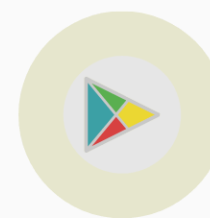




WORKSHOPS & SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

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Wed, March 4 / 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

NEW TO CONVENTION

Nevada Foyer (Spa Level)

CONVENTION RETURNERS

Speaker Showcase

Silver State Ballroom (General Session Room)

Looking for the next motivational speaker to come to your school or district? We have five phenomenal speakers (some brand new to the CADA stage) for you to sample. Each speaker will have 10-minutes to showcase what they are all about. Today's speakers include:

**Freddie Almazan | Isaac Butts | Zach Gowen
Jason Jedamski | Rochelle Whellams**

Thur, March 5 / 2:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

AREA MEETINGS

Area A - Silver State Ballroom (General Session Room)

Area B - Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)

Area C - Tahoe Room (Casino Level)

Area D - Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)

Area E - Nevada Room (Spa Level)

Area F - Reno Ballroom (Casino Level)

Area G - Carson 4 (Casino Level)

Area H - Silver State 2-3 (Spa Level)

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Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am 7:00 pm Attendee/Member Registration
 9:00 am 12:00 pm Pre-Conference Sessions (additional fee required)
 12:30 pm 6:00 pm Exhibitor Registration/Set Up
 1:00 pm 4:00 pm MAA Certification Sessions (additional fee required)
 2:00 pm 5:00 pm CADA Store
 1:30 pm 2:15 pm Session 1 (Workshops)
 2:30 pm 3:15 pm Session 2 (Workshops)
 4:00 pm 5:00 pm Speaker Showcase for Convention Returners
with Freddie Almazan, Isaac Butts, Zach Gowen, Jason Jedamski & Rochelle Whellams
 4:00 pm 5:00 pm New to Convention Orientation
 5:30 pm 7:00 pm First General Session w/KC Mack
 7:00 pm 8:30 pm Dinner
 8:30 pm 11:30 pm Opening Night Reception
 Platinum Sponsor: Pegleg Entertainment

Thursday, March 5

7:10 am 8:00 am Hatha Yoga
 7:30 am 6:00 pm Attendee/Member Registration & Information Desk
 8:00 am 9:00 am Past Presidents' Breakfast
 8:00 am 11:30 am Affiliate Registration/Set Up
 9:00 am 10:30 am Second General Session w/Emma Lovewell
 10:30 am 2:30 pm CADA Store
 10:45 am 11:30 am Session 3 (Workshops)
 10:45 am 12:30 pm Camp Counselors
 11:30 am 12:30 pm Exhibit Hall: New To Convention Only
 11:45 am 12:30 pm Session 4 (Workshops)
 12:30 pm 2:30 pm Exhibit Hall: General Membership
 2:40 pm 3:40 pm Area Meetings
 3:50 pm 5:00 pm 60-60 (60 Ideas in 60 Minutes)
 4:10 pm 4:55 pm Session 5 (Workshops)
 4:15 pm 5:55 pm Camp Counselors
 4:30 pm 5:30 pm Affiliate Reception
 5:10 pm 5:55 pm Session 6 (Workshops)
 6:00 pm 9:00 pm Exhibit Hall Reception
 Platinum Sponsor: SOS Entertainment
 9:00 pm 12:00 am Bowling, Dancing, and Karaoke
 Platinum Sponsor: Herff Jones

Grand Salon/Reno Ballroom
 Rooms provided with registration
 Exhibit Hall
 See Registration Materials
 Exhibit Hall Foyer
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 Grand Ballroom
 Grand Theatre

Silver State 2-3
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 Reno Ballroom
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 Grand Salon
 Presidential Suite 1935
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 Exhibit Hall
 Bowling Alley/Grand Salon/Crystal 1-2

Friday, March 6

7:15 am 8:00 am CADA Scholarship Run
 8:00 am 10:30 am Attendee/Member Registration & Information Desk
 8:00 am 8:45 am Affiliates Meeting
 8:30 am 1:00 pm CADA Store: Last Chance
 8:30 am 10:00 am Camp Summer Leadership Camp: Staff Meeting
 9:00 am 11:00 am Exhibit Hall: Last Chance Plus Raffle Prizes
 11:00 am 12:00 pm Meet the Pros Roundtable
 11:15 am 12:00 pm Session 7 (Workshops)
 11:15 am 1:00 pm Camp Counselors
 12:00 pm 1:00 pm Awards Reception
 12:15 pm 1:00 pm Session 8 (Workshops)
 1:30 pm 3:30 pm Third General Session w/ Phil Boyte
 3:45 pm 4:30 pm Session 9 (Workshops)
 3:45 pm 4:55 pm Camp Counselors
 4:45 pm 5:30 pm Session 10 (Workshops)
 5:30 pm 6:30 pm Administrators' Reception
 5:30 pm 6:30 pm MAA - Assignment Submission
 7:30 pm 9:00 pm Dinner
 9:00 pm 12:00 am Dessert & Dance
 Platinum Sponsor: Lifetouch

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Workshop Session 1 | Wednesday, March 4 | 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

1 - 2	Camp Cheer Zone <i>90-Minute Session</i>	Silver State 2-3 (Spa Level)	Kristin Patten	Gather 'round for cheering time! Gear up for an interactive session participating in a positive cheer section led by alumni and camp advisors. Learn the why and how to create safe, positive, and fun activities to increase school pride and spirit. It's not about how many students are in your cheer section, it's about the quality environment created to enhance a positive school culture that is displayed to the community. This is an interactive session: It's Time to Get in the Zone!
1	Branding & Social Media: Canva 101	Crystal 1-2 (Casino Level)	Candace Carrillo	Want to elevate your social media? Is the thought of using Canva overwhelming? Learn how to make Canva work for you and your students to bring your marketing to the next level. All the basics will be covered: from creating a branding guide, Instagram posts, and how to make your content visually appealing. Make sure to bring your laptop!
1	Elected, Not Equipped: Turning Titles into True Leadership	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Jason Jedamski	Your students may win elections, but are they ready to lead? In this interactive session, you'll explore strategies to transform elected officers from figureheads into functional leaders. Through hands-on activities and real-world scenarios, you'll discover tools to help students build confidence, communicate effectively, and close the leadership gap that often follows election day.
1	Fantasy Draft-Engaging ALL Staff on Your Campus!	Crystal 5 (Casino Level)	Liz White Monique Dudley	Battle of the Bulldog: Fantasy Draft Competition is a fun and competitive spirit event where staff members are "drafted" onto teams and go head-to-head in a series of challenges throughout the week. From dress-up days to surprise games and campus competitions, staff earn points for their teams while bringing energy and entertainment to campus. It's all about boosting school spirit, celebrating our amazing staff, and having a little Bulldog-style fun along the way!
1	How to Find Yes in the ASB Wilderness	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Michael Ammermon	FCMAT Workshop. Finding compliant solutions starts with strong board policy and clear procedures. This session explores how governing board policies, administrative regulations, and business office guidance create pathways to "yes" in ASB decision-making. Participants learn how to align student intent with local policy, establish consistent practices, and resolve questions using approved frameworks.
1	It's Fine, Everything's Fine; Stress Management for Stretched Educators	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Chase Livingston	There's no escaping it, in the world of education, stress is inevitable. While its true stress can stretch us, it doesn't have to strain us. With effective stress management, we can keep a level head and prevent ourselves from overheating. This hands-on workshop introduces practical stress management tools to help you keep your cool all school year long.
1	Leadership By Design	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level)	Mike Smith	Leadership By Design is a professional learning experience for educators led by Mike Smith that empowers teachers, administrators, and school leaders to lead with clarity and purpose. Grounded in Stanford's Design Your Life framework, the program provides practical tools to navigate burnout, change, and complexity while aligning values with daily practice. Educators leave re-energized, equipped, and ready to lead with intention—inside and outside the classroom.
1	Leadership Games	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Steve Peck	Interactive leadership games will help your students develop essential skills like teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and decision-making. Empower your students to become confident, effective leaders!
1	My Wellness Backpack with Work2BeWell	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Sara Freauf Heather Ransom	Designed as a follow-up to the Emotional First Aid Kit, My Wellness Backpack offers a hands-on approach to everyday mental wellness. Through activities and reflection, participants identify strategies that support balance and emotional well-being. Built to be peer- or educator-led, it provides a simple and meaningful way to help others recharge, stay grounded, and care for their mental health each day.
1	New Principal, Same Passion: Surviving (and Thriving) Through Change	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Jordan Orosco	Four principals. Five years. Countless memories. This session dives into how one activities director kept the ASB program strong, spirited, and student-centered through a revolving door of principals—proving that school culture isn't built by one person, but by a team.
1	Recognizing Your Student Council & Student Leaders at the National Level	Nevada 5 (Spa Level)	Ann Postlewaite	The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) has numerous programs to elevate and recognize your student council and student leaders. The Emerging Student Leaders & the Distinguished Student Leaders program are portfolio-based programs showing evidence of your students' leadership journey across various domains in student leadership. The National Council of Excellence recognizes councils with high standards and demonstrates evidence in student service, leadership, voice and engagement.
1	School Culture Revival	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Phil Campbell	Culture. Character. Leadership. Revolutionize the culture and climate of your school through this high-energy, interactive session! Looking for ideas to improve staff morale, student engagement, and overall school culture? How about mental health resources? We've got you covered! Walk away with 50+ practical and proven ideas and strategies to ensure that every student and staff member on your campus feels seen, heard and loved.

1	Staffulty Appreciation Week	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Keala Hughes	Learn about this incredible program in which graduating seniors write one letter of appreciation to any Staffulty member from kindergarten through 12th grade who made a lasting impact upon their lives. Seniors personally deliver the letter in their cap and gown in front of the honoree's students and/or peers. This program will not only affect the lives of your seniors and honorees, but will encourage and motivate the entire district as well!
1	Using Student Voice to Help Create Positive Culture and Climate Change	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Curt Slater Justin Woodbridge, Ed.D	We all know that students, staff, and families thrive in safe, positive, and engaging environments. But what happens when students are given a real voice in shaping that environment? Discover how combining the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) with implementation science can strengthen relationships, improve outcomes, and transform culture. Walk away with strategies and tools you can use immediately to make your school more connected, collaborative, and student-driven.

