



INSTITUTE 2010

February 3 - 4 - 5

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis South

Our Keynote Speakers!

Wednesday, February 3, 1:00 p.m.

Courageous Conversations and Courageous Leadership: Leading for Equity and Anti-Racist Action

Jamie Almanzán, Director of Teaching and Learning, Pacific Educational Group, has focused his career on working with school and district teams to create more equitable learning environments. "Good teaching can't just be good teaching...If students don't learn, then we are just disseminating information."



Thursday, February 4, 1:00 p.m.

Reconciling State Accountability, NCLB, and the need to prepare students for a digital, global age: Questions I'd be asking if I were an elementary school principal

Scott McLeod, J.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Depart. of Ed. Leadership and Policy Studies, Iowa State University and Director, UCEA Castle. Dr. McLeod is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading academic experts on K-12 school technology leadership issues. He is the creator of Leader Talk, the nation's first group blog written by school leaders for school leaders.



Friday, February 5, 10:00 a.m.

Bridging Legislation and Education: Key Legislative Concerns of Principals

Connecting legislative policy and plans to your daily life in the principalship: only Roger Aronson could bridge that gap!

Roger Aronson -- MESPA Legislative Counsel, highly regarded school law expert, and past Minnesota Top Lobbyist -- provides the insights and knowledge that principals need to be effective in their work.



Thursday, February 4 - 8:55 a.m.

Early Childhood Education: The Bridge to the Future

A panel discussion with Minnesota early childhood education leaders on the importance of early care and education in Minnesota's future. Questions will be taken from the audience.

Panel:

President Robert Bruininks, Economist Art Rolnick, Rep. Nora Slawik, Principals Amy Galatz and Patrick Bryan, and MESPA Executive Director P. Fred Storti (moderator)

Robert H. Bruininks, president, University of Minnesota since 2002. He has served the University for 39 years, formerly as a professor, dean, and executive vice president and provost. Bruininks' career has centered on child and adolescent development and strategic improvement in the fields of Pre-K and higher education.



Rep. Nora Slawik is the Minnesota state Representative for District 55B. She is chair of the Early Childhood Finance Policy Division. "Investing in early childhood...is the best reform out there."

Arthur Rolnick, senior vice president and research director for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. "Spending on high quality education for three and four year-olds yields a higher return than any other public investment."



Feature Sessions • Wednesday, February 3 • 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Courageous Conversations and Courageous Leadership: Leading for Equity and Anti-Racist Action (keynote follow up with exercises to continue the conversation).

Jamie Almanzán, Director of Teaching and Learning, Pacific Educational Group.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

MN Bullying Prevention Initiative (a partnership of MESPA, Hazelden, and the National Association of Elementary School Principals) with **Sue Thomas**, Hazelden, and **Bonnie Johnson**, MESPA member and certified Olweus trainer.

Building Strong School Cultures

Sharon D. Kruse, Ph.D., Professor, Educational Foundation and Leadership, The University of Akron. Practical strategies for achieving lasting culture change. Join the book read if you haven't already!

Join your colleagues and earn 17 CEUs at Institute 2010!

Take time for three days with your peers from across the state. The theme for the 55th annual MESPA Institute says it all: *Bridges to the Future: valuing tradition, leading change*. Institute 2010 offers keynote, feature, and focus sessions geared to advance the principal as instructional leader. This year's topics encapsulate the role of the principal in increasing student achievement through: diversity, technology, response to intervention, and professional learning communities. You will come away with strategic, practical tools to support and inspire your work in the principalship. Register today!



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Mary Hanson, Madelia

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Lillie Pang, Minneapolis
John Garcia, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan



INSTITUTE 2010 At-A-Glance

Tuesday, February 2

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| 1 - 5 pm | Pre-Institute Conference: Aligning the Learning Day: Collaboration Strategies for Principals and Afterschool Program Directors |
| 2 - 5 pm | National Distinguished Principal, Selection Committee |

