 PM - 5:00 PM

B112 – Do They Have Access? – Preparing for a State Civil Rights Visit

Michael Netzloff - Administrator,
Special Populations/Equity for ND
Department of Career &
Technical Education

This session will help those looking at their school and programs through the lens of civil rights laws and on-site reviews, which happen every year on behalf of the Office for Civil Rights. Find out how you can prepare for issues in general and/or prior to an on-site review, why we come, and what we are looking for.

Mr. Netzloff has been with the ND CTE agency for nine years, after teaching K-12 in the state for ten years. He holds degrees in three subject areas, with his Master's obtained from King's College London, UK.

B209-B211 – Innovation Academy Pat Phillips - Systems Innovator at Bismarck Public Schools

Participants will get an overview of the format and processes of the Innovation academy, and have the opportunity to brainstorm some potential moonshot innovations.

Pat Phillips is a Systems Innovator at Bismarck Public Schools. He is also a frustrated guitarist, lazy mountain biker and proud dad. He once told his parents that he would never become a teacher. This is his 17th year in education (10 as a CTE teacher, and 7 as a systems innovator) and he loves it.



Mentorship Program

The NDCEL mentoring program is one of the most valuable things you can do for your life and career.

Have a seasoned administrator to assist you while you navigate the first 1-3 years as new administrator or as an administrator entering into your first year in North Dakota. Mentors are there for you during difficult situations and to help you achieve your goals. Go to ndcel.us to sign up!



Monsignor James Shea

President of the University of Mary,
Bismack, ND

9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Auditorium

About the Speaker

Monsignor James Patrick Shea serves as president of the University of Mary.

Monsignor Shea was inaugurated in 2009 as the sixth president of the university and, at the age of 34, became the youngest college or university president in the United States.

He succeeded the late Sister Thomas Welder, O.S.B., who had served as president for 31 years.

The oldest of eight children, Monsignor Shea grew up on a dairy and grain farm near Hazelton, North Dakota, just 38 miles from the University of Mary campus. He began his undergraduate work at Jamestown College, majoring in English and history. He then entered the seminary for the Diocese of Bismarck, earning a bachelor's degree and a pontifical master's degree (licentiate) in philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He studied classical Greek at the University of Texas at Austin and continued at the Vatican's North American College, studying theology at the Gregorian and Lateran universities in Rome. He has studied management at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business and is also an alumnus of the Institutes for Higher Education at the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University. Monsignor Shea has worked with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity at the Gift of Peace AIDS Hospice while teaching religion at two inner-city elementary schools in Washington, D.C. In Rome, he served as chaplain for the Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital and also at the Rome campus of the Center for Catholic Studies at the University of Saint Thomas. Following his ordination to the priesthood in 2002, he returned to North Dakota and served as an associate pastor in Bismarck and Mandan. During that time, he was also the chaplain and an instructor at Saint Mary's Central High School in Bismarck. He then served as pastor to parishes in Killdeer and Halliday (North Dakota), while teaching at Trinity High School in Dickinson. Deeply committed to the education and formation of young people, he has been an inspirational teacher and mentor for many students.



Monsignor James Shea

President of the University of Mary,
Bismack, ND

9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Auditorium

Keynote – Leading with Confidence and Gratitude

The last few years have demonstrated how challenging leadership in an educational environment can be challenging, personally and professionally. Monsignor Shea will offer some reflections on how to keep our work energetic and vital even when it's difficult.

