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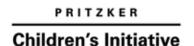






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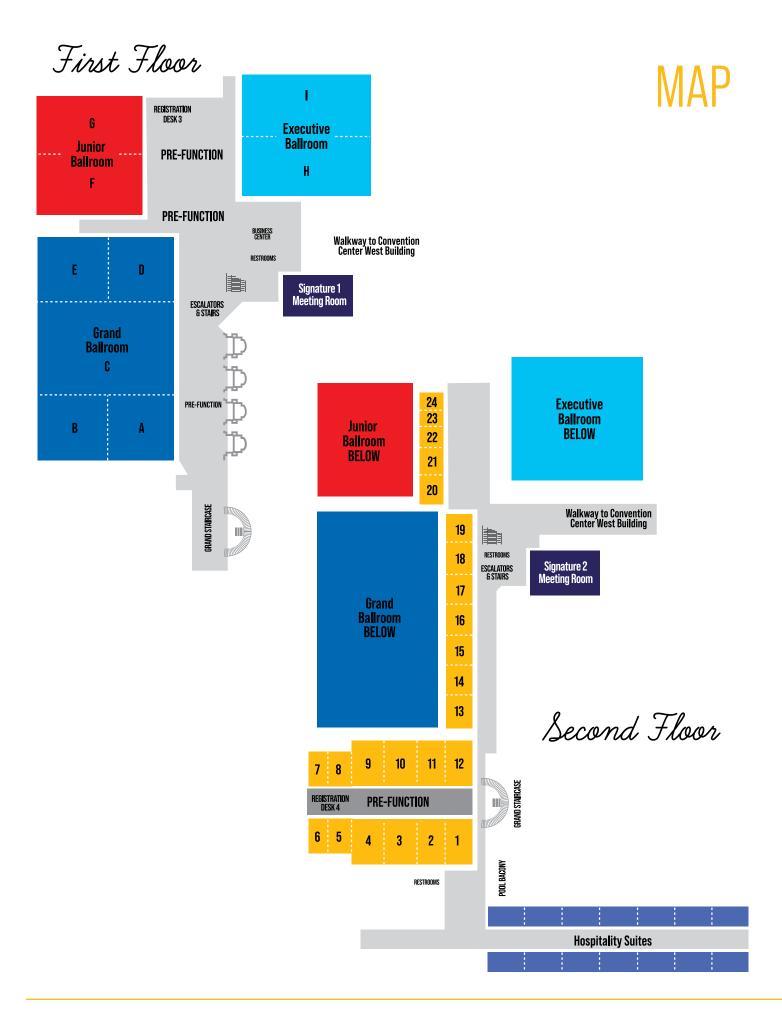


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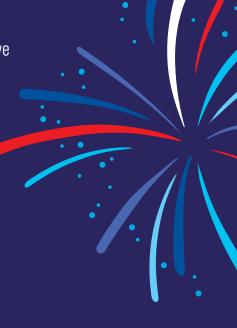
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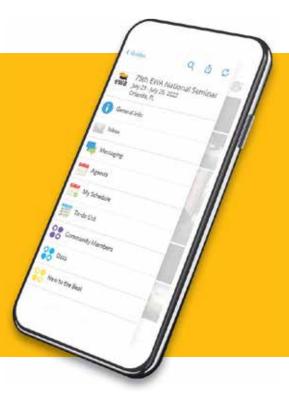
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The ABCs and RCTs of Using Research Findings and Survey Data in Your Stories

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Saturday



Welcome Session

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

The American Federation of Teachers invites you to kick off the 75th EWA National Seminar. These last two years have been trying for us all, and the AFT is proud to honor the education writers who have chronicled the journey — charting the challenges that teachers and their students confront every day. Sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers

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- Healthcare professionals are carrying us through the deadliest pandemic in a century.
- Public employees are delivering vital services that communities rely on.
- Educators and school staff are working with families to help students catch up and recover—to support students academically, emotionally and socially. Just as they worked to safely return to in-person learning, educators are looking forward: They yearn for post-pandemic normalcy and are working tirelessly to prepare our kids for bright futures.

Our members must be respected and supported, especially now as their work is harder than ever, with increased stress, staff shortages, and political interference and attacks.

As professionals and as a union, we care, we fight, we show up and we vote. We choose hope and aspiration over fear and division. It is time to turn the aspiration that unites everyone in our richly diverse country—the aspiration for a better life for ourselves, our children and our communities—into action.

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Kids are resilient. Schools should be too.





Sumday JULY 2



Registration Open
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION DESK 3

Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BALLROOM

Opening Plenary 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

The Politicization of Education: What's Ahead in 2022

EXECUTIVE BALLROOM

U.S. education has never been insulated from politics. But what's the impact on learning communities when education practices become fodder for partisan electioneering in local, state and national races? How can reporters responsibly navigate coverage without contributing to an atmosphere of division?

Sonya Douglass, Columbia University

Andrew Kelly, University of North Carolina System Office

Heather Schwartz, RAND Corporation

Adam Harris, The Atlantic (moderator)

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. EXECUTIVE BALLROOM FOYER

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Concurrent Sessions 10:45 – 11:45 p.m.