Workshop Session 2 | Wednesday, March 4 | 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

2	1st Day of School - Shifting the Culture of Your Campus	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Jordan Orosco	Experience how transforming the first day of school into a celebration of energy, connection, and pride can shift an entire campus culture. Instead of reviewing syllabi, students dive into activities, rallies, and shared excitement—setting the tone for a year of engagement and belonging. Discover how the best day of school became the first day of school.
2	BREAKING TRADITION! Activities to Spark Campus-Wide Participation	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Scott Backovich	Tired of doing the same activities year after year because “we’ve always done them?” Exhausted by outdated traditions that only engage a fraction of your school? We are too! This session is designed to help you create traditions that EVERY student will want to participate in! Break down your own school’s activity culture, learn new and innovative ways to craft traditions specifically for students who need it most, and walk away with a toolbox of plug-and-play activities you can use TODAY!
2	Camp Rally: Igniting Every Student Spirit	Crystal 5 (Casino Level)	Deborah Beagle, Ed.D. Sally Phillip Jenn Uliks John Aldworth	Pack your s’mores and your megaphone, this crew of four veteran activity directors from four wild-and-wonderful schools is here to fire up your rally game! Learn how to turn every rally into a campfire of laughter, cheers, and pure school pride. Expect big laughs, bold ideas, and a few camp secrets guaranteed to make your next rally the talk of the trail. Just remember...no ghost stories unless they involve missing spirit!
2	Campfire Chat about Canva and Avery Templates	Crystal 1-2 (Casino Level)	Marsha Cordes	Taking Canva Bulk Create feature to a new level incorporating Avery Templates! Learn how to utilize Canva to creatively design name tags, summons, homework center passes, certificates, stickers and much more with the Avery website. The possibilities are endless!
2	Cultivating Gratitude with Work2BeWell	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Sara Freauf Heather Ransom	Discover how practicing gratitude can boost your mindset, strengthen connections, and create a more positive school community. Learn simple ways to notice the good, appreciate others, and spread kindness in your school or community. We’ll explore creative ideas—like surprise recognition events and themed gratitude weeks—and introduce Work2BeWell’s 31-Day Gratitude Challenge to help you keep the practice going long after the session ends.
2	Day of Understanding	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Keith Hawkins	The Day of Understanding helps schools strengthen culture, improve climate, and create supportive, connected communities for students. Students face pressures from social media, family, and stress. Without connection, they may feel isolated or disengaged. This program builds empathy, inclusiveness, and mutual respect—creating a safe space where every student feels seen, valued, and supported.
2	From New Beginnings to Strong Finishes: Tools, Tips, and Takeaways with NADI	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Jill Mortensen Jana Remington Jennifer Rodrigues	This engaging session is designed for Activities Directors in their first three years! At CADA’s New Activities Director Institute (NADI), the presenters will share best practices, insights, and ready-to-use resources to help you strengthen your program. Learn strategies for wrapping up the year, planning smooth leadership transitions, and preparing for a strong start next year—all while building confidence, connection, and inspiration to keep your program thriving.
2	From Silos to Synergy: Aligning Arts, Athletics, Academics, and Activities to One Vision.	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Jason Jedamski	In this interactive session, you’ll collaborate with peers to design strategies that unite every corner of your campus. Through hands-on activities and shared reflection, you’ll learn how to align your 4A (art, athletic, activity, and academic) leaders under one powerful vision that strengthens school spirit, connection, and culture.
2	Hiking The DATA Trail	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Greg Hroch Keala Hughes	What’s up with Engagement Data? Discover methods to justify your program and budget by gaining insights into student engagement data. Learn how to collect and understand information from school activities, events, interventions & PBIS. You will also learn how to incentivize and reward students for their participation. Hear insights from an activities engagement expert on the latest technology and ideas for data collection and integration.

2 2 2 2 2 2	Living Above the Line: How Our Thinking Governs Our Experience	Teton 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Kevin Brennan	Join Kevin & Tom and become aware of your thinking, so you know when it is working in your best interest and when it is not working. It explores (1) the conditions that come up in our life that invite us to go Below the Line, (2) indicators telling us when we are Below the Line, (3) how to handle Below the Line experiences with more grace and dignity and (4) how to trampoline back Above the Line. Effective educators are aware of their thinking and how it impacts their learning environment.
	Resilience Is Everything!	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Dee Hankins	Join Dee Hankins, who transformed 18 years in foster care into a masterclass in resilience. Prepare to laugh, cry, and deeply reflect on your own journey. This workshop isn't just about surviving; it's about thriving. Learn how to convert setbacks into powerful steppingstones, turning negative experiences into positive life lessons. Dee will show you that YES, life throws curveballs, but even curveballs can be hit for home runs. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 5.</i>
	Storytelling that Builds Trust with Gen Z & Gen Alpha	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Lucca Petrucci	This is an invitation to lead with the most powerful tool you have: your story. You will learn a 3-step storytelling technique that helps you deeply connect with Gen Z and Gen Alpha through authenticity and vulnerability. When students see you show up fully, they believe it is safe to do the same, and that is when real trust takes root. This approach can also be directly shared as a leadership lesson with your students, empowering them to feel confident telling their own stories with honesty and courage. <i>This workshop is also offered during Session 6.</i>
	Understanding Your Connections: Mapping the Relationships That Shape You	Nevada 5 (Spa Level)	Ann Postlewaite	Ever wonder why you instantly click with some people while others push your buttons? In this interactive session, you'll explore your daily interactions, reflect on your relationships, and identify who supports and uplifts you—and who might be adding stress or negativity. Gain insight to strengthen positive connections and bring more balance and awareness to your personal and professional life.
	Working Together Will Get You S'more	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Kim Karr Mary Hazdovac Donna McNeel	Running student activities is a big job; don't do it alone! This session shows how to build a staff culture where teachers share responsibility, stay engaged, and have fun supporting students. Learn strategies for collaboration, delegation, recognition, and mentoring so your team thrives, burnout is minimized, and everyone enjoys the journey together.

Workshop Session 3 | Thursday, March 5 | 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

3 - 4 3 3 3 3	Adapting to a Changing Activities World <i>90-Minute Session</i>	Silver State 2-3 (Spa Level)	Arash Behnam	Adapting to constant changes in the activities world can feel overwhelming—new administrators, shifting procedures, evolving rules, and new layers of government expectations. Many educators are experiencing a loss of clarity, mounting frustration, and a sense that the spark that once fueled their work is fading. Explore ways to navigate those feelings, make sense of rapid change, and find practical strategies to cope and succeed in a landscape that often feels unfamiliar. Participants will gain a refreshed perspective and a realistic game plan for reclaiming the best of the “old ways” while thriving in the new realities of student activities.
	A Bunch of My Favorite Things	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Monica Anderson	Looking for new ideas? Want something you can use tomorrow, next month or next year? Monica will share with you a BUNCH of her favorite things! Over the past 35 years she has begged, borrowed and stolen (with permission, of course) a wealth of ideas, lessons and tips to use in the Leadership classroom. These ideas are great if you are new to the job, been at it awhile or are a veteran! <i>This workshop is also offered during session 4.</i>
	Activity REVOLUTION! New Ideas to Engage TODAY'S Students	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Scott Backovich	Let's face it—student activities need a MAJOR update. While age-old spirit days, event themes, and rally activities worked in decades past, they rarely engage everyone on campus today. Want to create a campus where EVERY student participates? Let's get to it! This session is PACKED with brand-new, cost-effective, and wildly creative activities that your ENTIRE school will rave about! Walk away with a treasure trove of resources you can use IMMEDIATELY to maximize school spirit!
	ASB Curriculum & Grading 2.0	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	Cari Strange	How do you fit curriculum into your already busy ASB calendar? How do you grade your student leaders in a fair and objective way when they have different jobs and responsibilities? Get lots of ideas on curriculum and grading that you can implement immediately and others that can be used to restructure your leadership program next year to make your life easier.
	Beyond Posters to Purpose: The Student Leadership Program Pyramid	Nevada Foyer (Spa Level)	Stephen Amundson	Built on the motto LEADERSHIP STARTS WITH YOU, BUT IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU, this session shows how to move beyond surface-level events and use the Student Leadership Program Pyramid to truly shape school culture. With seven layers—Motto, Mission, Vision, Values, Strategy, Implementation, and Personal Plan—the pyramid offers a clear roadmap for creating sustainable, impactful student leadership programs.

3	Big Crowd Rally Games	Tahoe Room (Casino Level)	Jessi Lindell Angela Dizon	Get ready to move, laugh, and connect! This hands-on workshop introduces big rally group games—high-energy, inclusive activities that engage every student at once. Learn how to organize and lead large-scale games that promote teamwork, school spirit, and positive social interaction.
3	Bring the Focus Back to the Positive Side of High School Sports	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Ron Nocetti	This presentation will provide high school activities directors, administrators and coaches with resources to promote a positive school culture on their campus with respect to high school athletics. It will provide the tools necessary to bring the focus back to the overwhelmingly positive aspects of high school sports. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 4.</i>
3	Building Belonging: Generational Approaches to Staff Recognition	Nevada 8-9 (Spa Level)	Kelly Eagan Steve Miller Niklas Ratzlaff Jason Law	Explore how schools can strengthen connection and morale by understanding what appreciation means to each generation. The session highlights key traits from Baby Boomers to Gen Z and offers practical ways to celebrate their unique contributions, fostering a culture where every employee feels seen, valued, and appreciated.
3	Building Culture and Community at Alternative Education	Crystal 5 (Casino Level)	Elva Carlos Beth Barrow	Are you an activities director at a unique school? Do you support Alternative Education? Do you want to learn about how Alternative Education makes campus culture happen? Learn how to make your culture and community at your school feel the same, if not better than, a comprehensive site. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 4.</i>
3	Community-Centered: Initiatives and Principles to Invite-in Community	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Jerell Maneja	Explore how placing community at the heart of culturally responsive schools strengthens connection, belonging, and shared ownership. You will learn key principles for designing meaningful community-building events and strategies to actively engage families, staff, and local partners, such as Back-to-School nights, community events, and partnerships. Explore ways to welcome the community into the life of the school and re-establish schools as centers of community and belonging.
3	Digital Campfire: Igniting Leadership with AI	Crystal 1-2 (Casino Level)	Cynthia Gemel Marta Kapelos	Pack your digital gear to become an "AI Trailblazer!" This hands-on, camp-themed session teaches student leaders to use essential AI tools: CapCut for engaging video content, Gemini for instant planning and communication drafts, and Suno for creating unique rally songs and jingles. Streamline your ASB duties, reduce planning time, and build a vibrant school culture.
3	Do - Talk - Learn	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Sandy Ginger	Participate in some of Sandy's favorite new activities (and a few older favs) that teach Leadership lessons. Learn by doing and practice your debriefing skills. "It's just a game until you talk about it!" Stuff you can use right away. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 4.</i>
3	House of Play: Embedding Activities That Teach to Create Strong Leaders	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	The "Amazing" Tei Street	The House of Play is a fun, interactive learning space to introduce team-based activities for teaching the four 21st Century Skills: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, & Creativity to student leaders.
3	Intentional Leadership, The Art of Grit & Grace	Nevada 10 (Spa Level)	Chase Livingston	Hustle and grind versus irrational compassion; where does the student leader find the balance within themselves and their team? The most effective leaders balance high standards with high empathy. In this dynamic training, we unpack how to push your team toward excellence without burning them out. You'll learn how to align personal strengths with team goals, hold people accountable with compassion, and lead with both drive and heart.
3	Intro to Parli Pro - How to Use it With Your Students!	Nevada 1 (Spa Level)	Mardel Runnels Brian Mortensen	Are you an advisor of a student-led organization? Are you looking for a way to promote student voices being heard and bringing organization to student held meetings? This introductory workshop will describe parliamentary procedure, how to coach students on using the procedure, and how this is the BEST effective tool for students to use in a student-led organization.
3	Leading with Real Colors®: How Understanding People Builds Wellness and Belonging	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Tara Soesbe	Leaders know relationships drive results, but understanding why people think, feel, and act the way they do transforms how we connect. In this interactive Real Colors® session participants will experience dynamic exploration of personality, communication, and motivation. Discover how valuing the unique "colors" in yourself and others builds trust, strengthens collaboration, and enhances overall wellness in your school or organization. When we lead with understanding, everyone wins.
3	Lessons in Leadership: Building Stronger Teams	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Greg Dowden	Learn how to strengthen your leadership program through hands-on team-building lessons that create connection, trust, and purpose. Explore practical strategies that teach communication, problem-solving, collaboration, and accountability in ways that are fun, reflective, and easy to implement in any leadership class. Come away with ready-to-use lessons, debrief prompts, and team-building challenges that inspire students to grow as individuals while working toward a shared vision.
3	Managing the Middle: How to Organize your Middle School Leadership Program	Teton 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Taylor Thornhill	Learn how to organize and run an effective middle school leadership class and program. Topics will include everything from selecting your leaders, running student government, the timing of a class period, a week-at-a-glance, tracking service hours, activities that work, a year-at-a-glance and more. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 4.</i>