Notes:



Heidi Nieuwsma, MSW, LCSW

Chair of Behavioral Sciences & Program
Director Addiction Counseling & Assistant
Professor, Social Work at the University of
Mary

11:00 AM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Auditorium

About the Speaker

Heidi J. Nieuwsma is currently employed at the University of Mary where she is the Chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences (Addiction Studies, Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Social Work), Director of the undergraduate Addiction Counseling Program, and full-time faculty. She has a variety of responsibilities within each of those roles. Some of the responsibilities include supervision, program development, policy making and implementation, developer and controller of budget, liaison between departments and school, advising students, and teaching social work and addiction courses. Past employment includes working with clients of all ages from birth to death. Heidi has spent part of her career as a mental health clinician working with all ages and ethnicities. As a mental health clinician, she conducted assessments and diagnostic evaluations and provided psychotherapy to individuals, families, and groups. Heidi also used her skills as a clinician in crisis work and outreach on the Standing Rock Reservation. Before working for the State of North Dakota, she was an MSW at Northland Pace, and an LSW working for Napoleon Care Center, and Strasburg Care Center. Volunteering has always been an important part of her life. Heidi was appointed as a member of the ND Board of Social Work where she served as Chair for 6 years. She is on several committees at the University of Mary and serve on a variety of committees in Emmons County. In addition to volunteering her time regionally, she also served on national committees for the Association of Social Work Boards, the Council of Social Work Examiners, and review textbooks for publishers. Heidi also provides care to her elderly mother and one of her dear friends who is living in a nursing home. Above all, faith is a large part of her life, and her greatest pleasure comes from being a part of a wonderful family. She has been married for over thirty-five years, has five children, and five (almost six) grandchildren.



Heidi Nieuwsma, MSW, LCSW

Chair of Behavioral Sciences & Program
Director Addiction Counseling & Assistant
Professor, Social Work at the University of
Mary

11:00 AM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Auditorium

General Session: Compassion Fatigue: Impact on Educators

Educators responding to high levels of student and teacher needs often find their emotional, cognitive, and physical storage becomes depleted rather quickly. Add in the effects of a two-year pandemic with continuously increasing pressures and they can experience administrator and teacher burnout. Once someone is experiencing burnout, they are more likely to develop compassion fatigue. Compassion Fatigue: Impact on Educators, is intended to educate educators on the definition of compassion fatigue, possible impact on educators, and some steps to take to reduce and combat compassion fatigue.

Notes:



Eddie Slowikowski

Former “world class” runner and Gold Medal winner for the USA Track & Field Team

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8:00 AM, Thursday, June 22, 2023
Auditorium

About the Speaker

Eddie is a former “world class” runner and Gold Medal winner for the USA Track & Field Team. Eddie was 3-time Division 1 NCAA All-American and National cross country champion out of Loyola University in Chicago. Eddie was a former reporter in training at CNN before launching his own business.. Today Eddie is a highly sought after Speaker, Consultant & Author.

Eddie is known throughout the industry as a “Inspired Performance” Expert! His widely acclaimed “Four Minute Formula” has been utilized by people from all walks of life. Through years of training as an athlete and running his own successful speaking & consulting business, he knows what it takes to be elite. Eddie has always had the can-do spirit of an entrepreneur, in all walks of life. Best of all, Eddie can channel that sense of accomplishment through interactive storytelling and raw emotion to audiences everywhere. He can make you laugh, cry, dance and learn... all in one presentation. It’s a rollercoaster journey like no other, and Eddie’s been doing it for 3 decades!

Throughout all his many accomplishments, Eddie sought to enrich his life through service. He has volunteered extensively throughout Central America on month-long service trips, spent 4 years as a tutor for students from the Cabrini Green projects within the inner city of Chicago and has worked tirelessly for the homeless. Eddie widened his world-view beyond the life of sports and now as a husband and Father of 4, he proves that a successful balance of life and business can be attained.

Eddie speaks to tens of thousands of people year in and year out, utilizing a vast array of programs that are always customized to fit the needs of each audience. Whether it’s for Fortune 500 companies, associations, Healthcare, Professional Athletes & Teams, Law Enforcement or Educational institutions all across the country, Eddie’s personally devised programs are ever changing, keeping his message on the cutting edge for audiences everywhere. His extraordinary rate of repeat business is a testament to his versatile talent. The one constant through it all remains his high-energy message and interactive style. Eddie uses music, sound effects, dancing and audience interaction to bring his memorable presentations to life.

One thing is for sure: with Eddie Slowikowski, you’ll learn how to energize your performance to get the very best out of your ability! His presentations are described as “An Experience” so contact Eddie for an “Experience” like none other!



