



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michelle Perdue

Michelle Perdue, M.Ed., is the founder of Speak To Advance Communications. She empowers those seeking to communicate with confidence, power and authority to find their voice and use it in a way that elevate their lives and the lives of others.

Michelle, is also a Professional Speaker, SAG Actress and Poet. She is known for incorporating her theatrical talents into her presentations, setting her apart from other speakers. Her one- of- a- kind style is what makes her presentations dynamic and engaging.

Whether delivering a Keynote Presentation, moderating a CEO Panel, or facilitating virtual training at conferences and professional development events at Land O' Lakes, North Memorial Hospital, or the TeamWomen Leadership Conference, Michelle has proven she can knock it out of the ballpark.

“When we invited Michelle Perdue to moderate a CEO panel for the 2018 TeamWomen Leadership Conference, little did we know she would hit a grand slam! Michelle owned the jam-packed ballroom from the moment she entered it. A dynamic speaker, Michelle is also a very thoughtful, eloquent and prepared moderator. The combo creates an insanely powerful presence that engages the audience from start to finish.”

Jan Ballman, RPR, CMRS, FAPR | President & CEO, Paradigm Reporting & Captioning

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Finding You In Community Education: Finding Your Leadership Voice

When you find your leadership voice, you find the authentic you. Your leadership voice and your ability to optimize it, is what will set you apart from mediocre leaders, but rather become one who makes significant impacts within and beyond the communities in which you serve. This keynote presentation will not only equip you with the tools needed to find your leadership voice, but more importantly, allow you to use it to manage and thrive in the face of adversity, such as COVID-19.

Therefore, be prepared to find and own your leadership voice so that others are inspired to follow and you are in a better position to lead.



Noon-1:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Michelle Perdue
1:00-1:15 p.m.	Break
1:15-2:00 p.m.	Session 1
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Session 2

SESSION 1 Wednesday, November 4, 1:15-2:00 p.m.

LEADERSHIP/EARLY ED

Leading to Achieve High-Quality P3 Systems

One of the most significant educational challenges of our time is achieving aligned, coherent systems. When it comes to P3 (prenatal to grade 3), this involves both system building and system change, while also ensuring high quality. This session addresses our lessons learned over ten years of work on P3. After looking back, we will look forward and discuss the critical role of leadership in P3. The session will introduce and overview essential P3 resources focused on P3 systems and components, leadership, and strategies. Discussion will focus on the key role of leadership in Community Education.

Mike Brown and June Reineke Early Learning Services, MN Department of Education

EQUITY

Creating a More Peaceful Society

Braver Angels is a nonprofit group who is trying to reduce the partisan divide and rancor in our political discourse by a method of communicating with each other.

Ed Marek & Burce Morlan Braver Angels

FACILITIES

Facility Use During COVID-19

Overview and steps to facility operations during the COVID-19 pandemic within MN public schools.

Kristi Myers Facilities Coordinator, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage

LEGAL ISSUES

COVID-19 Leaves and Return to Work

Attorney Jim Martin discusses COVID-19 leaves and return to work.

Jim Martin Attorney, Martin Law Firm

MENTAL HEALTH/RESILIENCE

Decrease Stress, Increase Success, and Enhance Joy, Today!

Learn how to train your brain to stress less and enjoy more, even during these stressful times. Identify what the latest neuroscience research has discovered about how stress impacts your brain, thinking, and responses to stressful situations. Discover practical methods to reduce stress, foster joy, and increase success both personally and professionally.

Raelene Ostberg Director, Thriving Together, LLC

SESSION 2 Wednesday, November 4, 2:15-3:00 p.m.

OLDER ADULTS

The Juniper Network: Take Charge of your Health

Juniper is a network of community organizations delivering evidence-based programs across the state of Minnesota. Juniper offers a menu of 11 classes that help adults take an active role in improving their health and quality of life. Juniper helps you get fit, manage your health conditions and prevent falls. Classes are delivered in a peer-to-peer model, whereby participants learn from leaders, and from each other. Local Community Education programs can serve as valuable partners in sponsoring classes or assisting with promotion.

Gina Marsalla Juniper Provider Relationship Coordinator, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission

LEADERSHIP

More Effective Supervision of Employees and Team Management in a Virtual World

Supervising & managing employees can be made more effective by pairing existing leadership skills and new techniques. This session will deliver those new techniques to current leaders. All session materials will be demonstrated & shared with participants.

