



# MESPA INSTITUTE 2017

FEBRUARY 1-3, 2017

## Wednesday

11:00 am **MAKER SPACE SHOWCASE** View the **Makerspace Showcase** in Veranda 2 or **browse exhibits** and earn double tickets (see app for exhibit game details)!

11:45 am **Ballroom** | Lunch, Welcome, and Keynote by Baruti Kafele, *Critical Leadership Questions for Inspiring Schoolwide Excellence*

### Where to Find Us

The MESPA Staff Headquarters are located in Atrium 8. For immediate assistance call 952.835.7800 and ask for Atrium 8.

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### View the App

Find detailed session descriptions, speaker bios, exhibitor information, venue maps, evaluations, and more on the Institute App! Scan the QR code to the left or go to: [mespainstitute2017.sched.com](http://mespainstitute2017.sched.com)



### Wi-Fi Password: mespamn

Connect to the free Wi-Fi by selecting the guest network, opening an internet browser, and entering the password.

### Stay Connected: #mespamn

Share your thoughts, ideas, and pictures with your MESPA colleagues by tweeting using #mespamn!

### Contribute to EPAC

Contribute and be eligible for the EPAC cash prize drawing Friday at noon. Visit the EPAC table across from the MESPA registration for more details.

### Evaluations & CEUs

Focus sessions evaluations and an Institute Overview Evaluation can be found on the app. Please take a moment at the end of each session to answer a few questions. *You must complete the Institute Overview Evaluation after Institute to receive your CEUs.*

### Meal Tickets

The logo on your name badge is your meal ticket. Present your name badge to get into meals, including the Thursday evening banquet.

**Need a Ticket?** Tickets can be purchased at registration.

Wed. Lunch: \$32    Thurs. Lunch: \$36  
Thurs. Dinner: \$50    Fri. Breakfast: \$21

2:30 pm | **Exhibit Hall Veranda 2** Exhibit Viewing and Dessert Makerspace Showcase Viewing

2:45 pm | **Edina**  
Student Loan Forgiveness for Educators  
presented by **Horace Mann**

2:45 pm | **Bloomington**  
Transform School Climate Through Power of Play  
presented by **Playworks**

3:00 pm | **Atrium 1**  
Institute Orientation & Reception for First-Time Attendees

3:15 pm | **Plaza 3**  
Retired Principals of MESPA Meeting & Social

*Browse exhibits, explore the Makerspace Showcase, grab a treat, attend a session by our business partners, learn "how to do Institute" at the first-time attendee orientation, or meet with Retired Principals of MESPA!*

3:50 pm | **Focus Sessions** | *Pick from eight sessions listed below & find full descriptions on the app!*

**MAKER SPACE SHOWCASE** Empowering Students through Making  
*Adams & Lostetter*  
**Bloomington**

Data-Driven Coaching of Struggling Teachers  
*Brinkman & Williams*  
**Atrium 4**

Principals as Equity-Centered Instructional Leaders  
*Caldwell & Taylor*  
**Atrium 7**

Global Partnerships for Authentic Language Learning  
*Alexander & Parker*  
**Atrium 3**

Is My School Better BECAUSE I Lead It?  
*Baruti Kafele*  
**Edina**

Leadership, Equity, and Mental Health  
*Alden, Kruger, McCoy & Ochocki*  
**Atrium 6**

Leading from the Sandbox: Leading at the PreK-3 Level  
*Jessica Cabeen*  
**Atrium 2**

Leveraging Assessments to Close the Achievement Gap  
*Janey Blanchard*  
**Atrium 1**

5:00 pm | **Welcome Reception** | Poolside Garden Court

6:00 pm | **Division Meetings** | Check App for Details

6:00 pm | **Networking & Social** | Poolside Cabanas

# Thursday

7:00 am Division Meetings - Check App for Details  
 7:45 am Exhibit Viewing Open | Breakfast on Your Own  
 8:15 am **Ballroom** | Keynote by Dr. Sharroky Hollie,  
*Six Ways to Know if You Are Culturally Responsive*