Eddie Slowikowski

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8:00 AM, Thursday, June 22, 2023
Auditorium

General Session – Creating Inspired Performance from your TEAM

"If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." This quote from Steve Jobs gets to the heart of innovation. Utilize your in-born gifts of imagination and creativity to build the ultimate peak performer. Internationally known speaker Eddie Slowikowski takes participants on the ride of a lifetime to discover the greatness that lies within all of us.

In his program, *Inspired Performance*, Eddie shows audiences how to transcend failure. Eddie relates how setbacks can set us up for future success. How we respond to “losing” shows us who we really are because, when the chips are down, your true character is revealed. Find the winner within through struggle and come out the other side to be a more well-rounded, battle-tested and mature person.

Inspired Performance takes things up a notch with high-energy audience interaction. Through hilarious and poignant storytelling, Eddie gets to the core of what it really means to dig deep and find “the real you.” What makes you tick? Why do you act and react the way you do? How can you be more comfortable in your own skin? By questioning your actions and influences, you can discover the truth at the heart of your character. In the end, being the best version of you is all anyone can ask. And that's where true leadership begins.

Notes:

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

Thursday, June 22 , 2023

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

B009-B011 – Family Engagement 101

Whitney Thorp - Professional Development Project Manager of Community Family Services for Black Hills Special Services

Research shows that when families and schools work together, everyone benefits! Most importantly, our students feel safer to learn, explore, and grow. Family Engagement is a buzzword in education, but what does it really mean? Learn the answer in this session, along with strategies you can use to build relationships with the families of your students and leverage their strengths to support their child, your classroom, and your school.

Morgan holds a Masters of Science in Strategic Leadership and has worked extensively with non-profits for 20 years, specifically in areas of high poverty. In addition to being the Deputy Director of Community Family Services at BHSSC she serves as the Director of the SD Statewide Family Engagement Center. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her husband and three children hiking, camping, and being outdoors.

Notes:

B109-B111– Computer Science and Cybersecurity – Requirements and Resources

Steve Snow - Assistant Director, School Approval and Accreditation for NDDPI & Tyler Ward - IT Specialist with EduTech

We will explain the new requirements of HB 1398 (Computer Science and Cybersecurity Education), and we will also cover the resources available to schools and educators to help meet these requirements.

Steve Snow worked with information technology in the Air Force for 21 years. After retirement he started working at NDDPI as the director of MIS, he left for a few years to work in the private sector as a software manager, then returned to NDDPI. He has a bachelor's degree in computer science and a master's degree in information management

BREAKOUT SESSION 3

Thursday, June 22 , 2023

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

B112 – Budget Considerations

Brandt Dick - CFO of CREA

ND Legislative session has ended, what does that mean for our school district? We will look at mill rates, spending per student, future budgeting considerations.

Brandt serves as CFO of Central Regional Education Association, and Burleigh County Superintendent of Schools. Prior to this role, he served as Superintendent of Underwood School District. Brandt also is currently president of the board of ND Small Organized Schools and chair of Finance sub-group of the NDCEL Legislative Focus Group.

Notes:

B209-B211 – NDCEL Mentorship

Program: Cohort Mentorship Model

Kevin Hoherz - Special Projects and Legislative Relations with NDCEL

NDCEL started a new cohort mentorship program last year for new administrators. The program is receiving good reviews from mentees and mentors. This session will give an overview of the NDCEL mentoring model.

An effective mentorship program is essential to a successful principal tenure. Using research-based practices and administrative lived-experiences, new administrators will be supported during their first year and/or second year of service.

The group will be utilizing case-studies from lived experiences and through a cohort consultation protocol and aligning with their personal administration challenges. Each participant will have access to direct principal or superintendent support to address challenges faced during the mentorship program.

The mentorship program will create camaraderie, professional friendships and administrative relationships that can last an entire career.