3	PurpoSELove: Creating a Sense of Belonging for your Student Body	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Dr. Laura Rizo	"Caring" is not an add-on—it's a necessity. To build a culture of purpose, belonging, and connection where students, especially student leaders, feel seen, valued, and empowered, this session will explore how intentional, research-based SEL practices transform how educators connect with and support students—fueling belonging, leadership, and morale with purpose-driven strategies for all learners.
3	Self Care Isn't Selfish...It's Sanity	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Kate Garnes	As educators it's easy for us to become completely depleted from giving everything we have to our students, administration, family, community and home. We can feel like we are somehow drained and drowning at the same time. Kate will walk advisors through a series of lessons they can use to help themselves and their student leaders realize the best way to be the leader they can be is by taking care of themselves. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 6.</i>
3	The Power of Five Minutes: Creating Rhythms That Build Trust	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Phil Boyte	When the world feels uncertain and leadership feels heavy, the most grounding act is showing your team they are valued. Join Phil Boyte for an inspiring session packed with 5-minute practices that strengthen connection, boost trust, and remind your team why they love where they work. Walk away ready to transform your staff culture—one powerful, intentional moment at a time.
3	Welcoming Freshman Into Your School Community	Nevada 2-3 (Spa Level)	Agatha Brown	Get an overview of how the Link Crew program is run at Sage Creek and the social events hosted to connect freshman to their unique school community. To include freshman class visits, social events, activities, etc.

Workshop Session 4 | Thursday, March 5 | 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

4	A Bunch of My Favorite Things	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Monica Anderson	Looking for new ideas? Want something you can use tomorrow, next month or next year? Monica will share with you a BUNCH of her favorite things! Over the past 35 years she has begged, borrowed and stolen (with permission, of course) a wealth of ideas, lessons and tips to use in the Leadership classroom. These ideas are great if you are new to the job, been at it awhile or are a veteran! <i>This workshop is also offered during session 3.</i>
4	A Trail Guide: Students Leading the Pack	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Don Skaggs Erin Andrade	Join us for a fast-paced session where you'll discover how to transform school culture by shifting from teacher-driven to student-led leadership. Just like trail guides set the pace and direction, students can inspire peers, and build connections. You'll leave with practical tools and fresh ideas you can implement tomorrow to empower your students to guide the pack—strategies that have already been successfully implemented in student leadership programs across the U.S.
4	Bring the Focus Back to the Positive Side of High School Sports	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Ron Nocetti	This presentation will provide high school activities directors, administrators and coaches with resources to promote a positive school culture on their campus with respect to high school athletics. It will provide the tools necessary to bring the focus back to the overwhelmingly positive aspects of high school sports. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 3.</i>
4	Building a Thriving School Culture: The D.R.E.A.M. Framework	Nevada Foyer (Spa Level)	Stephen Amundson	Explore the five key pillars of the D.R.E.A.M. School Culture model: Direction, Relationships, Expectations, Alignment, and Mindset. This workshop will guide participants through strategies to create a positive, cohesive school culture that promotes student and staff engagement, academic excellence, and community pride. Learn actionable steps to align your school's vision with academics, activities, and values, building a thriving learning environment.
4	Building Culture and Community at Alternative Education	Crystal 5 (Casino Level)	Elva Carlos Beth Barrow	Are you an activities director at a unique school? Do you support Alternative Education? Do you want to learn about how Alternative Education makes campus culture happen? Learn how to make your culture and community at your school feel the same, if not better than, a comprehensive site. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 3.</i>
4	Building the Campfire to Help Students Set Goals and Evaluate Themselves/Peers	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	Leah Darby	Getting students around the campfire to share a vision, set a goal, and attain it is easier than you might think! Students can do lots of their own peer and self reflection if they properly know how to set a goal and know what they are looking for through the event planning and execution process. And it's even better to help students give meaningful, positive, and constructive feedback at the end of the event or grading period as well. Let's all come together around the campfire.
4	Campfire Connections: Team Bonding in the Great Outdoors (and Indoors!)	Tahoe Room (Casino Level)	Dr. Farah Ortega-Choate	Create connections through team-building icebreakers. This workshop is an action-packed, fun-filled workshop where you will compete in icebreakers that can be used with your staff and students in the great outdoors (lunch activities) or the great indoors (in class, at rallies, or during staff meetings). You will learn about the importance of icebreakers that will help your team bond! Walk away with 100+ team-building icebreakers you can use at your school tomorrow!
4	Do - Talk - Learn	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Sandy Ginger	Participate in some of Sandy's favorite new activities (and a few older favs) that teach Leadership lessons. Learn by doing and practice your debriefing skills. "It's just a game until you talk about it!" Stuff you can use right away. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 3.</i>

4	From Committees to Color Groups	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Debra Clune	Traditional committee structures left student leaders disengaged or burnt out, prompting a complete shift in how work was organized. Debra introduces a new model that evenly paces student events, distributes responsibilities across the class, and empowers returning leaders to transfer skills to new members—reducing the advisor's workload and increasing student ownership. Participants will gain a clear, practical framework for creating a more equitable and sustainable division of labor in a leadership program, along with the tools needed to implement the change next year.
4	Inclusivity and Community Building to Kick Off the Year	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Denise Bunger Jessica Shipps	Learn the purpose and logistics of an all-school, all-day community building event. This event happens twice per year, in order to establish and maintain a consistent school culture based on the school's behavior matrix. It also helps to establish and build friendships with students and relationships with staff. This event has been successful for four school years and continues to grow and develop as the school's needs change.
4	It's Not All Pomp and Circumstance	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Kristin Grimm Stephanie Stonex	It not only takes a village but an entire calendar year to plan a graduation ceremony. Hear how a department of three hosts over 50 graduation ceremonies in one week. They'll share month-by-month and minute-by-minute pro tips for a successful commencement season.
4	Let's Make a School!: Game Show Strategies to Build Community	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Jerell Maneja	Come on down! Discover how game shows inspire connection, pride, and belonging in school communities. In this interactive workshop, participants will play and analyze game-based activities that boost engagement and spirit. Learn how to design inclusive, culturally responsive games that bring students, staff, and families together to celebrate and strengthen school culture.
4	Make It Instagrammable: Modern Engagement in a Digital Era	Crystal 1-2 (Casino Level)	Joy Glaspy Paula Tezak	Learn practical ways to build connection and pride through modern engagement — from creating visually appealing spaces and social media moments to empowering student media teams and reinforcing consistent, positive branding. Take away some “post-worthy” ideas — proving that when students want to share it, they're proud to be part of it.
4	Managing the Middle: How to Organize your Middle School Leadership Program	Teton 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Taylor Thornhill	Learn how to organize and run an effective middle school leadership class and program. Topics will include everything from selecting your leaders, running student government, the timing of a class period, a week-at-a-glance, tracking service hours, activities that work, a year-at-a-glance and more. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 3.</i>
4	Mental Fitness Meets Leadership Development - Enhance Both Within Large Student Organizations	Nevada 10 (Spa Level)	Jeff Schlaeger	As a school psychologist in Ohio's largest high school, Jeff shares how he has identified, developed and organized a mental fitness role through the school's nationally recognized marching band program, and gives strategies and tips to enhance the mental health and leadership development within large clubs and organizations.
4	Organizing Your ASB Class with a Leadership Syllabus	Nevada 8-9 (Spa Level)	Coral Gangitano Vaz Erik Caldwell	Transform your ASB class from chaos to clarity by implementing a structured and purposeful syllabus. Discover practical ways to organize committees, define leadership roles, and create consistent systems for grading, accountability, and event planning. Empower student leaders to take ownership while building a positive, inclusive school culture rooted in collaboration, communication, and school spirit.
4	Parli Pro 2.0!	Nevada 1 (Spa Level)	Mardel Runnels Brian Mortensen	Are your students using the basics of parliamentary procedure to run their ASB student meetings? If so, attend this workshop to ELEVATE your students' involvement with parli pro and dive into coaching other club advisors and students on campus to create a norm of expectations for club meetings on your campus! Let Parli Pro 2.0 help elevate and electrify your campus!
4	Reflections of Us: Visual Campaigns that Build Belonging	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Greg Dowden	What story do your hallways tell? Explore how student-led photo campaigns can transform school culture by making every student feel seen and celebrated. Connect student leadership, photography, yearbook, art, and CTE pathways while planning inclusive photoshoots, collaborating with clubs, communicating professionally with participants, and designing impactful visual campaigns that highlight campus diversity and unity that will inspire pride across your campus.
4	Rock It with No Back Pack Days / PBIS	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Mario Sebastian	How do you motivate your school's unity on the first day of school? Learn new techniques about No Backpack Days to help inspire your school staff and students with your tier 1 foundation. Be inspired with building a No Backpack Day schedule, fun UNITY games that will boost your school energy, and how to present your expectations. Connect the branding and Tier 1 / PBIS incentives through No Back Pack Days, because the FIRST DAY is your student's FIRST IMPRESSION. Begin with the END in mind!
4	Take Root Before You Bloom: Cultivating a Connected, Sustainable Activities Program	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Stephanie Landez	Advisors often feel pressure to do more, but sustainable success takes time. Like a tree, strong programs start with solid roots. This session helps new and seasoned advisors reimagine campus engagement using a tree-growth analogy—showing how slowing down, nurturing authentic connections, and growing intentionally can build balance, sustainability, and lasting impact.