Bruce Miles Owner/CEO, Big River Group

VIRTUAL POSSIBILITIES

Successful Collaboration of Online Classes

The switch to online classes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in new partnerships and opportunities. Learn from Noella Fath-Cutter (Anoka Hennepin), Cheryl Gysbers (N St. Paul/Maplewood) and Diane Dickmeyer (Robbinsdale) about how they have made collaboration work and succeed. Develop your own collaboration with others who attend.

Diane Dickmeyer Program Specialist - Adult Enrichment, Robbinsdale Area Schools Community Education

EQUITY

Creating Space for Diversity Conversations

We've all attended a culture event where we ate the delicious food, commented on the beautiful clothing, but walked away wanting to know more. For the past two years, we have hosted an event that is centered around educating and creating space for conversations surrounding diversity and culture. This session will leave you feeling inspired and ready to create your own culture event!

Amanda Beckler Community Education Coordinator, Marshall Community Services

VOLUNTEERS

Engaging Our Volunteer Community During COVID

Volunteers are one of our greatest community resources for our students and teachers, helping build valuable relationships and strengthen academic skills for success. With proper protocols in place, we can tap into this resource in a safe and effective way. Four panelists will share their experiences, protocols and best practices in how to safely engage volunteers during these unprecedented times.

Panelists: Jennifer Ames (Shakopee Public Schools), **Mindy Potvin** (Robbinsdale Area Schools), **Carynn Roehrick** (Edina Public Schools), **and Alison Troidahl** (Mankato Area Public Schools)





KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Stevie Ray

Stevie Ray has been a nationally recognized speaker and trainer for over thirty years, helping Fortune 500 companies and small organizations alike improve interaction skills, teamwork, innovative thinking, leadership, and customer service. He is the Executive Director of Stevie Ray's Improv Company in Minneapolis, a company that has provided training and entertainment since 1989. He has also been a professional entertainer since his first comedy show at the age of nine. Stevie is a nationally syndicated columnist for the Business Journal Newspapers and is the author of ten books. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife and stepdaughter. He learned his quick-thinking skills trying to win debates with them. It has yet to work.

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Are you running on empty? Is the stress trying to offer community education programs during a pandemic taking its toll? Join Stevie Ray in a fun and interactive session to help you manage the challenges of today with more confidence and ease. Stevie Ray shares fascinating new research in neuroscience to help you understand how your brain is reacting to the unpredictable nature of the pandemic. He will also teach you hands-on techniques that will help you manage difficult situations more easily and effectively. Heads up! Stevie Ray does not use PowerPoint or boring lecture. Be prepared to take notes and take part in the session.

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Virtual Coffee
9:00-9:45 a.m.	Session 3
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00-10:45 a.m.	Session 4
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.-noon	Keynote Speaker: Stevie Ray
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch BINGO!

Virtual Coffee - Talk Time for All Program Areas!

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Grab your coffee or morning go to and join us for a chance to collaborate with others in the Community Education field. This will be an open time to ask questions of your colleagues and learn from each other! You won't want to miss out on this uplifting morning of "We Are All In This Together"

Lunch BINGO!

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Bring your bag lunch and play BINGO with us before we hit the road running again! There will be prizes for BINGO Winners!



SESSION 3 Thursday, November 5, 9:00-9:45 a.m.

EARLY ED

Innovating in Early Childhood

There is no doubt that COVID-19 forced early childhood programs to innovate. Indeed, many programs viewed this crisis as a time to showcase their capabilities. This session will focus on statewide findings from the ECFE community needs assessment. Specifically, during the pandemic, how did programs identify needs and how did they respond with programming and services? The interactive session will also include discussion on how early childhood programs can best serve children and families now, and how new practices can become part of the foundation of high-quality programming.

Mike Brown and Kelly Kazeck Early Learning Services, MN Department of Education

LEGAL ISSUES

Overview of Administration of Student and Employee Data

Attorney Jim Martin discusses the administration of student and employee data.

