Aspiring Leaders Conference

August 18, 2022; 9 am - 2:30 pm in-person at FEA
12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Audience: Aspiring Leaders
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Growing your leadership skills in a constantly changing environment is not easy!
Join us on August 18th for an in-person day of learning from today’s leaders and networking with colleagues from across the state. Keynote addresses and breakout workshops will address critical topics including: transformational leadership, legal hot topics, interviewing skills, resume-building, key skills that every administrator needs, teacher leadership, and succeeding as a female leader.

Fee: $50

Schedule

8:30 am - 9 am  Breakfast & Arrival

9 am - 10:15 am  Keynote Address: Transformational Leadership
Presenter: Pamela Moore, Asst. Superintendent, Millville Public Schools

What is your “leadership why”? Leadership is more than just a destination, title or role. It’s a way of being. Many leaders never examine why they want to lead, and end up going through the motions without understanding their intentions, their impact and their power. Looking at leadership through the lens of purpose and empowering others allows you to focus on the real “why” behind your calling.

Register at www.njpsa.org
10:30 am - 11:30 am  **Breakout Workshops**

**Administration 101**  
**Presenter: Tom Conroy, FEA Consultant**  
The world of the school administrator is one that has changed significantly over the past ten years. In this session, we will explore the key areas and challenges that school leaders face on a daily basis. Additionally, the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (2015) will be examined to support your growth as an instructional leader.

School Equity: Exploring Key Paradigm Shifts  
**Presenter: Fidelia Sturdivant, NJPSA Coordinator of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**  
What is your definition of School Equity? What are the data indicators of inequities in your classroom, your school and/or your school district? To be an effective educational leader, you must be courageous in your pursuit of School Equity for all students regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, home language, (dis)abilities and other identities. This session will address five paradigm shifts for educational equity, focused on:
1. Equity and Inequity  
2. Marginalized Families  
3. Color-blindness  
4. Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices  
5. Celebrating Diversity

**Strengthening Your Interviewing Skills**  
**Presenter: Anne Mucci, Ed.D., Superintendent Long Hill Township Schools and Executive Director, NJASCD**  
In this interactive session, participants will learn interview pitfalls to avoid, review the most frequently asked questions, and develop a powerful introductory statement. Participants will also receive coaching on creating a winning interview presentation, effective research techniques and how to use information from the interview to determine if the position is a good match for them.

11:30 am - 12:15 pm  **Lunch and Networking**

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  **Breakout Workshops**

**Emerging Legal Issues for New and Aspiring School Leaders**  
**Presenter: Dave Nash, Esq., Director of Legal Education & National Outreach**  
This session will review recent developments in School Law that every new and aspiring School leader should be aware of. Participants will also be provided with a framework for analyzing and responding to issues that arise in a legally sound manner. Topics to be discussed include recent developments in school law related to school security, student safety, student and staff expression and supervision of both students and staff members.
Teacher Leadership: Becoming a Teacher Leader and Making Change  
**Presenter:** Melissa Stager, Ed.D., Superintendent, Clinton Township Public School District  
In this session we will review the qualities of a teacher leader, and look at areas in your school where you can become an informal teacher leader. As we look for opportunities, we will define the steps needed to be a change agent in your district. This session will incorporate the Teacher Leader Standards and examine Growth Leadership.

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Succeeding as a Female Leader  
**Presenter:** Karen D’Avino, Ed.D., Superintendent, Vernon Township School District  
Women in educational leadership continue to ascend through educational ranks but in a different manner than their male counterparts. This workshop provides an overview of leadership styles that women may relate to. It also provides strategies for women to utilize in navigating their path to leadership since it is different for women than it is for men. Learning timely strategies, understanding the supports that are available to you, and discovering how you can be impactful every day on your path to leadership are some of the topics to be covered. Past participants indicate that takeaway strategies to use immediately are just one of the reasons this workshop is helpful for female leaders.

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
Closing Address: Writing the Right Resume  
**Presenter:** Neel Desai, Principal, Piscataway Township School District  
Re-writing your resume and also making it appealing to the reader is a challenging task. In this session, participants will understand different types of resumes and how to tailor a resume to a unique job description. They will also learn tips and tricks to develop a resume that engages the reader. In the end, participants will walk away with strategies to transform their resume into a powerful tool that will help get more interviews!