Kevin is a long time North Dakota educator and principal. Upon his retirement last year, he began working for NDCEL. He works with special projects like the mentorship program and professional development for administrators. He was also active in the legislative session this past session.

BREAKOUT SESSION 4

Thursday, June 22, 2023

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

B009-B011 – Poverty Escape Room

Whitney Thorp - Professional Development Project Manager of Community Family Services for Black Hills Special Services

The Poverty Escape Room isn't a traditional simulation. More and more groups are asking for a smaller group training to experience an understanding of the crisis of poverty, so the Poverty Escape Room was developed. We all know you can't truly "escape" poverty, but could you survive a day in the life of someone in the crisis of poverty? In the Poverty Escape Room Simulation, participants experience one day of the life of an individual who lives in poverty, experience firsthand the barriers those living in poverty are asked to navigate each day, and will then be asked to discuss the simulation experience with other participants. The hope is to bring awareness of how poverty impacts those students we work with on a daily basis and to begin conversations around supports we, as educators, might need as we continue our journey in providing afterschool experiences.

B109-B111 – Roundtable - Helping Struggling and Difficult Students

Taryn Sweet- Principal of Beach, Ned Clooten - Wahpeton Principal, Jared Blikre - Rugby Principal

Oftentimes roundtable discussions are very productive for administrators to learn about what is working in some schools, to gather others to help with problem solving, and/or find new resources. We will be facilitating a discussion about how to help struggling and difficult students, and how we are dealing with the changes to truancy rules. There will be a Class A and a Class B break down.

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Thursday, June 22, 2023

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

B112 – Capstone: A Springboard into My Future

Dr. Cronin - Principal at Horace High School and Dr. Volk is the Assistant Principal. Horace High School is moving to become a wall-to-wall Academy Model School.

A capstone is often described as a demonstration of the skills and knowledge a learner has gained throughout their education. However, a capstone is also a springboard into a learner's future! Join Horace High School educators to: 1) learn how they designed their first-year capstone experience and how implementation has been going so far; 2) provide feedback to help enhance the Horace High School capstone experience for learners, educators, families, and community members; and 3) engage in discussion with educators focused on capstone processes, protocols, and experiences that foster authentic learning, self-reflection, and inspiration for all to be life-long learners.

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Jamie Valderrama

Professor for the Arizona State University
School of Social Work

11:00 AM, Thursday, June 22, 2023
Auditorium

About the Speaker

Jamie Valderrama is an Associate Teaching Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator at Arizona State University for the Integrative Health Initiative housed within the School of Social Work. Jamie is passionate about providing tools for responsive living via mindful practices and uses her extensive background in education to successfully integrate that knowledge within her courses as well as help both the community and ASU faculty integrate it into their coursework. Jamie currently teaches both undergraduate and graduate stress management courses, looking at the physiological and psychological responses to stress, neuroplasticity and ways to self-regulate through the lens of mindfulness. In addition to teaching and training, Jamie conducts keynotes and workshops on the personal and professional benefits of mindfulness, sits on ASU's Lifelong Learning Institute and Health and Wellness Committees and recently received the Arizona Behavioral Health Leadership in Service Award and ASU Apple Polisher Award for excellence in teaching. Jamie holds a B.S. in Biology Education and a M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Integrative Health Modalities

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Keynote – The Magic of Mindfulness: Becoming the Responsive Leader in Your Life

Stress is increasingly gaining attention in the U.S. as well as around the world for the detrimental health effects it produces while mindfulness is gaining attention worldwide with the emergence of promising data showing how the simple act of being self-aware can deregulate the body's stress response - leading to a happier and healthier life. This presentation highlights the stress response physically and psychologically as well as applicable mindful practices to self-regulate our nervous systems when stressful triggers occur in our personal and professional lives.

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Meet the new NDCEL Team members!

At the end of June, Fran will be retiring after 39 years and Lindsey will be moving to Germany. We have greatly considered our new team members and have invited two amazing professionals to join the NDCEL team. We are very excited for their skills and personalities to illuminate the office and the mission of NDCEL. Say hello and introduce yourself as you see them at the conference!

