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9:00 – 12:00

# Event Program

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## Sessions

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### **Session 1: Alternatives to Public School**

Karin Miller - Homeschooling

Kathy Smith - Alternatives to Public-Schools

Amy Marotz - Micro Schooling

### **Session 2: Kids Panel**

Ahavah & Alecia Deputie

Sam Zanto

### **Session 3: Affordability Panel**

Alexander & Cassie Deputie

Andrew Schlichting

Jonathan Parnell

Katie Leach

## Organizations in Attendance

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1 Academy of Whole Learning

2 American Heritage Girls

3 Good Shephard Lutheran High School

4 Home Based Educators Accrediting Association: HBEAA

5 Laurel Community School

6 Liberty Classical Academy

7 MetroEast Natural Healing Center

8 Mid Metro Academy

9 Minnesota Conservative Arts Academy

10 Minnesota Family Council; LEAD Program

11 Minnesota Parents Alliance

12 Speaking Proudly

13 St Croix Lutheran Academy

14 St Thomas Academy





## Speaker Biography

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**Amy Marotz, M.Ed.** is the Vice President of Microschool Builders, LLC as well as the Director and Lead Guide at Awakening Spirit Homeschool Collaborative- located in Stillwater, MN.

With 20+ years of teaching experience in the public, private and homeschooling sectors, Miss Amy prides herself on truly hearing, seeing and valuing every individual student. She believes that the most important 'product' of any educational system should be a happy, healthy child, balanced in mind, body and spirit.

Through her work with Microschool Builders, she's coached aspiring school builders from all over the United States, Mexico, Canada, and beyond build the schools of their dreams without sacrificing their salary or sanity. It is her vision to help caring adults create sustainable student-centered environments where children are truly heard, seen and respected in their educational journey.

[www.microschoolbuilders.com](http://www.microschoolbuilders.com)  
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**Karin Miller** is married to her husband Dave and homeschools their 6 children ages 4-18 in Lakeville MN. She is a formerly licensed English teacher. Since the era of covid she has become involved in local politics and in speaking out at her local school board because she is passionate about the well-being of all children, not just her own, and recognizes that the policies that are being set are shaping the next generation of our children and the future of our country. Karin also has experience in teaching students with varied learning styles. She loves to encourage parents who have struggling learners to not view their child as DYS-abled but as uniquely gifted. Above all, she'd has a passion to encourage parents to join the Homeschool Revolution of taking their children, their education, and the right to think for themselves back into their own hands.

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**Katherine Smith** is a passionate educator from the Twin Cities who has been studying and practicing Classical education since 1998. As a teacher and one of the founders of Liberty Classical Academy in White Bear Lake, MN, Katherine has taught classes from preschool-12th grade and is currently the Curriculum and Teacher Training Director at Liberty where she is responsible for the content and implementation of the program and the training of their 40 teachers. Katherine received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music Education from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and her Masters of Teaching and Learning from Saint Mary's University. She is currently a Curriculum and Instruction Ph.D. candidate at Concordia University Chicago. Her fervent desire for every child to have an excellent Classical education has empowered her to assist over 20 classical schools across the nation in teacher training as well as a school in Titanyen, Haiti. She is married to Matt and is the mother of three children who ignite and sustain her interminable drive for the Classical Education movement.





# Organization Description - Pg 1

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**1 Academy of Whole Learning** teaches students in grades K-12 with neurodiversities. We meet each student where they are and create a tailored plan to unlock their potential. We observe, adapt, and apply behavior strategies while teaching, through the pairing of experienced behavior therapists with teachers in each classroom. We also hire teachers who have both special education backgrounds and subject matter expertise. Through this holistic approach, we help our students build both executive functioning and academic strength to excel inside and outside the classroom.

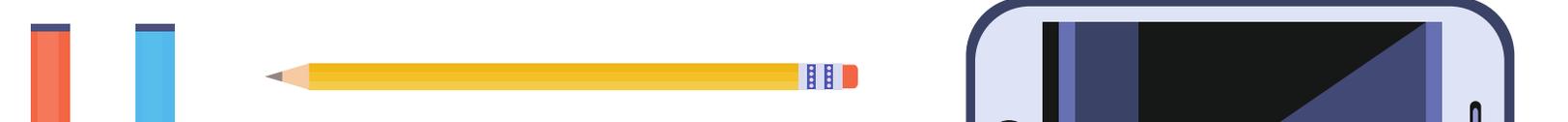
**2 American Heritage Girls** is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

**3 Good Shephard Lutheran** is a Christ-centered high school that provides high quality education in a nurturing and innovative environment that enables all learners to develop their full potential through a strong, caring, and supportive community where all are valued and respected. We provide a flexible learning environment with diverse academic opportunities including: -Project-Based Learning, Service Learning Options, Online and Blended Courses, Honors Courses, Vocational Learning Options and PSEO Courses.