4	When the Unthinkable Happens: Leading With Compassion Through Loss and Crisis	Nevada 2-3 (Spa Level)	Deena Koral-Soto Jill Mortensen	When tragedy strikes a school community, leaders must respond with empathy and strength. This workshop offers practical strategies for navigating the loss or serious illness of a student or staff member, fostering healing, and maintaining connection. Learn how to communicate with care, support grieving individuals, and sustain a compassionate, resilient campus culture.
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Workshop Session 5 | Thursday, March 5 | 4:10 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.

	60-60 (60 Ideas in 60 Minutes)	Reno Ballroom	Session begins at 3:50 PM. This fast-paced session features six CADA members and supporters sharing 60 ideas in 60 minutes. Get ready to take notes and snap pics as these ideas are being shared every minute for an hour!	
5	Balloon Decor - Basics For Beginners	Silver State 2-3 (Spa Level)	Kerry Sherer	Balloons are the perfect way to elevate your decor for events, while sticking to a strict budget. In this introductory session, learn easy techniques and tools that you can use to immediately elevate your balloon decor. Think beyond the balloon arch to full backdrops, different shapes, centerpieces, ceilings and more. This session will be hands on and does not use helium. You will put your lesson to the test by getting your hands on balloons and building a backdrop. You will be astounded at how fast they can come together! Stick around for session 6 to learn how to elevate your designs, building on the content shared in session 5.
5	Beyond the Campfire: Charting the Course to 5-Star Success with Interventions and Flex Programs	Nevada 1 (Spa Level)	Chance Hroch Cari Strange	Ready to lead "outside" the traditional event model? Learn how Temescal Canyon uses strategic interventions and a new Flex area to dramatically improve campus culture and student leadership. We'll show you the practical steps to getting the absolute most out of 5 Star Students.
5	Breaking Down the Walls	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Dean Whellams Rochelle Whellams	It's hard to hate someone whose story you know. How can you create a space where students feel safe enough to share their story, interested enough to listen to someone else, and committed enough to make a change on their campus? Dean and Rochelle will share practical ideas to build a culture of empathy and understanding across your campus.
5	Building the World's Greatest Student Leaders – From Purpose to Action	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Richard Parkhouse	What does it take to build the world's greatest student leaders? Join author and CADA Hall of Fame Activities Director Richard Parkhouse as he shares insights from his Building the World's Greatest Student Leader series. Learn how to empower your team to lead with character, purpose, and authentic connection. Leave inspired with ready-to-use strategies and a renewed sense of purpose as an advisor shaping tomorrow's leaders.
5	Connect the Dots	Teton 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Isaac Butts	What if student behavior is telling us more than we've been trained to notice? Every educator works with students whose actions are shaped by stress, belonging, identity, and experiences we don't always see. Yet we're often expected to manage behavior without clear tools for understanding what's driving it. This interactive workshop will help educators look beyond surface behavior and respond with empathy, clarity, and confidence...without lowering expectations.
5	Cultivating Deeper Connections	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Steve Peck	People are the most important aspect in any organization. Through interactive activities, teachers, administrators, and students will not only connect, they will strengthen the positive school climate by building stronger bonds. As we engage and continue to build trust, our community will thrive.
5	Everyone Gets to Lead	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Meg Walsh	Focus on organization and structure of leadership class/ program. The goal is to get every student in your program the opportunity to lead an event. Content heavy with access to all templates and documents, each helping students learn real-world/ adulting concepts. Committees based on tasks, not events. This system has been effective at Leland for 8+ years, and adopted in some form by other schools who have seen it at CADA.
5	EVERYONE MATTERS! Epic Student and Staffulty Recognition Ideas!	Nevada Foyer (Spa Level)	Chris Reeder	Need ideas to better recognize, reward and celebrate the members of your school community? Then this fast-paced session is for you! Learn dozens of high-impact, low-cost recognition and reward ideas that you can implement immediately to create a school culture where EVERYONE MATTERS!
5	Friday Fundays XXIV...the Boys Are Back...Again!	Tahoe Room (Casino Level)	Rick Kent Kevin Lorch	The presenters may be the same but they will offer up at least three new ideas/games for you to take back to your school and implement that week! They will also be giving away the actual supplies/equipment to a couple of attendees. Plan on NOT sitting down for too long as you may get caught up in the fun! <i>This workshop is also available during session 6.</i>
5	Friday Night Lights 2.0	Crystal 5 (Casino Level)	Anngela Schroeder	Football games have moved away from the only thing students can choose to do on a Friday night. Stop competing with gaming and Netflix marathons. Use your resources, and those you didn't realize you had, to make Friday night games a collegiate experience and not only fill the stands, but keep your fans coming back for more! Join Anngela Schroeder as she gives you updated tips and tricks to make your Friday nights unforgettable!

5	Games that Rock	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	Bonnie Bagheri	Turn everyday classroom items into unforgettable games! Learn quick, creative activities that build teamwork, energy, and connection—perfect for bonding, lunchtime fun, or assemblies. Walk away with easy, no-prep ideas that get everyone laughing, moving, and working together!
5	Ghosting is for Phones, Not Schools: Building Meaningful Connections on Campus	Nevada 10 (Spa Level)	Chris Fore	Learn how the staff at Mojave High School, a 2025 CA Model Continuation School, is fostering meaningful connections with students. The school has implemented various new programs designed to deepen student engagement. These efforts have yielded impressive results, as reflected in survey results: +15% in student engagement, 14% boost in school culture, 24% improvement in students' sense of belonging. This holistic approach has also positively impacted graduation and attendance rates. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 6.</i>
5	Hiking in the ASB Forest of Internal Controls	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Michael Ammermon	FCMAT Workshop. Strong internal controls protect students, staff, and school communities. This session examines practical ASB internal control strategies that reduce risk, prevent fraud, and ensure accountability. Participants review best practices for cash handling, approvals, documentation, reconciliations, and oversight while reinforcing systems that support transparency and consistent compliance.
5	How to Create a Middle School Leadership Program	Nevada 2-3 (Spa Level)	Tina Parrott	Middle school is so different from high school programs, so you will have an opportunity to hear a variety of ideas that will allow you to personalize your leadership program to the needs and resources of your school. You don't have to have the perfect program. Whether you're a brand new leadership teacher or have done this for several years, you will have takeaways that you can use immediately at your school. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 6.</i>
5	It Shouldn't Be This Hard: Fixing the Teacher Experience of Student Engagement	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Jason Richards	Running student events shouldn't require five apps and endless clicks. See how schools can simplify with a single, secure platform that saves time and drives engagement. Learn how to automate rosters, streamline check-ins, boost teacher adoption, and improve visibility. Hear how a California school moved beyond points and rewards to a connected engagement system that increased participation and strengthened culture.
5	Leadership By Design	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level)	Mike Smith	Leadership By Design is a professional learning experience for educators led by Mike Smith that empowers teachers, administrators, and school leaders to lead with clarity and purpose. Grounded in Stanford's Design Your Life framework, the program provides practical tools to navigate burnout, change, and complexity while aligning values with daily practice. Educators leave re-energized, equipped, and ready to lead with intention—inside and outside the classroom.
5	Leadership Training Day LTD	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Keith Hawkins	Leadership Training Day (LTD) brings the energy of summer leadership camp directly to your campus. In one dynamic day, your student leaders will grow through team building, leadership activities, and strategic planning. With 30 years of experience, Keith will help your students build confidence, unity, and purpose—empowering them to create a positive, inclusive school culture that lasts all year.
5	Reimagining Belonging: Building Culturally Responsive Student Activities Programs	Nevada 11 (Spa Level)	Dr. Francis Rojas	Student activities are powerful spaces for shaping school culture and sense of belonging for students — yet they can also unintentionally exclude others. By applying the culturally responsive school leadership framework to student government and co-curricular programs, school leaders can redesign activities, leadership programs, and traditions to promote equity, belonging, and voice for all students. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 6.</i>
5	Resilience Is Everything!	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Dee Hankins	Join Dee Hankins, who transformed 18 years in foster care into a masterclass in resilience. Prepare to laugh, cry, and deeply reflect on your own journey. This workshop isn't just about surviving; it's about thriving. Learn how to convert setbacks into powerful steppingstones, turning negative experiences into positive life lessons. Dee will show you that YES, life throws curveballs, but even curveballs can be hit for home runs. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 2.</i>
5	The 3 Pillars of Prevention: Building a Drug Free Student Culture	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Zach Gowen	Let's inspire drug-free choices and foster resilient school cultures. Through interactive group explorations and passion-mapping activities, you'll be able to develop programs to ignite students' inner sparks, build supportive networks, and instill a sense of direction. Empower your students to thrive without substances by creating an environment where healthy highs are the norm. The role of an educator is pivotal; let's fortify it with tools that make prevention feel alive and achievable.
5	The Trail to One Take: Guiding Your School Lip Dub Expedition	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Stephanie Mason Cameron Chitwood	Grab your gear and hit the trail toward one unforgettable take! Join two seasoned Activities Directors as they guide you step-by-step through planning, filming, and leading a schoolwide Lip Dub. You'll learn how to map your route, rally your "campers," and capture authentic school spirit from start to finish - creating a Lip Dub journey your whole community will remember.
5	Time to Thrive: Nurturing Equitable Connections Through Belonging	Nevada 8-9 (Spa Level)	Tiffany Bledsoe Jenna Odlin	California's largest high school district is transforming culture and climate by modernizing professional development, strengthening Tier 1 systems, and embedding ongoing coaching. Central to this work is The Connection Project, a high energy experiential PD series where educators apply MTSS, PBIS, SEL, and restorative practices in real world scenarios to drive measurable impact.

