



## **Recap of the 2018 State Conference**

The 2018 State MOSPA Conference held May 2-4, 2018 at the Boyne Mountain Resort and Conferent Center, Boyne Falls, Michigan. The Talent Investment Agency in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education - Office of Career and Technical Education sponsored the event.

## **Kevin Fleming, Opening Keynote Speaker**

Kevin J. Fleming, Ph.D, was the opening keynote speaker on Thursday morning. Kevin is the producer of the viral animation video “*Success in the New Economy*,” and author of the bestseller, “*(Re)Defining the Goal*,” Dr. Fleming is a passionate advocate for ensuring all students enter the labor market with a competitive advantage. He travels internationally speaking to both educators and industry helping to shatter antiquated thinking about education, skills training, and career readiness. His mission: Close the skills gap one audience at a time. To learn more about Kevin visit his website <http://kevinjfleming.com/>

Success in the New Economy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zs6nQpVII64>

## **Breakout Sessions**

Many breakout sessions were available throughout the conference:

- Learn Effective Techniques to Train the Next Generation of Skilled Technicians
- Using the Personal Curriculum (PC) to Individualize the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC)
- Students in Psychological Distress: Breaking through Mental Health Barriers
- We Can Do It! Fostering Collaboration Between Secondary and Post-Secondary Institutions to Support the Retention of Female Students Pursuing Nontraditional Career Programs
- Post Graduation Planning for Success of ALL Students
- Perkins 101 and Allowable Costs
- Making the Case: Roadmap to Success Michigan Education and Career Pathfinder
- QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training
- Secondary and Post-Secondary Partnerships: Driving Student Engagement and Awareness of Skilled Trades Pathways
- Show Me the Money
- Impacting the Core Indicators with Intentionality Through Success Coaching
- Practical Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities: K-12, Post-Secondary and Beyond

## **Terri Tchorzynski, Closing Keynote Speaker**

The conferenced ended with a presentation from Terri Tchorzynski, 2017 National School Counselor of the Year. Featured on the National Public Radio (nprEd How Learning Happens) Terri answered "9 Questions for the Nation's School Counselor of the Year." <https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/01/06/492874846/9-questions-for-the-nations-top-school-counselor>