Causes and Consequences of College Enrollment Declines

SALON 15/16

Continuing downward trends in college enrollment are casting a shadow across higher education. What are the consequences of lower enrollment among men, low-income students, and students of color? What is the outlook for 2022-23 and beyond — for students and colleges themselves?

Antonio Banks, Compton College

Elizabeth Gaskin, Indian River State College

Madeleine Rhyneer, EAB

Kelly Field, Freelance Reporter (moderator)

Concurrent Sessions 10:45 - 11:45 p.m. (cont'd)

Coping With Student Mental Health Needs

JR. BALLROOM G

Surveys and hospital admissions show that a growing number of young people are experiencing serious mental health challenges. Learn how well the education sector is addressing adolescents' unique mental health needs, and how this trend is affecting schools, colleges, and students.

Marty Swanbrow Becker, Florida State University

Sandra Chafouleas, University of Connecticut

John MacPhee. The Jed Foundation

Jamaal Abdul-Alim, The Conversation (moderator)

How I Did the Story - K-12

JR. BALLROOM F

Expert reporters share insights from covering stories at the K-12 level exploring questions involving race, including educational equity, school finance, the impact of the pandemic, and more.

William Melhado, The Texas Tribune

Jennifer Smith Richards, Chicago Tribune

Samantha Smylie, Chalkbeat Chicago

Christina A. Samuels, The Hechinger Report (moderator)

The Struggle to Staff America's Schools

SALON 13/14

The pandemic has posed severe difficulties for staffing in schools, including teachers, support staff, bus drivers, and more. Also, some teacher prep programs have reported declining enrollment, creating worries about the pipeline. Experts discuss the situation and highlight promising practices to address it.

Vatricia Harris, Mesa Public Schools (Arizon)

Julia Kaufman, RAND Corporation

Brent Maddin, Arizona State University

Neal Morton, The Hechinger Report (moderator)

Community Member Session: Communicating Through Pandemic Controversies

SALON 17/18

For two years, much education communication and coverage has focused on the pandemic and its effects - from missed learning to mental health implications. But as these stories grow repetitive, what new ideas are worth pitching? What fresh challenges should educators be ready to address in an endemic world?

John Dudley, University of South Florida

Tonya Harris, Council of the Great City Schools

Hanna Kim, City Year

Michelle Lerner, Lerner Communications (moderator)

12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH

Lunch Break With Ms. Abbott

EXECUTIVE BALLROOM

Ms. Joyce Abbott, the namesake for the ABC sitcom "Abbott Elementary," joins EWA for a Q&A about her remarkable career as an educator in Philadelphia and the current landscape for public education.

Joyce Abbott, Philadelphia School District (retired)

Erica Green, The New York Times (moderator)

Concurrent Sessions 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Getting Real About Early Reading Instruction

SALON 13/14

Amid a backlash to popular but problematic strategies for teaching children to read, what's changing on the ground in schools? Learn how programs to prepare and support teachers align or conflict with research evidence on effective practices in early reading instruction.

Aaron Bouie III, Youngstown City School District

Kymyona Burk, The Foundation for Excellence in Education

Timothy Shanahan, University of Illinois at Chicago

Rupen Fofaria, EducationNC (moderator)

Making Up for Missed Learning in Higher Ed

SALON 15/16

Whether they are just starting their higher education careers or closing in on a degree, college students are suffering the effects of missed learning opportunities due to COVID-19. How are colleges trying to catch students back up as they strive for an academic recovery from pandemic-era disruption?

Katrina Arnold, Pitt Community College

Dhanfu Elston, Complete College America

Ryan Goodwin, University of Central Florida

Olivia Sanchez, The Hechinger Report (moderator)

Shop Talk — Beat Reporting

JR. BALLROOM F

How can you improve your daily beat coverage? Get tips from journalists who were honored in the National Awards for Education Reporting for their work on the education beat.

Erica Green, The New York Times

Mila Koumpilova, Chalkbeat Chicago

Olivia Krauth, The Courier Journal

Bianca Vázquez Toness, Associated Press (moderator)

Concurrent Sessions 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (cont'd)

Where Have All the Students Gone?

JR. BALLROOM G

Student enrollment took a big hit in many public school systems during the pandemic, as students left for charter, private, virtual and home-based schools. Data is now revealing where students went and why. What are the implications for schools, families, and districts?

Alberto Carvalho, Los Angeles Unified School District

Thomas Dee, Stanford University

Daniel Domenech, AASA | The School Superintendents Association

Linda Jacobson, The 74 (moderator)

Community Member Session:

Doing It All? Traditional and Digital Communications

SALON 17/18

Today's communications campaigns require traditional and digital approaches, but most career paths silo professionals into one specialty or the other. Whether working in house, at an agency or for yourself: How important is it to keep one foot in both? When is it best to outsource expertise? And what do you really need to know to move up the ladder?