Wednesday, February 3

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| 11:00 am | Registration, Internet Café <i>(sponsored by TIES)</i> | 3:30-5 | Concurrent Feature Sessions |
| | Exhibits Open | | - Courageous Conversations , keynote followup, Jamie Almanzán |
| 11:45-12:30 | Lunch <i>(sponsored by Herff Jones)</i> | | - Olweus Bullying Prevention Program , MN Bullying Prevention Initiative with Bonnie Johnson and Sue Thomas |
| 12:30 | Welcome | | - Building Strong School Cultures , Sharon D. Kruse, Ph.D. |
| 1-2:15 | Courageous Conversations and Courageous Leadership: Leading for Equity and Anti-Racist Action , Jamie Almanzán <i>(sponsored by VIRCO)</i> | | Hors d' Oeuvres Reception <i>(sponsored by Horace Mann and Jane Dalrymple of Zaner-Bloser)</i> |
| 2:30 | Dessert and tour Exhibits Area | 5-6 | MESPA New Principal Mentorship Meeting <i>(during reception)</i> |
| 3 | 25 Year Club Meeting and Social | | Dinner and evening on your own |
| 3 | MN School of Excellence: schools in process | 5-6 | |
| 3 | Institute Orientation: 1st time attendees | 6 | |

Thursday, February 4

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| 7:30-8:45 am | Breakfast on your own | 11:00-Noon | Concurrent Focus Sessions |
| 8-3:30 | Registration Open | Noon-1 pm | Buffet Luncheon, exhibitor door prize winners announced |
| 8-3 pm | Internet Café <i>(sponsored by TIES)</i> | | Reconciling State Accountability, NCLB, and the need to prepare students for a digital, global age , Scott McLeod <i>(sponsored by Study Island)</i> |
| | Exhibits Open | 1-2:15 | Dessert and tour Exhibits Area |
| 8:55 | MESPA Champion for Children Recognition | | Concurrent Focus Sessions |
| | Robert Bruininks, President, University of MN followed by: Early Childhood Education: The Bridge to the Future | 2:15-3 | MESPA Division Meetings |
| | <i>(Panel with Pres. Robert Bruininks, Rep. Nora Slawik, Economist Art Rolnick, Principals Amy Galatz and Patrick Bryan, and moderated by MESPA Executive Director P. Fred Storti)</i> | 3-4 | Gala Reception <i>(sponsored by Lifetouch, Inc.)</i> |
| | | 4:15-5:15 | Awards Program and Banquet |
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Friday, February 5

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| 7:30-8:30 am | Breakfast Buffet | 10-11:30 | Bridging Legislation and Education , Roger Aronson, MESPA Legislative Counsel |
| 8-9:45 | MESPA Annual Business Meeting <i>(special guest NAESP Pres. Diane Cargile, invited)</i> | 11:30 | MESPA Institute Cash Card prizes |
| | EPAC Drawing | | CEU certificate presentation |
| | NAESP State Rep. candidate statements | Noon | Institute 2010 adjourns |

Concurrent 60-Minute Focus Sessions Supporting the Principal's Role as Instructional Leader

Thursday - February 4

For complete session descriptions, visit www.mespa.net; click on *Professional Development*.

11:00 a.m. Focus Sessions

- **Effective Prevention and Intervention, using Lexia Reading software:** Jeff Thelen, Reading Specialist, Forest Hills Elementary
- **Partners in Promise: Safe Schools -- Successful Learners:** Sheri Boyer-Jacobs, Assistant Director for the Minnesota School Safety Center
- **How to Work Less, Produce More, and Still Get the Job Done in a Sensible School Week:** Jill Pancoast, CEO and managing partner, The Breakthrough Coach, with Jerry Hanson
- **Retirement Planning for Mid-Career Principals:** Richard McLeod, retirement counselor, Minnesota Teacher's Retirement Association
- **Join the Ranks of the Minnesota Schools of Excellence:** led by Matt Dorschner, principal, Chanhassen Elementary, and chair, Minnesota School of Excellence Program
- **Implementing Supplemental Standard Treatment Protocol Intervention for Math: Lessons Learned, Growth Achieved:** Becky Gerdes, principal, Bamber Valley Elementary; with Julie Walz, first grade teacher, After School Academy; Pam Craven, special education teacher; Deb Robinson, third grade teacher, After School Academy; Sam Ouk, ESOL teacher, After School Academy; and Kerry Bollman, Academic Collaborative Planner, SCRED
- **School-Wide Intervention Model Overview for School Administrators: How to support integrating RtI, PBIS, PLCs, problem-solving structures and standard treatment protocols. Where to start:** Carolyn Zieske, Student Success Leader; Heidi Springborg, Student Outcomes Leader, Mahtomedi School District

- **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and the MN Bullying Prevention Initiative:** a panel of principals who have successfully integrated Hazelden's Olweus program into their school community - Lorene Force, Cokato Elementary; Joe Thimm, Taylors Falls Elementary; Joleen DeLaHunt, Menagha Elementary; and Michelle Krell, moderator, Hartley Elementary