**4 The Home Based Educators Accrediting Association (HBEAA)** has been providing accountability and guidance to the homeschools it accredits since 1989. Homeschools accredited by HBEAA are exempt from the MN state testing requirement. Accredited homeschools choose their own curriculum and receive an official transcript, record maintenance, exclusive access to curated resources, and an accredited diploma upon graduation. HBEAA also submits the annual Letter of Intent to the district on each homeschool's behalf, so home educators can rest assured that they are in compliance.

**5 Laurel Community School** is a Christ-centered micro-school located in the Twin Cities east metro. It serves children in grades K - 8. The school uses a multi-age format in which children of different ages are taught by the same teacher in the same classroom. In addition to the traditional 5-day program, students have the option of attending either two or three days per week.

**6** Founded in 2003, **Liberty Classical Academy (LCA)** was established to give families a private school option in the Twin Cities that is as committed to academic excellence as it is to Christ-centered living and learning. Liberty Classical builds confident speakers, informed citizens, competent writers, moral leaders, deep thinkers, and lives that inspire. LCA joins rigorous academics with a passionate commitment to the Christian faith. We are dedicated to our students and to their families, to building lifelong learners who are ready for college and ready for life, and who will inspire others toward a life worth living.



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**7 MetroEast Natural Healing Center** has been serving the Twin Cities and Midwest area for the past 35 years. We specialize in finding the underlying cause of your health issue which may include toxic substances that pollute a body, nerve irritation, or missing nutrients that cause a body to work less than optimum. Treatment can include prescribed nutritional support, Chiropractic care, and lifestyle modification to restore your body back to premium health and function. Our health restoration programs are specifically designed to each unique body.

**8** From a foundation of Christian values, **Mid-Metro Academy** offers academic, language, visual and performing arts, technology, and career-oriented classes to homeschooled students in grades 7 – 12, preparing them for success in undergraduate programs, careers, and life. Our highly qualified, personable instructors have a passion for their field and for working with youth. Whether you're just getting started with homeschooling or have been doing it for years, our classes are a great option to help you tailor the ideal experience for your junior high or high school student. Classes held at 1983 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul.

**9 Minnesota Conservative Arts Academy** teaches using a rigorous classical education. Students are given a learning environment that is honest and consistent, with weekly assessments on their daily courses. Our curriculum includes Hillsdale history, civics and literacy, Singapore mathematics, art, music, and Bible study. We also offer affordable tuition for students as well.

**10 Minnesota Family Council's LEAD Program** is a teen leadership camp rooted in the idea that the best way to learn something is to do it. Teens are equipped with leadership training as they learn the legislative process in a hands-on way. The engaging environment launches students into action, utilizing critical thinking, teamwork, and public speaking skills to develop their worldview. Our program is set up in such a way that it can be used to build elective credit hours!

**11 Minnesota Parents Alliance** is a newly formed statewide organization dedicated to helping parents reclaim our schools. Our mission is to educate and empower Minnesota parents to effectively engage in their school community as strong advocates for academic achievement, equality and parental rights. Our goal is to help parents take the next step in getting involved in their child's education. We aim to provide all the tools, resources, training and support that parent need to do everything from curriculum and policy review to running for school board. We encourage parents to serve as allies for quality teachers in their school and partner with them to restore classrooms to a place where the focus is on student success, not outside agendas. Our motto is that parents aren't the problem, parents are the solution.





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**12 Speaking Proudly** is an opportunity for Minnesota high school girls to shine! A biennial oratory competition, it offers exclusive opportunities:

- A beautiful, inspiring venue at the State Capitol
- Cash prizes totaling \$4,500 for the three semifinalists
- A day with girls from all over the state, a guided tour and more!

It's a non-partisan, non-profit educational project of Metro Republican Women. The steering committee is hard at work now to make the 2023 event the best ever.

**13 St Croix Lutheran Academy** is a Christian school serving young men and women in grades six through twelve. Established in 1958, the school offers Bible-based experiential and college-prep curriculums including STEM, accelerated, advanced placement, and college-credit courses. 95% of graduates pursue higher education after graduation. SCLA offers 27 interscholastic activities and competes at the championship level as a member of the Skyline Conference. In addition to athletics, students have opportunities in a wide variety of fine arts, service, and leadership programs. The on-site 152-bed dormitory houses American and 125 international students from 18 countries worldwide. SCLA is committed to training students for lives of exemplary Christian service.

**14 The St Thomas Academy** mission – to develop boys into men of character – is our promise to our students, our families, our community, and the world. We accomplish this through the transformative power of an educational and life experience deeply rooted in Catholic faith and traditions, academic excellence, military leadership, and an all-male environment. To learn more about Saint Thomas Academy, please visit our website at: [cadets.com](http://cadets.com).



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## 12 Speaking Proudly

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***Thank you for supporting the Expo!***

**THANK You, our audience...**

for being here and allowing us to bring facts to your families  
and offer you educational choices.

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*The Ladies of The Exodus Minnesota also want to Thank God for bringing us  
together. This Expo wouldn't be happening if he hadn't connected us!*