Amy Bartner, Lumina Foundation

Sharise Johnson, SMJ Communications

David Park, Learning Heroes

Kamali Burke, Fenton (moderator)

Sponsor Session:

Implications of College Consolidations for Higher Fd's Future

SALON 20/21

Colleges and universities are recognizing the need to transform their educational and business models to advance student success. Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Chancellor Daniel Greenstein discusses his experience consolidating campuses amid a national effort to fund institutions willing to explore such partnerships. (Sponsored and organized by ECMC Foundation.)

Daniel Greenstein, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

Stephen Handel, ECMC Foundation

Scott Jaschik, Inside Higher Ed (moderator)

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Apprenticeships: From Hype to Real Alternative?

SALON 13/14

Everybody seems to love the idea of earn-while-you-learn apprenticeships, but the number of on-the-job learning programs remains relatively tiny. What will it take to make apprenticeships and other forms of experiential learning a more recognized and widely embraced alternative pathway for students?

Chrystal Mingo, Citi

Joe Mitchell, Skillstorm

Stanley Omotuyole, Box

Divya Kumar, Tampa Bay Times (moderator)

Data and Resources to Track K-12 Efforts to Catch Kids Up

JR. BALLROOM F

Journalists learn about a variety of valuable resources to inform their coverage of the education recovery, including a site that tracks promising efforts to help schools come back stronger and a growing collection of analyses on promising practices.

Carrie Conaway, Harvard University

Jim Cowen, Collaborative for Student Success

Dennis Roche, Burbio, Inc.

Melissa Taboada, The Boston Globe (moderator)

Ethics and Best Practices of Covering School Gun Violence

JR. BALLROOM G

Education journalists play a crucial role in both reporting on school shootings and shaping their newsrooms' policies on such coverage. Experienced journalists share their insights on such topics as what reporters need to know about the push to "harden" schools, how to responsibly address the emotional aspects of gun violence's impact on school communities, and why threat assessment teams are gaining momentum as a preventative approach.

Jenny Deam, ProPublica

Silvia Foster-Frau, The Washington Post

Mark Keierleber, The 74

Kristen Taketa, The San Diego Union-Tribune (moderator)

Practical Training on Federal Higher Education Data

SALON 17/18

This session offers training on how to use new College Scorecard data that can serve as one yardstick of higher education's return on investment. Experts on the College Scorecard show reporters how to use the vast database to evaluate the financial value of colleges and programs.

Michael Itzkowitz, Third Way

Jordan Matsudaira, U.S. Department of Education

Andrea Fuller, The Wall Street Journal (moderator)

Shop Talk — Audio Reporting

SALON 15/16

Admit it: You want to do a podcast! Whatever your level of familiarity with audio journalism, get advice on using the medium from honorees recognized in the National Awards for Education Reporting. Sasha Aslanian, American Public Media

Lee Gaines, WFYI Public Media

Ki Sung, MindShift at KQED

Jessica Bakeman, WLRN NEWS (moderator)

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Concurrent Sessions 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Covering Young Voters' Impact at the Polls

SALON 13/14

Millions of young voters will be eligible to go to the polls in the crucial midterm election in 2022. Learn about the issues that appear to be motivating them to civic participation, and the campaigns to discourage or encourage them to vote.

Monica Clarke, Alabama A&M University

Andres Cubillos, Florida PIRG Students at Florida State University

Abby Kiesa, Tufts University

Rachel Leingang, Arizona Agenda (moderator)

Leveraging Learning in the Summer and After School

SALON 17/18

Fueled by federal pandemic-relief aid, many states and school districts aim to expand and even reinvent their summer and after-school offerings. Goals are to help re-engage students and make up for lost time. Experts and educators explore what's happening, what's on the horizon, and discuss promising practices.

Brodrick Clarke, National Summer Learning Association

Gia Maxwell, Breakthrough Miami

Jen Rinehart, Afterschool Alliance

Ramaya Thomas, Afterschool Alliance

Asher Lehrer-Small, The 74 (moderator)

Shop Talk — Feature and News Stories

JR. BALLROOM F

Producing fantastic feature and news stories is not for the fainthearted. Get tips on ideas, interviewing, ledes, structure and kickers from journalists who were honored for their feature and news stories in the National Awards for Education Reporting.

Trisha Crain, Alabama Education Lab at AL.com

Rita Omokha, Freelance Journalist

Jack Stripling, The Chronicle of Higher Education

Jo Napolitano, The 74 (moderator)

Concurrent Sessions 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. (cont'd)

The View From the Principal's Office

SALON 15/16

The job of being a public school principal has been anything but easy during the pandemic. How have school leaders come through, and what are they expecting in 2022-23? Principals share their views on complex and pressing issues including academic recovery, mental health, politicization, hiring, school morale and more.

Trent Daniel, Oviedo High School (Florida)

LaMonica Davis, Helen Arnold Community Learning Center (Ohio)

Richard Gordon, Paul Robeson High School (Pennsylvania)

Aleli Vazquez, Village Park Elementary School (Florida)

Patrick Wall, Chalkbeat (moderator)

What Do Parents Want From Education News?

JR. BALLROOM G

Recent survey data provide fresh insights on what parents value most in education news, especially families of color. How well – or not – do the findings align with what news organizations generally deliver? Panelists explore these issues and the implications for the work of education reporters.

