

2nd Annual Social Justice and Equity in Education Conference

From Conversation to Practice

April 13-14, 2021

The **Social Justice and Equity in Education Conference** is designed for educators, practitioners, and industry experts to share best practices, to connect for the advancement of justice in education, and to equip educators with research-based tools to promote the academic and social emotional learning for all students. The goal of the conference is to create a forum for an exchange of promising practices and research-based strategies to ensure access to **equitable and safe** learning environments and to address the needs of disenfranchised students.

This conference is being held to increase the knowledge and skills of educators, administrators, Iowa Department of Education staff, and other stakeholders in the area of social justice, equity and civil rights, and to create equitable educational environments for all students. Attendees will have the opportunity to access information, resources, plan, strategize and engage on issues that impact educational opportunities for historically disadvantaged/marginalized students.

Pre-Conference - April 13, 2021

Audience: IASB, SAI, ISEA, Board of Regents, IACCT, DE Executive Leadership, Deputy Directors, Leadership, and Management Council, DE leadership, SBE members, ISCA (Counselors), IACTE (Prep programs).

8:15 am - 8:30 am	Welcome – Dr. Ann Lebo, Iowa Department of Education Director
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Rep. Ras Smith - Attitude Reflects Leadership - Leadership Practices
Break	
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Dr. A'ndrea Wilson "Courageous Leadership: Building Stronger Learning Institutions Through Prioritizing Social Justice"

9:30 am - 10:20 am	Social Justice and Equity - A'ndrea Wilson
Break	
10:30 am - 11:20 am	Disparities and Access - A'ndrea Wilson
Lunch	
11:40 am - 12:30 pm	Bias and Inclusion - A'ndrea Wilson
Break	
12:40 pm - 1:30 pm	Policies and Practice - Thomas Mayes
Break	
1:40 pm 2:30 pm	Next Steps - A Call to Action Discussion - A'ndrea Wilson

Conference - April 14, 2021

8:30 am - 8:45 am	Welcome – Dr. Ann Lebo, Iowa Department of Education Director
8:45 am - 9:20 am	General Session Keynote - George Anderson, Iowa Teacher of the Year 2020 Mariah Martinez, Emerging Educator - University of Northern Iowa
Break	

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9:30 am - 10:20 am	<p>“Supporting Students. Supporting Safe Schools”.</p> <p>Presenter: Jordan Mix</p>	<p>“The Role of Educators in Transforming Juvenile Justice”</p> <p>Presenters: Kathy Nesteby, Kayla Powell, Jill Padgett</p>	<p>“Leaning into EQ/SEL to Lead with Humanity”</p> <p>Presenter: Dau Jok</p>	<p>“Cultural Proficiency and Bold & Courageous Conversations”</p> <p>Presenters: Kimberly Fitten, Laura Gray</p>	<p>“Avoiding Special Education Disputes During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic”</p> <p>Presenter: Daniel Van Sant</p>
Break					
10:30 am - 11:20 am	<p>“Creating Critical, Anti-Oppressive Curriculum: Beyond Standards and Scripts”</p> <p>Presenters: Kate Dower Lechtenberg, Sarah Brown Wessling</p>	<p>Special Education Session</p> <p>Presenter: Peter Anderson</p>	<p>“Leading to Prevent: Implementing and sustaining critical conversations that support the fundamental building blocks of healthy relationships and positive school culture”</p> <p>Presenters: Alan Heisterkamp, Michael Fleming</p>	<p>“The Race and Ethnicity of Iowa Project Podcast: Des Moines’ First African American Teacher”</p> <p>Presenters: Simone Sorteberg, Kari Bassett</p>	<p>“Equity Challenges and Solutions for Iowa’s English Learners”</p> <p>Presenter: Pam McDonnell</p>
11:20 am to 12:00 pm	Lunch				

12:00 pm - 12:50 pm	General Session - Student Panel - George Anderson (IATOY2020)				
Break					
1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	<p>“Disrupting Inequity Through Access; What the research says about access to grade level work and the power to impact outcomes for students with learning differences”</p> <p>Presenter: Rachel Roberts</p>	<p>Poverty</p> <p>Presenter: Thomas Mayes</p>	<p>“A Focus on Equity - Bullying/Harassment Prevention and Intervention”</p> <p>Presenter: Terese Jurgensen</p>	<p>“Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Acceptance in Education as a Social Justice Catalyst...It is Everyone’s Business!”</p> <p>Presenters: Juan Garcia, Jackie Pearson</p>	<p>“Portrait of the Multilingual Learner and the Assets they Bring to School”</p> <p>Presenter: Diego Giraldo</p>
Break					
2:00 pm to 2:50 pm	<p>“What is new since 1492 - An Overview of the American Indian Experience”</p> <p>Presenter: Gene Fracek</p>	<p>“What We Need Our Teachers to Know About Race”</p> <p>Presenters: Volta Adovor, Paras Bassuk, Amya Thornton</p>	<p>“Exploring implicit bias and promoting equity to better serve the youth”</p> <p>Presenter: Anindita Das</p>	<p>“Using Identity and Agency to Frame Access and Equity in Mathematics”</p> <p>Presenter: April Pforts</p>	<p>“Early and Often: Addressing Equity in Iowa’s Early Childhood Settings”</p> <p>Presenters: Tom Rendon, Malai Amfahr, Betsy Lin, Katrina Cummings</p>

10 min break		
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	General Session - Continuing the conversation (break rooms) – Facilitator: George Anderson (IAToy2020)	