3:00 p.m. Focus Sessions

- **Social Media in the Elementary School Classroom: why and how?** Scott McLeod, J.D., Ph.D., keynote followup
- **A Critical Pathway for Transformation to a Culturally Proficient School:** Carole Gupton, Ph.D., College of Education, U of MN; Gloria Kumagai, Ph.D., Walden University; Barbara Shin, Ph.D., Hamline University
- **Using Technology to Coordinate/Communicate Among Student Service Providers:** Dave Orłowski, principal, Sweeney Elementary
- **Baiting the RtI Hook with Engaged Reading:** Becky Bone, National Literacy Consultant, Scholastic Classroom & Library Group
- **The Effort Effect:** Cynthia Stevenson, Region 11 Math and Science Teacher Center
- **Enhance Your Negotiations IQ:** led by principals from the MESPA Negotiations Committee -- Mark French, Rice Lake Elementary and committee chair; Dr. Fatima Lawson, L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion School; Warren Retzlaff, Lakeside Elementary; Jim Davison, Five Lakes Elementary; and Michael Guthrie, Shannon Park Elementary
- **TRA Benefits, Planning a Successful Retirement:** Richard McLeod, retirement counselor, Minnesota Teacher's Retirement Association.



Paul Schullo,
Bloomington

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

Wednesday, February 3

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, February 4

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Paul Schullo, MESPA Exhibits Chair, has gathered over 100 exhibitors, showcasing a wide variety of innovative education products and services.

Visit the exhibits - win a door prize and get signatures for Institute Cash Card prizes!

MESPA Annual Banquet and Awards Celebration

With Gala Reception sponsored by Lifetouch Inc.

Grand Ballroom, Thursday evening, February 4



Honoring:

- *Science and Mathematics Principal of the Year*
- *MESPA Division Leadership Achievement Award Recipients*
- *Minnesota Schools of Excellence*
- *Minnesota National Distinguished Principal - Stacy DeCorsey*
- *and recognition of other achievements*



**Twenty-Five Year Club
Annual Meeting and Social**

Wednesday - February 3 at 3:00 pm

**Orientation for
1st Time Institute Participants**

Are you new to the MESPA Institute?
What should you be sure to attend?
Wednesday - February 3 at 3:00 pm

**MESPA New Principal
Mentorship Meeting**

Wednesday - February 3, 5:00 p.m. during the
Hors d'oeuvres Reception, poolside

Important Reminders

CHECK-IN TIME for room reservations is 3:00 pm.
Please leave luggage in your cars until this time.

MESPA HEADQUARTERS will be in Atrium 5.
MESPA staff will be there to assist you with any
concerns.

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS - The Sheraton
Bloomington Hotel telephone number is:
952-835-7800.
Messages can be forwarded to Atrium 5 from
Wednesday, February 3 - Friday, February 5. They
will be posted in the Institute registration area.

AWARDS BANQUET ATTIRE for Thursday
evening February 4 is semi-formal.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Reserve hotel accommodations on-line through the MESPA Web site at www.mespa.net, click on *Professional Development; Institute 2010; Registration* to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from now until January 22, 2010. **Or you may call 952-835-7800 for reservations.**
- An Institute registration form is enclosed with this mailing.
- **Institute registration fee is \$350** for MESPA members.
- Institute registration due date: January 22, 2010.
- Late registration: After January 22 - \$365.00.
On-site February 3 - \$375.00.
- **If registrations are sent between Jan. 14 and Jan. 29, please fax your form** to the MESPA office (651/999-7311) before sending it to your district office - and indicate that the actual registration form and payment will follow. We want to be sure we have Institute materials and meals reserved for you!
- Registration fee includes four meals, materials, speakers, and **17 clock hour credits (CEUs)**. Register separately for the special Pre-Institute Conference: *Aligning the Learning Day*.
- Partial or one-day registrations are not available.
- Purchase guest meal tickets at Institute registration desk.
- **Cancellation/Refund Policy:** Individuals registered for Institute but unable to attend, may receive a refund (less a \$75 processing fee) by sending a letter/e-mail to the MESPA office by January 29. (No refunds after January 29.)
- Participants with disabilities who need special services or individuals with food allergies, please notify the MESPA office in writing by January 22. ☺

Institute Opening Schedule: February 3

- **Institute registration** (to pick up your program, name tag, and meal tickets) begins at 11:00 a.m.
- **Lunch** is served from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Opening Session** begins at 12:30 p.m.



Registration Due: JANUARY 22, 2010

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