Jesse Holcomb, Calvin University

Ashley McBride, The Oaklandside

Sonya Thomas, Nashville PROPEL

Eva-Marie Ayala, The Dallas Morning News (moderator)

Evening Activites

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet

EXECUTIVE BALLROOM

8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Reception

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Join the EWA Board of Directors for a reception celebrating EWA's 75th anniversary, finalists and winners of the National Awards for Education Reporting and Caroline Hendrie's 12 years of EWA leadership.

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- Civic Engagement Research Group
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Breakfast & Member Meeting 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

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The EWA Board of Directors recognizes the service of EWA staff, shares news about a memorial fund for late EWA member Sierra Jenkins, offers an update on the organization's executive search, and answers member questions.

Opening Plenary 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

A Look Ahead at Academic Recovery

EXECUTIVE BALLROOM

Schools at all levels are struggling with how to help students who fell far behind academically over the last two years. Learn about research and data documenting the pandemic's impact, and hear from experts about promising recovery strategies.

Allison Calhoun-Brown, Georgia State University

Peggy Carr, National Center for Education Statistics

Daniel Domenech, AASA | The School Superintendents Association

Thomas Kane, Harvard University

Chastity Pratt, The Wall Street Journal (moderator)

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Forgiveness, Fairness and the Future of Student Loans

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The patchwork of payment pauses, flexible repayment options and forgiveness plans can't seem to keep up with the continuing rise in borrowing and debts by students and parents. How can reporters investigate the reasons behind, impacts of, and solutions to the nation's problem-plagued student loan system?

Sandy Baum, Urban Institute

Betsy Mayotte, The Institute of Student Loan Advisors

Wil Del Pilar. The Education Trust

Cory Turner, NPR (moderator)

How I Did the Story - Higher Education

JR. BALLROOM F

Hear from reporters covering race and equity issues in higher education, including efforts to close completion gaps for historically underserved students, the impact of federal Pell grant access for incarcerated learners, and barriers to making college more accessible and affordable.

Cassie Chew, Freelance Journalist

Eric Hoover, The Chronicle of Higher Education

Camille Phillips, Texas Public Radio

Denise-Marie Ordway, The Journalist's Resource (moderator)

Tapping Federal Dollars to Make School **Buildings Healthier**

SALON 13/14

COVID-19 has put indoor air quality on the agenda of school officials like never before. Fueled in part by federal pandemic-relief aid, efforts to make school buildings healthier environments are on the rise. Experts say such steps aren't just good for health but can also improve academics. What do reporters need to know to effectively cover this issue?

Joseph Allen, Harvard University

Hannah Carter, U.S. Green Building Council

Rodney Williams, Newark Board of Education

Kristen Graham, Philadelphia Inquirer (moderator)

The Well-Being of LGBTQ Youths

JR. BALLROOM G

A wave of state legislation, such as so-called "Don't Say Gay" bills, is sparking concerns about the school climate for LGBTQ youth. Experts fear such bills are further eroding students' well-being and mental health, already damaged by the pandemic. Learn how educators are responding, and get tips on covering these issues well.

Charity Jackson, Magic City Acceptance Academy

Zee Nadeem, Ci3 Youth Advisory Council

Stephen Russell, University of Texas at Austin

Ian Siljestrom, Equality Florida

Beth Hawkins, The 74 (moderator)

Community Member Session:

Partnerships and Coalitions That Work for You

SALON 17/18

In a world divided by everything from politics to the pandemic, how can communicators help their organizations maintain existing partnerships and forge ahead with new ones? This session explores how to get beyond sharing social media toolkits to collaborate effectively - even when you don't always agree.

Kaitlyn Chantry, Education Resource Strategies

Nicolle Grayson, The Education Trust

Andy Smith, TNTP

Juan Elizondo, TNTP (moderator)

Sponsor Session:

Investing in the Future of Work and a Skills-First Approach

SALON 20/21

To better serve today's workers and employers, we need a system of training, credentials, and degrees acknowledging that the school-to-work journey is not a direct path ending with a degree. In a conversation led by IBM Vice President for Global Education and Workforce Development Lydia Logan, panelists discuss the systemic challenges, opportunities, and best-in-class examples of a skills-first approach. (Sponsored and organized by IBM.)

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12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Awards Announcement Lunch

EXECUTIVE BALLROOM

Concurrent Sessions 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Building Math Momentum by High School

SALON 13/14

Long-standing gaps in mathematics learning by race and income grew worse during the pandemic, emerging data indicate. Against this backdrop, speakers explore efforts to fuel math engagement and achievement before high school, especially for students of color and those from low-income families.

Horace Buddoo, Saga Education

Tom Loveless, Author

Lacey Robinson, UnboundEd

Alia Wong, USA Today (moderator)

Eye on Federal Higher Education Policy

JR. BALLROOM G

The Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education discusses and answers questions about the Biden administration's approach to federal postsecondary education policy, including timely topics such as student loan forgiveness, Title IX, and accountability issues such as "gainful employment" regulations.