Jim Martin Attorney, Martin Law Firm

MENTAL HEALTH/RESILIENCE

Conscious Discipline During a Pandemic

All people need to feel safe, cared for and sense of belonging, then learning takes place. This can be extra challenging during a pandemic. Learn the basics of Conscious Discipline and how to apply the concepts during this challenging time.

Mary Bartusek Supervisor of Early Learning, New Prague Area Schools, Community Education

WHOLE CHILD FRAMEWORK/WELLNESS

Healthy Out of School Time Learning-The Importance of Infusing Wellness

An overview of the Whole School, Whole Child, Whole Community (WSCC) framework will be explored. With health and learning being interconnected examples of how wellness can be infused within current programs will be a focus. This session will provide future HOST (Healthy Out of School Time) regional trainings that will be available to all interested staff.

Terri Swartout and Eric Billiet School Health Coordinator & Expanded Learning Specialist (Eric), Minnesota Department of Education

VIRTUAL POSSIBILITIES

Getting Your CE Instructors (and Community) Up-to-Speed Using Zoom

If you're like us, you've been scrambling to transition in-person enrichment classes to online. Perhaps you left it to the instructor to decide if they were comfortable using Zoom. Have you considered providing training? We are not experts, but we began to offer Zoom Training to our instructors and separate free Zoom classes to the public. We cover the basics of video/audio mute, chat, share screen, views, waiting room, hosting, and how to set up a meeting within a Zoom account. We provide tips on camera angle, lighting, and background (essential aspects not always considered) to ensure that instructors project a professional presence online. It has been fun and well received. If you might like to do a similar training, please join us! We welcome questions and any tips you have to share.

Gretchen Carlson Adult Enrichment Coordinator, District 833 - South Washington County Schools, **Josh Chilton and Mary Meier**

SESSION 4 Thursday, November 5, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

RALLI Needs You!

Join RALLI members to discuss where we've been, where we are now and where we are going. COVID has taken its toll in so many ways, not the least of which has been the staffing nightmares and the depletion of our fund balance. As we prepare for this next legislative session we want to hear the stories that define your challenges. Add your voice to the discussion and hopefully take away a few ideas that will help you navigate this session at a local level.

Wendy Webster, Kristine Wehrkamp and Annette Sallman Directors of Community Education, St. Anthony, Robbinsdale, Stillwater

VIRTUAL POSSIBILITIES

Live Streaming 101

Learn the basics of Livestreaming to YouTube Live and Facebook Live. Session topics will include; equipment needed to get started, choosing the right broadcast software, best events to live stream, building a student broadcast program and more. The presenter has been running a Community Education Student Broadcast Program for over 8 years and can share some insight on what not to do to get started :)

Matt Dickhausen Director, Paynesville Area Schools

EARLY ED

Adapting Early Literacy and Math Strategies for COVID-19 Learning Environments

For more than 15 years, Minnesota Reading Corps has provided evidence-based, data-driven instructional strategies to schools and centers across the state to help preschool students be ready for Kindergarten. In recent years, we've expanded from focusing solely on early literacy instruction to include early math components into our model. For the 2020-21 school year, Minnesota Reading Corps has made significant adaptations to our program in order to continue to serve students during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are providing virtual instruction and interventions, both live and asynchronously, and have adapted engagement resources for families. Join us to learn more about how Minnesota Reading Corps can support your students become ready for Kindergarten during this school year and beyond.

Lizzie Morris Vogt Director of School Partnerships, Minnesota Reading Corps & Minnesota Math Corps



LEADERSHIP

Resilient Leadership in Turbulent Times

We all have faced extraordinary challenges this last year. The ability to be resilient in the face of adversity is a vital characteristic of high performing leaders. In this engaging virtual session, Patrick will share lessons learned from his experiences operating in some of the most adverse environments along with providing practical tips centered around leading yourself, cultivating a positive mindset, and leading others.

Patrick Nelson Loyalty Point Leadership

EQUITY

Bringing Our Community Together

A collaboration between Community Education and Achievement and Integration, Careers and Colleges has resulted in a successful series that celebrates the diversity in our communities. Monthly sessions are designed to increase understanding of neighbors, their culture, history and experiences. Learn how to create a similar program using expertise in your district.

Diane Dickmeyer Program Specialist - Adult Enrichment, Robbinsdale Area Schools Community Education

Tamuriel Grace Director of Achievement and Integration/ College and Careers