Workshop Session 6 | Thursday, March 5 | 5:10 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

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6	"I Believe in You" Can Change a Student's Life	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Dr. John Gaines	Dr. John Gaines grew up in the harshest of circumstances—surrounded by addiction, violence, and poverty. But one caring adult believed in him, and that changed everything. Dr. Gaines equips educators and adults with the tools to do the same for the young people they serve. With heartfelt storytelling and practical strategies, he shows how one voice of encouragement can redirect an entire life.
6	30 Tips and Tricks to Get You Through the Year	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Sanford Carvajal	Hear 30 "Tips and Tricks" that will help take your ASB program to another level. From rallies to concessions, Hoopcoming to Prom, ASB elections to connex boxes for storage, get ideas, events, and strategies that you can implement in your classroom this year. Good for newbies and veterans alike, you will gain several ideas that you can walk away with to make your job easier.
6	Better Choices, Better Me	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Kim Karr	This interactive workshop equips educators and student leaders with strategies to guide intentional decision-making. Learn how to help students reflect on the impact of their choices; in class, online, and with peers; build self-awareness, and connect their values to their actions. Gain practical tools for classroom, advisory, and campus leadership to foster students who think through decisions and lead with purpose.
6	Don't Talk About It- Do it (No Interview Selections Process)	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Meg Walsh	Eliminate the interviews from your program selection process. Learn how to do a performance based selection that SAVES YOU TIME and sanity. Share the responsibility and power of selection with your student leaders to pick a class they want to lead. See your potential future students in action: creating, conversing, leading.
6	Freshman Orientation: The Ambassador Program	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Keith Hawkins	Ambassador Program – Help freshmen transition smoothly into high school. Your juniors and seniors will be trained to lead, mentor, and model success all year long. The program transforms orientation into an inspiring, high-energy kickoff that builds excitement and connection. Ongoing support ensures your upperclassmen continue guiding freshmen, strengthening school culture and student engagement throughout the year.
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6	Mental Health Education: Tier 1 Resources to Support the Whole Child	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Kayla Finn	Universal mental health education reduces stigma, promotes help-seeking, and builds school connectedness. Learn to leverage school, student, staff, and family resources to create a shared mental health vocabulary and a hopeful school culture. Gain strategies to empower staff as trusted adults and students as leaders. Participants will access free, flexible, and ready-to-use depression education and suicide prevention programs (Grades 4-12) to make an inclusive impact today.
6	Plan to Lead: Building Year-Round Leadership Systems That Last	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	Becca Dennis Kellie Gorelick	Discover how intentional planning transforms leadership programs into lasting legacies. Learn to design a year-round system that strengthens school spirit, builds community connections, and boosts student engagement. Perfect for small or resource-limited schools, this session offers tools, templates, and real examples to help your leadership team thrive all year long.

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6	Representation Matters: Building Inclusive Student Leadership and Elevating Every Student Voice	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Kelsey Stiff	This interactive workshop explores how to build student leadership programs that reflect the diversity of your school community. Participants will learn strategies to create a representative group of student leaders and elevate student voice across all leadership roles. Through practical tools, real examples, and collaborative discussion, attendees will discover ways to strengthen inclusion, engagement, and connection within their campus culture while empowering every student to lead with purpose.
6	Self Care Isn't Selfish...It's Sanity	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Kate Garnes	As educators it's easy for us to become completely depleted from giving everything we have to our students, administration, family, community and home. We can feel like we are somehow drained and drowning at the same time. Kate will walk advisors through a series of lessons they can use to help themselves and their student leaders realize the best way to be the leader they can be is by taking care of themselves. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 3.</i>
6	Simplify School Payments for Dances, Concessions and Fundraisers with Omella	Nevada 1 (Spa Level)	Brett Kopf Allie Garcia Caitlin Lucci Matt Tawney	Three Activities Directors will share how they simplified every type of school collection — from prom tickets, concessions, and fundraisers to guest permission slips and Apple pay — using Omella. Attendees will learn how to set up real payment pages, optimize the free templates, understand how to validate student ID's and learn the different ways they use the credit card readers at their schools. There will also be a fun announcement at the end!
6	So You Said Yes: Tips and Tricks for Newbies!!!	Crystal 5 (Casino Level)	Jimmy Gleich	This job can be crazy! Learn all the tips and tricks from a veteran Activities Director that will help you to get through this crazy life coolly and calmly. You will leave with tons of ideas and a new friend that will be happy to help you navigate the world of Student Activities.
6	Storytelling that Builds Trust with Gen Z & Gen Alpha	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Lucca Petrucci	This is an invitation to lead with the most powerful tool you have: your story. You will learn a 3-step storytelling technique that helps you deeply connect with Gen Z and Gen Alpha through authenticity and vulnerability. When students see you show up fully, they believe it is safe to do the same, and that is when real trust takes root. This approach can also be directly shared as a leadership lesson with your students, empowering them to feel confident telling their own stories with honesty and courage. <i>This workshop is also offered during Session 2.</i>
6	Switch Up the Vibe: How to Transform Your Spirit Weeks!!	Nevada Foyer (Spa Level)	Chris Reeder	Do you have trouble getting participation in your spirit weeks? Want to get more students and staff to buy into what you're doing? Learn how to transform your spirit weeks from low participation dress-up days to a full week of connection and engagement!
6	The "Yeah But" People at School: Dealing with Resistance	Teton 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Tom Cody	Once you return from CADA energized and full of great ideas, you will undoubtedly encounter resistance when you get back to your school. Join Tom & Kevin as we look at creating a positive culture, and how to effectively deal with that resistance. This will be a game-changer for you...and those "yeah but" people at your school who stand in the way of innovative, healthy initiatives that empower students' development.
6	The ASB Wilderness of What is Allowable or Prohibited	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Michael Ammermon	FCMAT Workshop. Navigating allowable ASB expenditures can feel like uncharted territory. This session clarifies what student body funds can—and cannot—be used for, grounded in law, board policy, and student intent. Participants explore common gray areas, review real-world examples, and learn how to evaluate expenditures through the lens of student benefit, public purpose, and preapproval requirements.
6	Trailblazing Longevity! 10 Practical Ways to Keep on Keeping On!	Nevada 8-9 (Spa Level)	Tamara Givens	The average tenure for an Activities Director is relatively short. This position should lead to a long-term, fulfilling career, however, the stress and time commitment can derail even the most dedicated people. Learn how one 27-year Activities veteran has "kept on keeping on"-- from class organization, to maintaining core values for her class, to building relationships with mentors and colleagues. Gain practical ideas for loving this job far into the future.
6	Women in Leadership - How are you? No, but really? Part II	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Shyana Frost	From the second you wake up until your head hits the pillow, being a woman in leadership is demanding—juggling decisions, expectations, and caring for everyone else can lead to burnout. Shyana Frost has been there and now coaches women leaders to stay healthy in the middle of it all. In this reflective workshop, you'll uncover simple daily rhythms to stay grounded, energized, and resilient—so you can show up healthy at home and for your team.

Meet the Pros | Friday, March 6 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Reno Ballroom (Casino Level)

First-come-first-served until the room is full. Final presenter list and table number will be available at session check-in. See app for more info!

M E E T T H E P R O S	Activities for EVERYONE 2026!	Scott Backovich	Want activities that your entire student body will participate in? Wish you had a list of events that your whole school would enjoy? Hurry in and grab a seat! During this roundtable, ENVOLVE founder Scott Backovich will show you dozens of BRAND-NEW activities that you can use to create campus community NOW!!
	Answering the Call: Inspiring Students to Lead and Join Clubs	Kristy Baron	Discover how to spark student passion and turn ideas into thriving clubs! This lively session gives advisors and educators creative tools to inspire involvement, guide student leaders, and build a vibrant, connected campus community where every student feels called to participate.
	Are Those Crickets? Or a Cricut!	Marsha Cordes	A Cricut is a great machine that can be utilized in the ASB class for so much! Learning how and when to utilize a Cricut can help you brand your school, be creative and maybe add some pizzazz to your posters and decorations. Find out how the Cricut has helped with Senior Night decorations and posters to designing merch!
	At-Best Student Development Program	Dee Hankins	The At-Best Program empowers struggling students to excel in academics, attendance, and behavior. Designed for those facing challenges like foster care, homelessness, behavioral issues, chronic absenteeism, and hopelessness, it breaks down emotional and social barriers, helping them discover the power of education and achieve their full potential. The At-Best program actively builds bridges between students and caring adults, from teachers and administrators to parents and mentors.
	Bridging the Gap: Building Stronger Connections Between Student Leaders and Staff	Greg Dowden	In the whirlwind of planning and executing student activities, teaching and reinforcing the soft skills of leadership are crucial for long-term success in both the workplace and the classroom. Learn some simple strategies that you can implement right away that will elevate your student leaders and establish meaningful connections with staff members so that you can co-create a positive campus culture and environment.
	Campfire Curriculum: Creative Assignments for Your Student Leadership Class	Waianae Kahananui	Discover engaging, classroom-tested assignments designed to build student leaders' skills, confidence, and character. Explore creative ways to turn your leadership class into a space where students lead, reflect, and grow, all while having s'more fun. Leave with ready-to-use ideas and inspiration to make your curriculum feel like the best kind of summer camp: purposeful, empowering, and unforgettable.
	Coaching for Curriculum	Dana Pollock	Talk through curriculum ideas with a dedicated coach. Ask questions, brainstorm, and take action on the ideas that you have now. Return to school with an action plan to engage in meaningful, standards-based lessons with your students.
	Ditch the Week, Keep the Spirit: Simplifying Student Engagement	Stephanie Landez	Explore how replacing spirit weeks with focused spirit days / one day events can revitalize campus culture. By aligning events with national holidays, clubs, and current trends, experience stronger participation, simpler planning, and higher energy across campus—all without the burnout.
	Friday Night Spirit Section	Jerry Haynes	Friday night spirit sections give you the opportunity to connect half of your students to your campus. Don't miss out on these five evenings early in the school year to build school spirit and a strong campus community. Topics include spirit section identity, spirit leader rolls, publicity, chants and songs, and ideas to turn your spirit section into THE place to be on Friday night.
	Going Digital: A Google-Based Clock-In/Clock-Out System for Student Hours	Coral Gangitano Vaz	Tired of giving points per event or tracking student hours on paper sign-in sheets? Learn how to create a fully digital Clock-In/Clock-Out system using Google Forms and Google Sheets. Students simply clock in and out online, and their hours are automatically logged and totaled on a spreadsheet. This system saves time, improves accuracy, and makes it easy to monitor participation for ASB, Leadership, or community service programs.
	Grading And Accountability - The Key to Ensuring a Successful Team and Program!	Kassandra Garcia	A strong student leadership program thrives on accountability, reflection, and celebration of accomplishments! Explore effective strategies for creating systems to guide and support student leaders, while holding them accountable for the demanding needs of your campus, and ASB team. Participants will learn how to design meaningful structures and grading systems that align with program goals and reinforce expectations, and cover meaningful ways to celebrate individual and team success!
	Grow your Leadership Program with an ALL Freshman Class	Erin Andrade	You will get a framework of how to establish and grow an ALL Freshman Leadership Class! Build that foundation and the continued success of your program will follow! Links and examples will be shared so you can pitch this idea to grow your program with confidence!
	How to Create a Willie Wonka Pep Rally	Sanford Carvajal	See how Mt. Carmel High School created the sweetest pep rally you will ever taste. This Willie Wonka themed rally has Charlie retiring and he is looking to see which class will take over the chocolate factory and take care of the Oompa Loompas. The classes battle it out in themed rally games, everyone receives a "Wonka Bar", and four lucky people in each rally will find a golden ticket that will get them into the Winter Formal dance for free.
	Icebreakers & Energizers	Steve Peck	We can never have enough icebreakers and energizers. From learning names to building trust, these games plant the seeds for students to feel connected to their school community. Come ready to learn, play and make some connections!
	Inclusion Matters: Small Things that Make a BIG Impact	Sarah Burress	From planning worksheets and easy-to-grade point cards, to simple activities you can implement the day you get back from CADA, walk away with a plethora of ideas to help you on your journey to connect students and staff to your school and make everyone feel included. Walk away with both kindness and inclusion activities that will make all members of your school feel valued and included, as well as an easy way to hold your leadership students accountable.
It's All a Leadership Lesson	Don Shaffer	A fast moving, all inclusive, class evaluation tool that can be used at the end of a quarter, semester or year that consolidates the activities, events, and lessons experienced along the way into specific learning nuggets. The criteria for connecting the activities to the leadership lessons is based on John Maxwell's 21 Laws of Leadership, but can be adapted for use within any curriculum.	