James Kvaal, U.S. Department of Education

Eric Kelderman, The Chronicle of Higher Education (moderator)

Lightning Talks: Flash Tips From **Fellow Reporters**

JR. BALLROOM F

Conference attendees share their know-how during brief, high-energy presentations on practical reporting and writing skills.

Marlon Walker,

The Marshall Project (moderator)

Engaging, Expanding Audiences With Twitter Spaces - Eric Weddle, WFYI

Five Ways to Uncover Stories About Clashes Over Religion in Schools - Linda K. Wertheimer, Independent Journalist

How I ** REALLY ** Did This Story - Nirvi Shah, Independent Journalist

How (and Why) to Start a Newsletter - Rachel Leingang, Arizona Agenda

Journalistic Ethics and Education Reporting - Peggy Barmore, Freelance Journalist

New Approaches to Audience Engagement: Tools and Capacities to Counter Misinformation in Hispanic Communities - Maritza Félix, Conecta Arizona

So, You Have a Newsletter ... Now What? - MJ Slaby and Arika Herron, Indianapolis Star

The Push to Restrict Teaching on **Controversial Topics**

SALON 15/16

The rapid spread of legal limits on how teachers talk about issues like race and gender identity is not going unnoticed in the nation's classrooms. The trend raises big questions: Who does — and should control the curriculum? How much leeway do teachers have? Has the public lost trust in educators?

Francesca López, Pennsylvania State University

Michael Petrilli, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

Cecilia Robinson-Woods, Millwood Public Schools (Oklahoma)

Eesha Pendharkar, Education Week (moderator)

Community Member Session:

What's Hot, What's Not

SALON 17/18

Peddle an op-ed or promote a Twitter thread? Focus on creating brand content or on winning earned media? How can communicators use newer platforms, such as TikTok, to their advantage? A look at what's in and what's out in today's education communications ecosystem.

Daria Hall, Fenton

Blair Mann, Data Quality Campaign

My Nguyen, Digital Promise

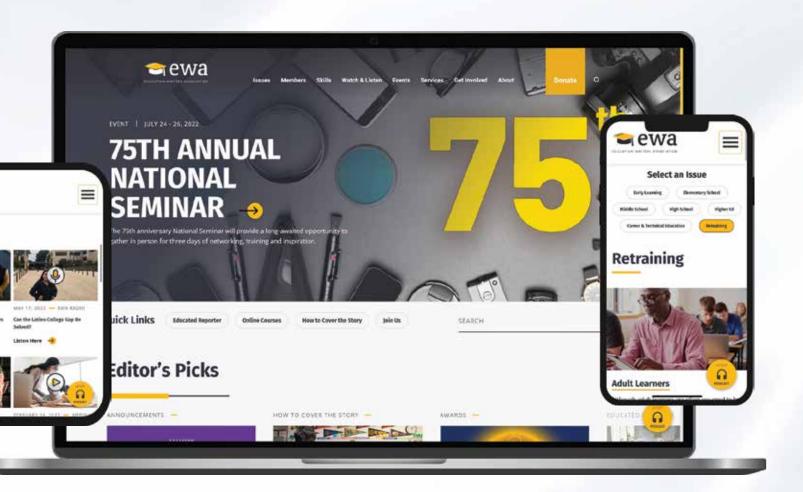
Carlos Zavala, Whiteboard Advisors

Patrick Riccards, Driving Force Institute (moderator)

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Sponsor Session:

The ABCs and RCTs of Using Research Findings and Survey Data in Your Stories

SALON 20/21

Research findings and survey data can be a key part of stories about education, health and wellness, workforce outcomes, and other important topics. In this session, two research experts will help you understand different research, evaluation and survey designs and a veteran journalist will offer writing and reporting tips. (Sponsored and organized by American Institutes for Research.)

Matt Barnum, Chalkbeat

Mary Ann Fox, American Institutes for Research

Julie Kochanek, American Institutes for Research

Jill Barshay, The Hechinger Report (moderator)

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Covering Conflicts Over Academic Freedom, Tenure and Campus Speech

SALON 15/16

Pressure on faculty tenure and academic freedom has intensified, raising questions about the ability to tackle controversial subjects in higher education — in the classroom and beyond. What are the trends, and what should reporters know?

Ronald Crutcher, University of Richmond

Jenna Robinson, James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal

Meera Sitharam, University of Florida

Jeremy Young, PEN America

Sara Hebel, Open Campus (moderator)

Federal Spotlight: Title IX, Special Ed and Other Civil Rights Issues

JR. BALLROOM F

The U.S. Department of Education's assistant secretary for civil rights discusses and answers questions about the Biden administration's policies on issues including the rights of transgender students, the conduct of sexual misconduct cases, and schools' treatment of students with disabilities during the pandemic.

Catherine Lhamon, U.S. Department of Education

Bianca Quilantan, Politico (moderator)

Shop Talk — Visual Reporting

SALON 17/18

Visuals are increasingly important to making impactful journalism. Get advice and tips from journalists who were honored for their visual journalism in this year's awards program.