KAILI OPP - ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST



Hello, my name is Kaili Opp. I am originally from a small class B town in western ND. I am a graduate of NDSU. I am married to my husband Brian and we have 3 sons – Parker, Finley and Eyan. We have two dogs Hank and Ozzi. In my spare time I love to watch my kids participate in activities, travel, eat, read and spend time with friends and family. I have worked in the public schools for the past 6 years. I look forward to working with you through NDCEL.

BRYCEN JUST - COMMUNICATION & MARKETING SPECIALIST



Hello, my name is Brycen Just and I am a recent graduate from the University of North Dakota. I double majored in Marketing and Business Management with a minor in Graphic Design. I am originally from Bismarck, ND and have always been a sports fanatic. Some of my other hobbies include snowboarding in the winter and lake time in the summer. I am eager to start my role at NDCEL as your new Communications and Marketing Specialist.

Mulligans

Jerry Bartholomay Memorial Golf Tournament



All proceeds go to the NDFEL Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund supports two undergrad scholarships and two graduate scholarships. Three of the the four scholarships are in place to support NDCEL members and their children. The other scholarship is for any student in the state of North Dakota, it could go to a student in your school!

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Happy Retirement, Fran!

Thank you for 39 years of dedication
to ND LEAD and NDCEL.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL, DOOR 1



12 PM - REGISTRATION OPENS - LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

MUST REGISTER FOR GRAD CREDIT BY THURSDAY AT NOON

12:00 PM – Lunch Available for all attendees *sponsored by McGough Constuction*

1:00 PM – Keynote: Auditorium – *Mitch Reed – The Little Things that Make the Biggest Difference*

2:00 PM - Workshop: Auditorium – *Mitch Reed – Cardboard Confessionals*

2:50 - 3:10 PM – Afternoon Refreshments

3:10 - 4:00 PM – Break Out Session 1

4:10 - 5PM – Break Out Session 2

OFF-CAMPUS - BISMARCK MUNICIPAL BALL PARK

5:40 PM – Supper and Larks game *sponsored by Renaissance – Bismarck Municipal Ballpark – Fireside Tailgate Deck*

Supper available from 5:40pm-7:10pm, first pitch at 6:35pm

Your ticket(s) will be given to you upon registration. You are responsible for your ticket(s).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 - LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

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7:00 AM – Registration and Breakfast *sponsored by ICON Architectural Group*

8:00 AM – Opening Remarks

8:00 AM – Legislative Update - Dr Aimee Copas and Kevin Hoherz

9:00 AM – Keynote: Auditorium – *Monsignor Shea – Leading with Confidence and Gratitude*

10:00 - 10:50AM – Round Tables per your Job Description

Superintendents: B209-B211 (upstairs)

Secondary Principals: B109-B111 (main level)

Elementary Principals: B009-B011 (downstairs)

Miscellaneous Jobs: Cafeteria (main level)

11:00 - 11:50 AM – General Session: Auditorium – *Heidi Nieuwsma, MSW, LCSW – Passion Fatigue: Impact on Educators*

12:00 PM – Change and get ready for golf!

OFF-CAMPUS - PRAIRIE WEST GOLF COURSE

12:30 PM – Boxed Lunches *sponsored by STOPIt Solutions – Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan ND*

1:00 PM – Golf tournament – *Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan ND*

5:30 PM – Social and Steak Fry *sponsored by Consolidated Construction and the University of Mary – Prairie West golf course, Mandan ND*

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

MUST REGISTER FOR GRAD CREDIT BY THURSDAY AT NOON

7:00 AM – Registration and breakfast *sponsored by ICS*

8:00 AM – General Session: Eddie Slowikowski *sponsored by Herff Jones – Creating Inspired Performance from your TEAM*

9:00 AM - 9:50AM – Breakout Session 3

10:00 AM - 10:50AM – Breakout Session 4

11:00 AM – Keynote: Auditorium – *Jamie Valderrama – Life 101*

12:00 PM – Door Prizes and Closing Remarks

Conference Schedule