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Leading Leaders: Inspiring Student Action for Mental Health	Finn Jacobson	Do you have students who are aware of the mental health crisis impacting their generation, have a passion to make change, but don't know where to go? Sounds like a great fit for the Work2BeWell National Student Advisory Council (NSAC), a dedicated group of high school students from all over the country leading the fight for mental health in their communities. This conversation, led by past member and current NSAC advisor, covers applications, the work, and how your students can be a part of it.
Level Up Your Student Section	Bonnie Bagheri	From social media and videos to themes, chants, give aways and crowd games—learn how to bring the energy and make every event unforgettable!
Life Would be Better if We Wore More Tutus	Ruth Simonds	Everything you wanted to know about Tutus: the best ones to purchase, when to wear them, and how to store them. And the answer to the question of why do tutus put such a smile on our face?
Mindful Focus Cards and More	Sara Freauf	Pick a card and dive into real talk. These conversation starters help you check in with yourself and each other—because talking about mental health doesn't have to be awkward.
Mistakes Leaders Make	Judy Zazvrskey	Leadership is influence. The best leaders learn by trial and error; no matter how naturally gifted we are, a few blind spots can derail our influence. The lack of formal training or repeating bad habits of those who led us, are the usual culprits, resulting in ineffective leadership. Learning to avoid these "landmines" can increase our impact on our student leaders.
Next Level Staff Appreciation	Jimmy Gleich	Hang out for the best 10 minutes in staff appreciation you'll ever have. You will leave the table with tons of ideas that will help even the grumpiest staff members become huge fans of you and your program.
Peer-Powered Change: Students Leading Activities to Promote Good Mental Health	Derick Elkin	Empower students to be champions of mental health by leading schoolwide campaigns and activities to promote good mental health, raise mental health awareness, reduce stigma, encourage help-seeking, and spread positivity. Over 60 turn-key activities are available for free from Erika's Lighthouse. Learn how to access them, and try one yourself. These are perfect for dedicated mental health clubs, as well as other clubs that want to supplement what they already do by promoting good mental health.
Senior Luau	Keala Hughes	Learn how our seniors celebrate this annual event in an organized, safe, yet extremely fun manner. A top fundraiser for the Senior class OR ASB (\$1,000+), and all it requires is a pool, great food, music, and a little organization.
Stop the poster drop! Discover the simple solution that sticks.	Jacob Headley	After 20 years of using more blue tape than anyone should ever have to, Jacob finally found a better solution. This simple, cost-effective method makes it easy to hang posters on concrete, brick, or stucco walls—saving time, money, and frustration. Even better, you'll discover creative ways to use campus spaces to display your designs so they truly stand the test of time.
Strengthen Your Support Network	Kristin Grimm	Whether you're managing the mid-year slump or revving up for next school year, take away lessons and activities that focus on group dynamics, team building, and communication.
Table Top Games with Leadership Lessons	Sandy Ginger	Have fun with some commercially available games adjusted for great leadership experiences! ("It's just a game until you talk about it!")
Take Me to Your Leader	Bruce Storrs	Building Student Leaders & School Culture Through Purpose-Driven, Student-Led Fundraising. This is not a sit-and-listen session. Advisors step into their students' shoes and experience leadership through action, ownership, and purpose. You'll see how Safe Drivers America's Ka-Ching Give Back to Schools Fundraiser turns fundraising into a hands-on leadership system—where progress is visible, effort is rewarded, and students own the results. You'll walk through the 5-Day Leadership & Safety Challenge, experience Ka-Ching moments and celebrations, and see how schools strengthen culture and generate almost passive income—without adding work for advisors. This session lets you feel what your students experience, so you can decide if it's the right fit for your school.
The Gratitude Challenge: Sparking Joy, Kindness, & Connection on Campus	Heather Ransom	Ready to level up your leadership class? The Work2BeWell Gratitude Challenge is an easy, feel-good activity that gets students thinking, sharing, and spreading positivity across your school. In this fast-paced, 10-minute session, you'll explore fun ways to roll out the challenge—whether in a single class or as a school-wide movement. Go for the ideas, leave with ready-to-use resources and a dose of gratitude energy to take back to your students!
Top 10 in 10!	Toriann Garner	Toriann shares her favorite "nuggets" from the past 10 years of being a member of CADA!
Week of Respect	Jamie Pascua	Gain some ideas that will involve high school students in a "Week of Respect" or "Be Nice, Be Kind" week that can foster positive relationships and create a supportive school environment.
Weekly Team Publications	Katie Rowe-Kairys	Once Katie's kid started preschool and his teachers were sending updates about their day on a shared facebook page, she knew she HAD to do this for her ASB families. If you can't add another task onto your plate, hear some tips on an easy way to improve your family communication specific to your class and their families, as well as how to improve the lines of communication for your school.
You Better Recognize	Stephanie Stonex	Recognition programs for students and staff are crucial for school morale. Get your entire campus involved and show them the value of recognizing others.

Workshop Session 7 | Friday, March 6 | 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

7 - 8	What You Feed Grows <i>90-minute Session</i>	Teton 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Heather Schultz	This powerful session empowers you to take control of your mindset by nurturing your positive traits and emotions. As the tale of two wolves illustrates, choosing which wolf to feed can profoundly impact your mental well-being and success. You will equip yourself with actionable strategies to cultivate a growth-oriented mindset, conquer self-doubt, and harness gratitude and mindfulness.
7	101 Ideas to Inspire Your Leaders	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Janet Roberts	Janet will enthusiastically share 101 ideas she has collected over 40 years that you can use in your classroom tomorrow to help teach leadership lessons and develop school culture. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 8.</i>
7	Adventures in Leadership	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Steve Hardy	Learn how to incorporate leadership lessons into a busy activities program. These multi-media leadership lessons are typically 10 - 20 minutes and hit key leadership topics such as: decision making, social/emotional well being, and communication. Use the social media (TikTok) students are already watching to build lessons in leadership. You will walk away with several leadership lessons that you will be able to use in class immediately.
7	And the Award Goes To...	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Kimberli Heck	Be guided through the process of planning and hosting a meaningful and engaging Oscar-esque award night to celebrate student achievement and build school community. Participants will explore how to design an event that recognizes not only academic excellence but also character, leadership, growth, and service.
7	Automate Your Google Forms with Autocrat	Crystal 1-2 (Casino Level)	Bobby Albright	Automate Your ASB Life with Autocrat! Are you tired of clunky paper processes?! Use this automation tool for your club forms, field trip forms, blood drive sign-ups, applications, and much MORE! This free Google Sheets add-on merges data into Google Docs/Slides/PDFs. Streamline workflows, save hours, and reduce human error! You will walk away with examples and access to video tutorials.
7	Benefitting the Student by Engaging the Family	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Stefanie Boatman	Open the perspective of benefitting the student body by engaging the parents and family. This involves providing resources and support for student success from early grades through graduation, including academic support, social-emotional learning, and college/career readiness programs, by fostering a strong partnership between schools, parents, and the community.
7	Bring Your Best ASB Questions and Learn the Answers at Camp CADA	Nevada 1 (Spa Level)	Michael Ammermon	FCMAT Workshop. ASB operations often raise questions with no one-size-fits-all answers. This session addresses common ASB challenges related to fundraising, expenditures, roles, and procedures while emphasizing the importance of local board policy and district guidance. Participants gain clarity on where to turn for answers and how to navigate gray areas with confidence. Bring your questions and Michael will answer!
7	Building a Leadership Family Dynamic	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Karen Lamb Mena Dedmon	Learn ways to improve camaraderie and compassion among your leaders. Everything from daily activities to long term ideas that help students build a feeling of support through the craze of student activities.
7	Building School Culture with Administration and your SRO	Nevada 2-3 (Spa Level)	Casey Lewis Corey Blumberg	School administrators and school resource officers (SROs) come together to explore their unique and collaborative roles in shaping a positive school culture. Participants will examine how leadership, safety, and relationship-building intersect to create environments where students and staff feel secure, respected, and engaged.
7	Creating Engaging School Broadcasts and Managing the Production Team	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Richard Cadra	Are you a Video Productions teacher or ASB director looking to engage more of the school population with your school broadcast? How can we most effectively create the highest quality broadcast and manage a class of students tasked with handling all of the aspects of segment planning, pre-production, filming, and editing? Through this multimedia presentation, let's unlock your students' full potential and power up your school broadcast!
7	Inclusive by Design: Accessibility and Adaptations in Student Activities	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Ashley Zepeda	Learn practical strategies to make student events and activities more inclusive and accessible for all learners. Through real campus examples, you'll explore ways to identify gaps, adapt traditions, and design events where every student feels welcome and involved. Gain tools to collaborate with colleagues, student leaders, and support staff to build a campus culture rooted in connection, equity, and belonging.
7	Rollin' out the Welcome Mat: Welcome Week? Welcome Day? Welcome Everyone!	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Steve Bryant Christina Lee Kathryn Fleener	Kicking off the school year for 2,000 teenagers isn't for the faint of heart—it's for those brave enough to plan, pivot, and pour their hearts into creating connections from day one. Activities Director Steven Bryant from Capistrano Valley High School will walk through the planning and implementation of both a Welcome Week and a Welcome Day, complete with real-world examples, timelines, and plenty of lessons learned the hard way.