Justin Allen, EdSource

Kevin Armstrong, The Star-Ledger

Alec Fischer, Fischr Media

Daniel Willis, EdSource

LA Johnson, National Public Radio

Dana Roberson, WNET/Thirteen (moderator)

The Search for Solutions to Student Behavior **Problems**

JR. BALLROOM G

From coast to coast, teachers report a rise in unsafe student behavior, from verbal disrespect to physical fights. Is it a temporary shift brought on by the pandemic? Or do schools need to rethink their approach to students' emotional needs? Speakers discuss the crisis and opportunities for rethinking student services.

Jessica Kibblewhite, Chicago Public Schools

Alex Magana, Beacon Network Schools (Colorado)

Olga Acosta Price, George Washington University

Talia Richman, Dallas Morning News (moderator)

What's Next for Online Teaching and Learning

SALON 13/14

The research is becoming clearer: Online courses failed millions of students. Are there programs that worked well? Are there ways the pandemic-era experiment with remote learning can improve instruction, such as through personalization or hybrid teaching programs? Speakers explore lessons learned and look ahead.

Melissa Brown, Pearson Virtual Schools

Dyane Smokorowski, Wichita Public Schools (Kansas)

Joseph South, International Society for Technology in Education

D'Andre Weaver, Digital Promise

Alyson Klein, Education Week (moderator)

Sponsor Session:

Reimagining the Role of the Teacher

SALON 20/21

Teachers are truly essential workers. As many struggled to balance the personal and professional during the pandemic, issues were forced to the surface that opened dialogue about the pressures that teachers face. How can we evolve narratives to better reflect and support our teachers? (Sponsored and organized by SXSW EDU.)

Elisa Villanueva Beard. Teach for America

Norma Castillo, Austin Independent School District (Texas)

Ron Reed, SXSW EDU

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Concurrent Sessions 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Research Rendezvous: Q&As With Education Scholars

SALON 17/18

Education researchers offer lightning talks on important research and then talk with attendees in roundtable discussions. Scholars' talks address such newsy topics as the school-to-prison pipeline, ethnic studies and student data privacy.

Charles Bell, Illinois State University

Thomas Dee, Stanford University

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Barbara Oakley, Oakland University

Jamaal Abdul-Alim, The Conversation (moderator)

Rising to the Child Care Challenge

SALON 15/16

The pandemic took a heavy toll on the child care workforce, with many programs closing altogether. Hear from experts and practitioners about the fallout. How can we make early childhood education an attractive and financially viable profession for top-notch educators?

Laura Bornfreund, New America

Jackie Mader, The Hechinger Report

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Emily Tate, *EdSurge* (moderator)

Shop Talk — Investigative and Public Service Reporting

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Investigative and public service reporting are at the heart of what journalists do. Learn from the best in this shop talk with journalists recognized in the National Awards for Education Reporting.

Laura Bauer, The Kansas City Star

Hannah Dreyfus, ProPublica

Mandy McLaren, The Courier Journal

Dilcia Mercedes, Big Local News

Samantha Smylie, Chalkbeat Chicago

Judy Thomas, The Kansas City Star

lan Shapira, The Washington Post (moderator)

Should Microcredentials Go Macro?

SALON 13/14

The growing interest and support for "microcredentials" is running into concerns that we know little about their value to employers. How can reporters help the public separate the wheat from the chaff?

Christine Cruzvergara, Handshake

Shalin Jyotishi, New America and World Economic

Lisa Larson, The Education Design Lab

Amy Morona, Crain's Cleveland Business (moderator)

What K-12 Innovations and Experiments Are Taking Hold?

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The COVID-19 shutdown sparked a variety of creative responses to fill the learning void. What do we know about the current state of learning hubs, microschools, new models of choice, and the evolution of remote instruction and other technology-enabled education?

Michael Horn, Author

Bree Dusseault, Center on Reinventing Public Education

Tiffany Dudley, Black Mothers Forums

Emmeline Zhao, The 74 (moderator)

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The Power of College Completion: The Evidence and the Policies

SALON 20/21

College completion transforms lives, but too often policies and funding focus just on getting students in the door. A growing body of research shows what colleges can do to boost completion programs. Find out about the programs, evidence, and potential state and federal policies and investments at this dynamic panel with experts in the field. (Sponsored and organized by Arnold Ventures.)

Katie Beal, MDRC

John Lane, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association

Shun Robertson, University of North Carolina System Office

Wil Del Pilar, The Education Trust

Kelly McManus, Arnold Ventures (moderator)



5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Receptions

Join fellow attendees for informal social networking while enjoying beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Carnegie Cocktails and Conversation

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Reception with NEA President Becky Pringle