9:45 am | **Ballroom** Unconference Intro & Board Building  
 10:15 am | **Varies (see app)** Unconference Session 1  
 11:10 am | **Varies (see app)** Unconference Session 2

12:00 pm Lunch ✨ Prize Drawings & Campaign Speeches  
 1:00 pm | **Exhibit Hall** Exhibit Viewing

1:10 pm   <b>Edina</b> Difference Between Blended Learning & Tech. Integration presented by Lexia Learning	1:10 pm   <b>Bloomington</b> Olweus Bullying Prevention Program presented by Hazelden
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1:45 pm | **Focus Sessions** | *Pick from eight sessions listed below & find full descriptions on the app!*

Creating Authentic Space w/ Culturally Responsive Practices <i>Gulyard &amp; Sims Bloomington</i>	Harness the Power of Your Professional Learning Network <i>Bret Domstrand Atrium 1</i>
Dual Language Learners: Teaching English, Honoring Home <i>Angèle Sancho Passe Atrium 7</i>	Implementation Science: Measuring Initiative Effectiveness <i>Gibbons &amp; Pekel Atrium 3</i>
Educational Excellence through Equity: 90-90-90 Student Achievement Goal <i>Vang &amp; Maxe Atrium 2</i>	Mindful Collaboration for School Leaders <i>Skanson &amp; Stalboerger Edina</i>
Fostering Excellent Reading Instruction w/ Classroom Visits <i>Houck &amp; Novak Atrium 4</i>	Top 20 Schools: Create an Effective Learning Culture <i>Brennan &amp; Cody Atrium 6</i>

# Thursday Continued:

2:45 pm | **Exhibit Hall** Exhibit Viewing and Dessert

2:55 pm   <b>Edina</b> Impacting School Climate through Mindset Education presented by 7 Mindsets	2:55 pm   <b>Bloomington</b> The Leader in Me: Empowering Student Leadership presented by FranklinCovey
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3:30 pm | **Principal Essentials Focus Sessions** | *Pick from seven sessions listed below & find full descriptions on the app!*

An Introduction to Youth Mental Health First Aid <i>Paige Thompson Atrium 4</i>	The Art of Negotiation <i>Roger Aronson Edina</i>
Join the Ranks of MN School of Excellence <i>Sam Richardson Atrium 1</i>	TRA Through the Generations <i>Altringer &amp; Stoffel Atrium 2</i>
Let's put the FUN Back in DysFUNCTION: Working with Conflict <i>Bruce Miles Atrium 7</i>	Where Do Great Leaders Go? MN Principals Academy <i>Katie Pekel Atrium 3</i>
Safety & Security for our Schools: It's more than just locking your door! <i>Johnson Bloomington</i>	<i>After your focus session, connect with colleagues and get ready for the MESPYS! Dress code is "come as you are!"</i>

**2017 MESPW**

5:30 pm **Ballroom** | Reception  
 6:00 pm Awards Program  
 6:30 pm Dinner ✨  
 7:00 pm NDP Award & Music

*Join us for the Premier Elementary Principal Awards Celebration of the Year!*

# Friday

7:00 am **Ballroom** | Breakfast ✨  
 8:00 am MESPA Annual Business Meeting  
 9:00 am The Legal and Legislative Lowdown with Roger Aronson

10:00 am

If We Weren't Elementary Principals... <i>Paul Anderson</i>	The Importance of Identity Work <i>Tim Brown</i>	Leadership Through an Equity Lens <i>Sarabeth deNeui</i>	Let's Get the Band Back Together! <i>Eric Skanson</i>
How Principals Can Empower Teachers <i>Elle Stefan</i>	School Transformation: Doing it Right! <i>Bondo Nyembwe</i>	Do You See Me? Do You Like What you See? <i>Todd Goggeye</i>	Remembering Your Why <i>Chrese Jones</i>

11:45 am EPAC Prize Drawing and MESPA Cash Drawing! Must be present to win!