



A little bit about our presenters for the Conference

John Converse is a restorative practitioner who brings 19 years of educational experience to life in his interactions with others. He has a set of skills that foster belonging and connection through the art of restorative practices. He is a certified trainer with the International Institute for Restorative Practices(IIRP), Crisis Prevention Institute(CPI), Question, Persuade, Refer(QPR), and Youth Mental Health First Aid(YMHFA). These skills have helped him navigate the education field and build relationships with staff, students, and community members in all areas. His background includes roles as a classroom teacher and school administrator. He is currently the Director of Restorative Practices at EducationPlus, a non-profit focused on empowering educators throughout Missouri.



Building Resilience: The 8 Dimensions of Well-being and Navigating Challenging Relationships
Looking to upgrade your toolkit for thriving at work and in life? During this practical session, participants will gain strategies for taking better care of themselves while handling challenging people and situations. We'll explore different areas of well-being and share useful techniques for building stronger relationships at work and beyond. Expect practical tips you can use today, and maybe even a few “aha!” moments that surprise you. Come ready to recharge and leave ready to shine.



Laura Warren
Ed Plus

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Dr. Sherri Kulpa Ed Plus

Dr. Sherri Kulpa is the Chief Academic Office for Ed Plus. Sherri brings over 30 years of experience in the education field. Today she is going to share her knowledge about Artificial Intelligence with us.

Kat Norton

Kat Norton is a MAEOP member and works at Maplewood Richmond Heights as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board Secretary. Kat brings a wealth of knowledge to us about a lot of things but she is going to help us with finding Joy!

Time Well Spent: Making Space for Yourself in the Workday — Because You Deserve Joy Too!
Support staff members are often the fixers, the do-ers, the behind the scenes heroes who keep schools running smoothly. While we look out for everyone else, we frequently push our own needs aside, creating unhealthy daily practices that affect our long-term health and wellbeing.

This uplifting session is about pressing pause and making space for yourself. Together, we'll explore simple ways to spark joy, how to prioritize your own needs without guilt, and discover tools to stay organized that actually work for you. We'll also talk about what to do when the unexpected throws off your schedule and share communication strategies that can make your days flow more smoothly.

Come ready to play, reflect, and walk away with practical tips that bring more ease, balance, and joy—at work and beyond.

Jaclyn Haake,CEOE

Jaclyn Haake is a member of MAEOP and works at Orchard Farms as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and is also the Board Secretary. Jaclyn brings a wealth of knowledge to us about a lot of things but today she is going to talk to us about our personality traits.

Worth Your Salt: Like salt, our personality traits can either enrich or overwhelm depending on how we see and use them. Through self reflection and brutal honesty, we can begin to recognize our unique qualities as abilities rather than burdens, bringing out their best flavor.