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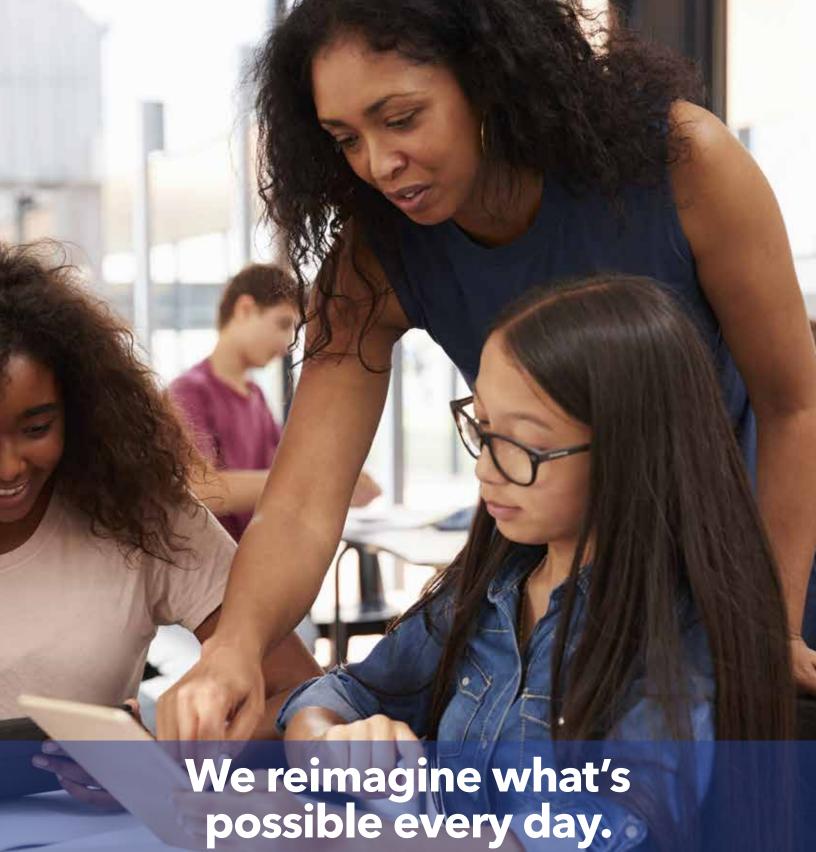
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Site Visit 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Site Visit to a Rosen Preschool in Downtown Orlando

Join a guided visit to the Rosen Preschool in Parramore, one of Orlando's oldest historically Black neighborhoods. The preschool program combines private funding — primarily through the Rosen Parramore PS8 Foundation — and a partnership with the Orange County Public Schools to deliver free preschool education for local children between ages 2 and 4.

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Deep Dives 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Deep dives feature three segments designed to build attendees' skills and deepen their understanding of important topics in education and how it is covered.

Dollars and Sense: Understanding School Funding

JR. BALLROOM F

With billions of dollars in federal pandemic-relief aid flowing to schools, it's more important than ever to understand how school finance works — and doesn't. Experts discuss efforts to make P-12 funding more equitable and trends in ESSER spending plans, while a veteran journalist dispels myths on school finance. Return to your newsroom armed with fresh ideas on how best to cover this core but complicated topic.

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

How School Funding Works - And Doesn't

Experts discuss how and why inequities exist and persist in school funding, their impact on students, and efforts to make systems more equitable through revisions to state funding formulas and other measures.

Bruce Baker, University of Miami

Kimberly Jenkins Robinson, University of Virginia

Daniel Thatcher, National Conference of State Legislatures

Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism (moderator)

10:15 - 11:35 A.M.

Federal Relief Funds From Top to Bottom

A senior official with the U.S. Department of Education talks about how federal pandemic relief dollars are being used to aid in education recovery. Plus, journalists learn how to mine district spending plans and expenditure data for stories about how this is playing out on the ground.

PART A

Roberto Rodríguez, U.S. Department of Education

Juan Perez, Politico (moderator)

PART B

Laura Anderson, Georgetown University

Phyllis Jordan, Georgetown University

Dahlia Bazzaz, The Seattle Times (moderator)

11:50 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Get Ready to Report

An experienced journalist offers tips and insights about covering school funding, and participants reflect on session takeaways and action steps during a brainstorming exercise. Matt Barnum, Chalkbeat

Emily Richmond, Education Writers Association

Deep Dives 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (cont'd)

Listen To Us: Effective Ways to Include Student Voice in Coverage

GRAND D

Journalists regularly quote educators and parents, but a critical source often overlooked are students themselves. In this deep dive, reporters get practical advice on incorporating student diaries into coverage and take part in interactive exercises on ethical questions when working with student sources. And students share insights about how to build trust with them and what stories they want to see.

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Students Tell Their Stories

A panel of students share their perspectives on what stories they want to see, offer guidance on how to build trust with students, and offer other advice for reporters.

Sarah Alli-Brown, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Orion Boone, Sickles High School (Florida)

Delta Flores, PBS Student Reporting Labs

Lia Guzman Genao, Young Invincibles

Nevaeh Nez, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Sasha Aslanian, American Public Media (moderator)

10:15 - 11:15 A.M.

The Narrative of a Teen Diary

Reporters can be instrumental in shaping student audio and video diaries into a narrative arc. A producer and a student describe how.

Sarah Alli-Brown, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Anayansi Diaz-Cortes, Reveal News

Kalyn Belsha, Chalkbeat (moderator)

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Roundtables on Reporting Strategies

Journalists lead small-group breakout sessions on ways to creatively address practical and ethical issues that arise in interviewing students and incorporating their voices into education reporting.