7	RSVP- Raising Student Voice and Participation	Nevada 8-9 (Spa Level)	Lindsay Powers	RSVP is a program that allows every single student on your campus to be involved in school decision making. It fosters a positive school culture by promoting inclusivity. Through the process of three student-led summits everyone on campus is able to have a voice and contribute to their school.
7	School-Wide Roshambo Week	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	Meaghan Barber-Smith Jennifer Nelson	Want to get all your students and staff involved in a low risk school-wide activity that doesn't cost a lot of money? Learn how to set up and run a school-wide roshambo (rock, paper, scissors) competition that your whole school can participate in. Hear from a school that has successfully run this activity and learn about the things to avoid and ways to make this a successful and low stress event for your campus!
7	Sorted, Styled & Self-Aware	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Melissa Gowdy	From Gryffindor to golden retrievers, learn how personality tests like Animal Types, Love Languages, HP, 16Personalities, and Values can transform classroom culture. Learn to build connection, reflection, and leadership through simple, high-impact tools that promote personalization and emotional intelligence. Leave with plug-and-play activities that foster trust, boost morale, and help students thrive socially and emotionally in order to make a bigger impact.
7	The Time Advantage: Leading Through Connection	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Paul Lundberg	As an administrator, time often feels scarce—but it can become your greatest leadership advantage. Leadership coach Paul Lundberg will share why meaningful change doesn't come from big initiatives, but from brief, positive interactions that build trust, collaboration, and morale. Discover practical ways to use your time intentionally, focusing on what truly matters so your staff feel supported, your students thrive, and you lead with greater impact—without adding more to your plate.
7	Throwdown!	Tahoe Room (Casino Level)	Benjamin Cummings Isaac Lopez Erin Tobias Néstor Cerda	Looking for high energy, easy to implement, and creative ways to engage your students and staff? The Throwdown mixes low to high risk activities in a fast-paced game heavy activity that encourages leaders to find ways to use their imagination. With a focus on including the whole audience, creating a simple to follow outline, and promoting involvement of teachers and staff, Throwdown is a plug and play set of games, rally structures, and materials that you can take right back to your school! <i>This workshop is also offered during session 8.</i>
7	You Got Spirit...But do You?	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	James Layman	Is your school spirit lifting students up, or leaving some behind? In this interactive session, explore what true, inclusive school spirit looks like and how to grow it intentionally. Through reflection, discussion, and practical strategies, advisors will learn how to transform spirit from a few loud moments into a lasting culture where every student feels connected, valued, and proud to belong. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 8.</i>

Workshop Session 8 | Friday, March 6 | 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

8	101 Ideas to Inspire Your Leaders	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Janet Roberts	Janet will enthusiastically share 101 ideas she has collected over 40 years that you can use in your classroom tomorrow to help teach leadership lessons and develop school culture. <i>This workshop is also offered during session 7.</i>
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8	Be A Champion: Elevate Wellness, Connection, and Purpose	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Tara Soesbe	What does it mean to Be A Champion; for yourself, your students, and your school community? In this heart-centered session, hear practical strategies to strengthen connection, boost emotional wellness, and reignite their "why." Through storytelling, reflection, and meaningful interaction, participants will explore simple yet powerful ways to build balance, resilience, and belonging in their daily work. You'll leave inspired, recharged, and ready to be the champion everyone needs.
8	Breaking Barriers: Empowering Teens to End Mental Health Stigma	Nevada 1 (Spa Level)	Freddie Almazan	Mental health matters—especially for teens. Yet too often, our culture silences these crucial conversations, leaving young people feeling ashamed and isolated. But together, we can change this. Join Freddie for powerful discussions and actionable steps to empower teens to speak openly about mental health, creating a stigma-free environment where compassion thrives. Let's break the silence, end the stigma, and save lives!
8	Every 15 Minutes Program: How to from A-Z	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Bridgit Moore	Every 15 minutes someone dies from an alcohol related collision. Would you like to learn about a program that focuses on high school juniors and seniors helping them to reflect on their choices and the potential life-altering consequences of drinking and driving/impaired driving? Every 15 Minutes is a program funded through a grant sponsored by CHP. Learn how to run this program from A-Z from an advisor who has run this program at her school for 8 years and helped for years prior to that.

8	From Frustration to Flourishing: A Staff-Led Cultural Revolution	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Pete Toomey Malcolm Heron	Explore how revitalizing school culture through the lens of the MTSS framework can address the post-pandemic emotional landscape educators are navigating, including shared challenges such as declining morale, increased student behavior concerns, and weakened staff cohesion—while reinforcing the belief that staff culture ultimately drives school culture. By strengthening traditions, communication, and trust, Santiago High illustrates how intentional and inclusive culture-building can reinvigorate an entire school community.
8	Leaders of the FUTURE!	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Lauren Hysen-Gaspar Mark Peterson Nick Tate Michelle Hickman	Guide your leaders through essential, yet often overlooked, interpersonal skill development. Through The Amazing Shake, students gain the ability to communicate effectively with adults, present themselves with confidence, and maintain poise under pressure.
8	Leadership Grading Made Genuine	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Karen Lamb Mena Dedmon	Sometimes one of the hardest things about leadership or activities class is finding a way to grade fairly and in a way that is manageable. Learn some ways to set up your class grading and have student assignments be meaningful and reflective.
8	Lights, Sound, Leadership — Empowering Student-Led Production	Nevada 2-3 (Spa Level)	Alex Zeppos Sameer Wason	From homecoming rallies to formals and concerts, how can ASB programs empower students to create unforgettable experiences on a budget? By giving programs the tools, training, and confidence to design, run, and elevate their own events, schools turn spirit into lasting infrastructure and hands-on experiential learning. This centers student leadership experiences while drastically reducing long-term costs and building both technical and professional skills that last.
8	Mistakes Leaders Make	Nevada 8-9 (Spa Level)	Judy Zazvrskey	Leadership is influence. The best leaders learn by trial and error; no matter how naturally gifted we are, a few blind spots can derail our influence. The lack of formal training or repeating bad habits of those who led us, are the usual culprits, resulting in ineffective leadership. Learning to avoid these "landmines" can increase our impact on our student leaders.
8	Pitch, Plan, Party: Make Dances a Night Under the Stars	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Denise van Doorn	From mapping out your "trail" to keeping the crew on course, you will learn insider strategies you wish you knew sooner—so every dance feels like a campfire under the stars! Participants will have access to slides and photos.
8	Rivalry into Fundraising for Charity!	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Michael Kentris	Do you have a school rival? Or even a neighbor school? It's time to TAP IN to the competitive spirit for a good cause! Learn how two schools' ASB programs worked together to turn a rivalry into a Staff vs. Staff Charity Basketball Game! Plus, how to use social media to create a buzz among students, generate sponsorship, and create an unforgettable evening!
8	Stop Being the "I" in Your Own Team: Avoiding Advisor Burnout	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Steve Bryant Christina Lee Kathryn Fleener	Running a high school activities program solo is like trying to pitch a tent in a windstorm—technically possible, but you'll probably cry halfway through. This session dives into building a strong activities team to keep your sanity (and your spirit) intact. Explore practical strategies for recruiting and empowering class advisors, tapping into hidden adult talent across campus, and creating a culture where everyone feels part of the adventure and avoid becoming the one-person pep rally.
8	Strengthening Student Relationships and Resilience in a Digital World	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Kim Karr	Over 70% of teens turn to AI chatbots for comfort. This session gives activity directors and admins practical ideas to start meaningful conversations, helping student councils lead in promoting authentic interactions. Learn how to use AI to enhance connection, foster empathy, and build a campus culture where students feel seen, heard, and supported while practicing responsible digital wellness.
8	Student CEOs: Building a Classroom That Works Like a Business	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	David Cuellar	Learn how to transform your classroom into a real-world, student-run design business. Discover how Ridgeview High School's Graphic Arts Program blends creativity, C.T.E., and entrepreneurship. This workshop covers program structure, student roles, project workflow, and examples of client projects—giving you the tools to launch or enhance your own hands-on, career-focused student print shop.
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Workshop Session 9 | Friday, March 6 | 3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

