

OVERALL AGENDA with Locations | DAY 1

Monday, July 29, 2024

10:00 am – 8:00 pm | Conference Day 1

- **Important Note:** Times & events are subject to possible variations. Please check the "Live Conference Event Center" @ MPSEOClive.com for the most current updates.

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Conference Check-In @ The Fairmont Conference Center** | Entry of Meadowlark Ballroom
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. | Welcome, Introductions, & Kick-Off** | Welcome, Traditional Blessing, & Land Acknowledgement
| MT Tribal College Team - Helen Horn, Juan Perez, Joey DiTonno, & Ali Smith | Meadowlark Ballroom
- 11:20 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Keynote Presentation | Montana Educational Landscape - Perceptions & Directions for Higher Education** | Joseph Thiel | Meadowlark Ballroom
- 12:00 p.m. | Lunch** | Grizzly & Meadowlark Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Keynote Presentation | Drinking From a Firehose: What to Focus on in the Age of AI & Efficiency**
| Jason Gulya | Meadowlark Ballroom
- 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. | Break** | Grizzly & Meadowlark Ballroom
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions | Round 1**
- **Breakout | New Professionals Institute - Travel, Recruiting, Networking, Safety & More**
| Mike Ouert, Chrissy Stokes, & Austin Mapston | Ponderosa Room
 - **Breakout | AI LIVE - A Closer Look At AI & Technology With Live Questions & Discussion**
| Jason Gulya | Meadowlark Room
 - **Breakout | Tribal College Student Success & Capacity - Native Student Focused Resources & Programming**
| Nicolette Weston & Lisa Silverstein | Bitterroot Room
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Snack Break** | Grizzly & Meadowlark Ballroom
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Breakout Sessions | Round 2**
- **Breakout | Dual Enrollment Report & Understanding How To Help GEAR UP Students**
| Chase Stahl, Kelley Tippett, & Karen Wilson | Ponderosa Room
 - **Breakout | Crash Course: How Games Can Help In Recruitment & Help Students Become College Ready**
| Tricia Seifert | Sapphire Room
 - **Breakout | Partners In The Process: Firsthand Tips To Optimize High School Visits & Counselor Relations**
| Kelly Palmer | Bitterroot Room
- 4:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. | Snack Break** | Grizzly & Meadowlark Ballroom
- 4:10 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. | Keynote Presentations & Special Interest Round Table Discussions** | Meadowlark Ballroom
- **4:10 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Keynote Presentation | A Montana Spotlight & Educator's Story - Bordering on the Sacred: Why We Do What We Do** | Kelly Palmer | Meadowlark Ballroom
 - **4:45 pm. - 5:45 p.m. | Special Interest Round Table Discussions**
 - **Montana Tribal College Team Gathering - Sharing Best Practices & Event Programming To Better Help Our Students** | Juan Perez, Kim Barrows, Ali Smith, & Joey DiTonno | Bitterroot Room
 - **Team Building: More than Pizza Parties & Ice Breakers - New Professionals, Middle Management, & Seasoned Professionals Gathering** | Brittany Smith & Kealy Dowd | Sapphire Room
 - **Director's & Senior Leadership Gathering** | Chrissy Stokes, Austin Mapston, & Mike Ouert | Ponderosa Room
- 5:45 p.m. | Personal Break**
- 6:15 p.m. | Specialty Dinner, Social, Miniature Golf, Simulator Video Games, Lawn Games, Trivia, Music, & Montana Celebration** | New Indoor / Outdoor Fairmont Golf Shop Pavilion
- After Hours | Pool, Waterslide, or Fairmont Lounge** | Your conference attendance and hotel stay includes free pool and waterslide usage. | Pool Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. | Waterslide Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

OVERALL AGENDA *with Locations* | DAY 2



Tuesday, July 30, 2024

7:30 am – 3:00 pm | Conference Day 2

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7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast, Exhibit Gallery, & Open Networking | Grizzly & Meadowlark Ballroom

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Annual MPSEOC Membership Meeting | Learn What Is New For The Year Ahead
 | Hosted by: MPSEOC Board of Directors & Executive Director | Meadowlark Ballroom |
 | Members please attend. | Non-members are always welcome to attend, and we also have breakfast, the exhibit gallery, open networking, and/or a morning swim if you would like instead.
 Official opening sessions for the day start at 9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Good Morning, Prizes, & Keynote Welcome | A Montana Spotlight & Educator's Story - Why We Do The Work We Do | Tiffany Gusbeth | Meadowlark Ballroom

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Keynote Presentation | The Extraordinary Act Of Caring (When No One Else Seems To)
 | Casey Cornelius | Meadowlark Ballroom

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Snack Break | Grizzly & Meadowlark Ballroom

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Breakout Sessions | Round 3

- **Breakout | Denied & Distinguished: Every Day Choices For Extraordinary Outcomes In College & Life**
 | Casey Cornelius | Meadowlark Room
- **Breakout | Business, Industry, Labor, & Education Teaming To Help The Future of Students & Work | Connecting College & Career** | Mary Ellen Earnhardt, Chris Manos, Andy Shirtliff, & Brian Obert | Ponderosa Room
- **Breakout | Interacting With Students @ Fairs - How To Be Successful | StriveScan Technology Review 201**
 | Zachary George | Sapphire Room
- **Breakout | Financial Aid & FAFSA Updates, Outlook, & Impact - Open, Live Q&A Discussion**
 | James Borscheit & Angela McLean | Bitterroot Room

12:15 p.m. | Lunch | Grizzly & Meadowlark Ballroom

12:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Closing Keynote Presentations | Meadowlark Ballroom

- **12:40 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Keynote Presentation | A Montana Spotlight & Educator's Story - The Importance Of The Work We Do** | Shannon O'Brien | Meadowlark Ballroom
- **1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | State of Affairs in Financial Aid / FAFSA - What You Need To Know** | James Borscheit & Angela McLean | Meadowlark Ballroom

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Final Announcements & Closing Ceremonies | Meadowlark Ballroom

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Special Interest Gathering - Post Conference Offering | Meet in the Meadowlark Ballroom

- **In-Person Fall Fairs Round Table Discussion With Fair Site Hosts** | Sharing Important Updates, Ideas, Best Practices, etc.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE!

Many thanks & safe travels home!

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