Peggy Barmore, Freelance Journalist

Mila Koumpilova, Chalkbeat Chicago

Taylor McGraw and Mira Gordon, The Bell

Victoria Pasquantonio, PBS Newshour Student Reporting Labs

Jennifer Smith Richards, Chicago Tribune

Community Member Deep Dive:

Messaging in a Polarized World

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With education at the center of the culture wars, educators and communications professionals are struggling to engage parents and the public on complicated and divisive topics. What should messaging look like for different audiences on issues that are politically charged and often misunderstood? This interactive deep dive covers hot topics and lets participants craft their own messages during small-group work sessions.

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Introduction and Overview of Topics

Hear from journalists who are writing the first draft of history on the polarizing debates raging in school districts and states. While these topics may blend together in heated discussions in school board meetings and statehouses, we consider each separately to enable a deeper dive into each subject.

Olivia Krauth, Louisville Courier Journal

Camille Phillips, Texas Public Radio

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Nicolle Grayson, The Education Trust (moderator)

10:15 - 11:15 A.M.

Breakout Discussion Groups

Using messaging templates provided by session organizers, participants break into smaller groups to work on messaging with guidance from other community members. This interactive session is designed to enable each participant to take home messaging that will help them in their jobs.

Breaking Through the Noise on Critical Race Theory and DEI

Daria Hall, Fenton

Navigating School Safety

Michelle Lerner, Lerner Communications

Lessons From Florida in the 'Don't Say Gay' Era

Lauren Roth, Orange County Public Schools

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Large Group Sharing and Individual Work Time

Participants share takeaways and results of their breakout sessions, and continue to work through messaging development.

Michelle Lerner, Lerner Communications (moderator)

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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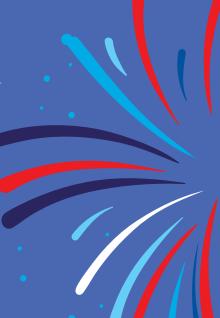
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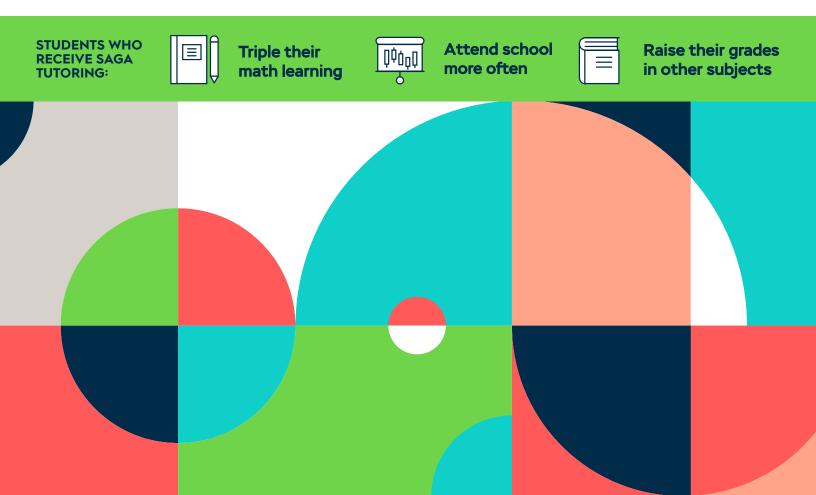
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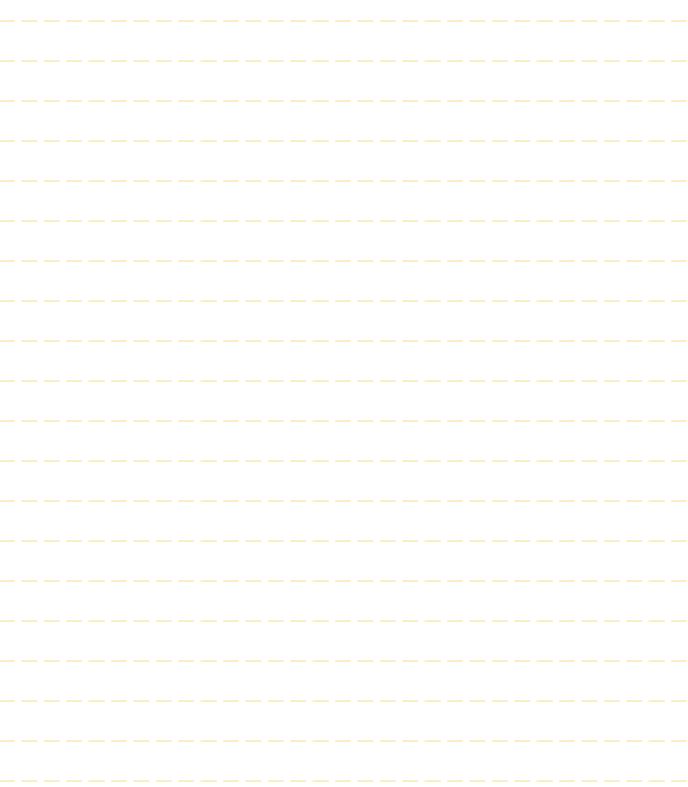
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