9 - 10	Sportsmanship - Maximizing the High School Student Experience <i>90-Minute Session</i>	Teton 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Cari Strange Mike West Don Skaggs Todd Arrowsmith Shannon May	What does a good high school student section look like? Learn how to build and promote a positive student section experience that teaches your students what sportsmanship is all about. See examples of positive student sections and hear what CIF Southern Section, The Student Section Report, and schools from around the state expect from their athletes and students.
9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	Backpacking through SEL & Leadership Lessons	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Jessi Lindell Angela Dizon	We all know teaching leadership lessons is part of the job. SEL is important and building connection is essential, but where do you find the time? Jessi and Angela will share some of their favorite games and community builders. Be ready to play and participate or watch. You will walk away with directions for all the games, lists of materials needed, and discussion questions. These same resources have been shared at previous conventions, with a few updates.
	Be A Leader	Nevada 8-9 (Spa Level)	Leslie Coe	Ever been given a title or a job and then thought, "What the heck do I do now?" This program provides essential skills for students who have become leaders, got a title and wondered what to do next. Hear how advisors in one school district created a program to support all of students in any club in the high schools. Learn the skills and supports offered to students to ensure their club and leaders have the tools and resources to grow, engage and thrive.
	Beyond the Mic: SEL meets Student Leadership	Crystal 1-2 (Casino Level)	Emily Jenison Jordan Jenison	Looking for a fresh way to amplify student voice and build community on your campus? Learn how to launch a student-run visual podcast that highlights your school's stories while integrating SEL lessons tailored to your campus' needs. Help guide students through planning, production, and hosting, giving them ownership of the process. Explore practical strategies, SEL-aligned episode ideas, and tips for creating meaningful content that strengthens school culture and student voice
	Campfire Connections: Who's In Your Cabin?	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Craig Grivel Adrienne Simon-Carlson Tova El-Atrache Bailey Green	Grab your canteen and best campfire stories—it's time to build a Student Activities Team that makes your school feel like the best cabin on campus! In this camp-style workshop, you'll learn how to recruit, train, and empower spirited "camp counselors" to lead events that spark connection, belonging, and school pride. Roll up your sleeves, grab your s'mores kit, and let's build a campfire of celebration and school spirit!
	Culture+: Create the School You've Dreamed Of	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	DeWayne Patterson Tyler Olin	CULTURE+ empowers school leaders who live their lives with a purpose. We stand with educators who believe they can change the world — because we believe it too. The CULTURE+ suite of culture-building resources and services reflects Jostens ongoing investment in school communities. From Jostens Renaissance to SchoolMark to our brand new Mascot Shop, learn about the Jostens difference that positions your school to thrive as the cornerstone of your community!
	Field Day: A Team Building Afternoon	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	Lesley Gower Jason Dauenhauer	Field day is an event that will boost morale and build relationships between your leadership students. If you can't have a full summer retreat, or need an easy on campus team building workshop, come to this session to receive both a full day or half day schedule you can implement on your campus. Learn by doing, so hang out and play a mix of icebreakers, large group active games, and brain teaser/puzzle games along with a closing activity that keeps your students feeling connected.
	Improving Climate and Culture Through Advocacy - The Unicorn Way!	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Donna McNeel Mary Hazdovac Breanna Atallah	Learn to create and enhance advocacy lessons that can improve the climate and culture at your site to improve activities and gain support from all staff. Utilize various departments and staff members to celebrate the diversity in your campus.
	Planning Out An Action Packed Homecoming Week	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Eric Bathauer Angel Stoker	Learn the ins and outs of planning an action packed homecoming week. Learn about a student-led carnival fundraising, spirit days, lunch time activities, assembly prep, and executing a dance. Student led pieces make it a successful week for both staff and students.
	PurpoSELove: Creating a Sense of Belonging for your Student Body	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level)	Dr. Laura Rizo	"Caring" is not an add-on—it's a necessity. To build a culture of purpose, belonging, and connection where students, especially student leaders, feel seen, valued, and empowered, this session will explore how intentional, research-based SEL practices transform how educators connect with and support students—fueling belonging, leadership, and morale with purpose-driven strategies for all learners.

9 9 9 9 9 9	Raise the Roof on Your School Culture! A Year of Student and Staff Appreciation and Recognition	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Lori Pristera	Want to turn your campus into a place where students and staff LOVE to spend their day? This session will help you do just that! Get hands-on, fun, inclusive activities and events that promote the appreciation and recognition of every person on your campus beginning on the first day of school to graduation day. You'll also receive helpful tips on engaging your community for important donations to fund these amazing events on your campus. Templates, guidelines, and support systems provided!
	Rebuilding Athletic Student Section: Student Leaders in Action	Nevada 2-3 (Spa Level)	Randy James Jessica Banchieri	Learn how student leaders and campus groups rebuilt athletic student sections and spirit after COVID through purposeful engagement at a variety of athletic events. Highlights include key challenges, successful strategies, and creative approaches that boosted attendance, connected students to activities, and transformed events into student-driven experiences.
	The S'mores of Self-Care: Sweet Strategies for Mental Wellness	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Marta Kapelos Cynthia Gemel	Uncover the power of mental health days and weeks! You'll discover innovative ideas for creating impactful well-being initiatives, from dedicated days of respite to enriching weekly programs. Explore the significant benefits of integrating supportive activities during lunch breaks, all aimed at fostering a healthier and more balanced student experience, especially around testing periods
	S'more Than Friends: Building Your Camp(us) Family	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Dr. Farah Ortega-Choate	A strong campus culture begins with relationships. Learn how to build relationships with yourself, students, colleagues, and community. Walk away with a ton of ideas you can implement at your school to turn classmates and colleagues into S'more Than Friends...they become FAMILY!
	The Legendary Leadership Manifesto: How Leading Yourself Inside Helps Lead Others Outside!	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Lamarr Womble	The manifesto is a self leadership reflection guide that follows Lamarr's Legendary Leaders framework for the development of student leaders' mindset. The session will specifically focus on: Boundaries and time management, Facing fears and failures, Discovering their values, How to ask for help and self-advocacy, Creating their people philosophy, How values, goals and legacy align to make an impact, and Understanding how self awareness can impact others they lead through an empathy lens
	The Three Days That Change the Whole Year	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Vanessa Fortney	Kick off your school year or return to break with purpose! Learn how three days of Community Days activities can foster connection, care, and clarity while teaching essential skills. Centering identity, belonging, and collaboration sets the stage for students to feel seen, valued, and ready to learn. Participants will walk away with a model they can take back to their site immediately to implement and create community!

Workshop Session 10 | Friday, March 6 | 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

10 10 10 10 10 10	Activities in a Year - the Unicorn Way	Crystal 3-4 (Casino Level)	Donna McNeel Mary Hazdovac Breanna Atallah	Discover the magic behind the annual (and biennial!) activities and see how to team up with your PBIS Coordinator to boost school climate and culture. Why reinvent the wheel when you can work smarter—not harder—with a treasure trove of ready-to-use ideas and resources? Each one is infused with a touch of unicorn sparkle to inspire creativity, connection, and positive energy across your site.
	Culture+: Create the School You've Dreamed Of	Sierra 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	DeWayne Patterson Tyler Olin	CULTURE+ empowers school leaders who live their lives with a purpose. We stand with educators who believe they can change the world — because we believe it too. The CULTURE+ suite of culture-building resources and services reflects Jostens' ongoing investment in school communities. From Jostens Renaissance to SchoolMark to our brand new Mascot Shop, learn about the Jostens difference that positions your school to thrive as the cornerstone of your community!
	Digital Tools and Systems for Selecting your Campers	Crystal 1-2 (Casino Level)	Renee Garcia	Learn systems for eliminating the popularity contest and create a more active and balanced way to select your leaders. It will also teach how to use the Google add-on Autocrat to create digital applications, automated email communications, and more!
	Keep the Campfire Going!	Ruby 1-2 (Executive Level-Right)	Dr. Farah Ortega-Choate	Feeling overwhelmed? Is your flame burning out? Do you need to get re-inspired? Do you need to remember your WHY? Let Dr. Farah's inspiring words and powerful activities reignite the flame within you, so you can light the flame of others back home! Don't Burn Out...Burn Bright!
	Legacy Leadership: How Schools Can Preserve History and Build Community	Carson 4 (Casino Level)	Larissa Davis Julia Garcia	Discover how preserving your school's history can fuel pride, tradition, and community connection. Learn how to digitize archives, engage alumni, and share stories through social media to turn legacy into a living force that unites students, staff, and community.

10	Lighting the Campfire of School Spirit - How to Run a Senior Pageant!	Carson 3 (Casino Level)	Megan McClelland Sarah Blaser	For 15 years, Petaluma High's Trojan Quarterly has lit up the stage and the spirit of the senior class, raising \$5,000–\$10,000 each year! It takes plenty of planning, teamwork, and creativity, but the payoff is huge. Learn how to bring this can't-miss senior event to your own "camp" and build lasting school traditions. You will have your students wanting s'more after your first year of doing this!
10	PurpoSELove: Creating a Sense of Belonging for your Student Body	Shasta 1-2 (Executive Level)	Dr. Laura Rizo	"Caring" is not an add-on—it's a necessity. To build a culture of purpose, belonging, and connection where students, especially student leaders, feel seen, valued, and empowered, this session will explore how intentional, research-based SEL practices transform how educators connect with and support students—fueling belonging, leadership, and morale with purpose-driven strategies for all learners.
10	S'More Leaders, S'more Fun	Mckinley (Executive Level-Left)	Jennifer Krumheuer Tara Fry	Learn how to bring in more students to be a part of your school wide middle-level leadership program.
10	The Legendary Leadership Manifesto: How Leading Yourself Inside Helps Lead Others Outside!	Cascade 1-2 (Executive Level-Left)	Lamarr Womble	The manifesto is a self leadership reflection guide that follows Lamarr's Legendary Leaders framework for the development of student leaders' mindset. The session will specifically focus on: Boundaries and time management, Facing fears and failures, Discovering their values, How to ask for help and self-advocacy, Creating their people philosophy, How values, goals and legacy align to make an impact, and Understanding how self awareness can impact others they lead through an empathy lens
10	The S'mores of Self-Care: Sweet Strategies for Mental Wellness	Nevada 6-7 (Spa Level)	Marta Kapelos Cynthia Gemel	Uncover the power of mental health days and weeks! You'll discover innovative ideas for creating impactful well-being initiatives, from dedicated days of respite to enriching weekly programs. Explore the significant benefits of integrating supportive activities during lunch breaks, all aimed at fostering a healthier and more balanced student experience, especially around testing periods
10	The Three Days That Change the Whole Year	Nevada 4-5 (Spa Level)	Vanessa Fortney	Kick off your school year or return to break with purpose! Learn how three days of Community Days activities can foster connection, care, and clarity while teaching essential skills. Centering identity, belonging, and collaboration sets the stage for students to feel seen, valued, and ready to learn. Participants will walk away with a model they can take back to their site immediately to implement and create community!
10	Trail Maps & Teamwork: Building a Student Leadership Ecosystem	Carson 1-2 (Casino Level)	Cameron Chitwood	Just like a national park needs trails, rangers, and thriving ecosystems, your leadership program needs structure, purpose, and connection. Whether guiding 40 or 140 student leaders, Trail Maps & Teamwork offers strategies to build continuity, growth, and authentic engagement through structure, lesson planning, team bonding, and lasting community. Leave with ready-to-use tools and a clear direction for your leadership wilderness.
10	Trusting the Trusted Messenger	Nevada 1 (Spa Level)	Winston Ashby	Explore how to create inclusive environments where every student thrives, feels safe, valued, and inspired. Learn how to empower youth as trusted messengers—credible, reliable peers who build belonging, promote equity, and influence positive actions across all backgrounds and abilities.
10	Voice, Choice, Power!	Nevada Room (Spa Level)	Rob Schwandt	Stop supervising your students and coaching leaders! Transform your advisory role with the Trust and Inspire framework; moving relationships beyond transactions to true partnership. Master the art of delegating outcomes over steps using the Choice. Voice. Power model. Build a legacy of autonomous, purpose-driven, and truly effective student leadership.