

IMPACT AFTER SCHOOL CONFERENCE

2020 Virtual Iowa Impact After School Conference

Speaker Biographies

September 30 – October 2, 2020

Michelle Cummings, Training Wheels, Inc.

Michelle Cummings M.S. is the Big Wheel and founder of Training Wheels, a known leader in the Team Development industry. She is an accomplished author and sought-after speaker and consultant on leadership, teambuilding, and experiential learning. Michelle has created a wide variety of facilitation, debriefing and teambuilding activities that have collectively changed the way trainers and educators work. Michelle is also the co-founder and Chief Creative Officer for Personify Leadership, a leadership development company.

Michelle has delivered innovative leadership programs for hundreds of camps and non-profit organizations. Michelle works with professional associations, corporations, universities, and non-profit organizations throughout the world. Her online teambuilding gear site has over 350 different books, activities and kits dedicated to the teambuilding field.

Michelle speaks at more than 15 local, national, and international conferences each year and authors a monthly teambuilding newsletter called The Spokesperson that has over 18,000 subscribers in 65 countries. Michelle Cummings has authored six books: *A Teachable Moment*, *Bouldering Games for Kids*, *Playing With a Full Deck*, *Setting the Conflict Compass*, *Facilitated Growth*, and *Tag, You're It*. She also designed a unique course for teaching new facilitators called "Experiential Facilitation 101". Michelle also wrote a novel called *The Reel Sisters*, a story about a group of women fly fishers that was released November 4, 2017.

Michelle received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Kansas State University and her Master's degree in Experiential Education from Minnesota State University at Mankato. Michelle currently lives in Littleton, CO with her husband, Paul, and two sons.

Megan Bogdan, YouthPort

Megan has been with YouthPort, which is made up of three organizations (Boys & Girls Club of the Corridor, Tanager Place, and YPN) for the last 2.5 years. Megan is currently the Program Director and plans all of educational activities for both the 21CCLC sites including enrichment opportunities.

Dawn Cogan, St. Mark's Youth Enrichment Program

Dawn Cogan serves as Executive Director of St. Mark. She is passionate about creating environments that foster authenticity, trust, creativity, excellence, and accountability in a manner that emanates from within who we are as individuals and an organization.

Crystal Hall, Iowa Afterschool Alliance

Crystal Hall joined the IAA in August of 2019 and has over 20 years' experience working with youth, families, and community partners in both the education and non-profit/human service world. Crystal participated in the Youth AstroNet program in the fall of 2019 and believes it to be a very valuable experience for youth.

Nicole Hanson, ISU Extension and Outreach

Nicole Hanson is the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids (K-3) Specialist. In this position, Nicole provides leadership in the statewide Clover Kids program including partnership development, educational product development, and professional development for staff and volunteers implementing K-3 curricula. Nicole joined the Iowa 4-H team with over 10 years of experience coordinating out-of-school time programs.

Emilee Harris, Iowa Afterschool Alliance

Emilee joined the Iowa Afterschool Alliance in 2020. She serves as the Policy and Communications Lead. In this position, she aims to improve the work of the IAA by creating connections to policy and legislators, as well as using communication avenues to spread the word about the great work of the afterschool programs from across the state of Iowa. She graduated from Grand View University with a degree in Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology in 2018.

Lyn Jenkins, 5-2-1-0

Lyn Jenkins works in dual roles supporting wellness through education and systems change. As the Community Health 5-2-1-0 Coordinator in central Iowa, Lyn delivers training and technical assistance to early care, school, and out-of-school sites using the 5-2-1-0 message and approach to help Iowa kids get--and stay--healthy. Lyn has a Master of Public Health from Des Moines University and has worked in and with child serving settings for over fifteen years.

Taylor Noel, St. Mark's Youth Enrichment Program

Taylor Noel serves as Director of Dubuque Programs at St. Mark. She is passionate about working hands on with children and their families, as well as staff, to teach social emotional skills throughout every aspect of the organization. She loves to foster the growth of everyone she has the pleasure of working with.

Ron Paar, St. Mark's Youth Enrichment Program

Ron Paar serves as a Program Coordinator. He is passionate about interweaving play, academics, and social-emotional learning together at every level of programming and during every interaction. In his role, he enjoys coaching and training site staff and working with children and parents alike.

Michelle Raymer, Volunteer Iowa

Michelle Raymer is the Senior Program Officer for Engagement and Infrastructure at Volunteer Iowa (Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service), where she supports communities in utilizing volunteerism to meet local needs. She also serves as a trainer and coach for the national Points of Light Institute's Service Enterprise Initiative. With over 10 years of national service, nonprofit program development, and volunteer management experience, she provides training and technical assistance to Iowa nonprofits and government agencies on volunteer management best practices. She is a graduate of Central College, and holds her Master of Public Administration from Drake University.

Britney Samuelson, Iowa Afterschool Alliance

Britney is the Network Lead for the Iowa Afterschool Alliance. She is passionate about connecting afterschool advocates with lawmakers to help them understand the importance of out-of-school time in communities across the state. Britney graduated from Simpson College in 2017 with her bachelor's in Social Justice, Applied Philosophy, and Spanish.

Bobbie Jo Sheridan, Des Moines Public Schools

Bobbie Jo Sheridan is an After School Coordinator for Des Moines Public Schools. In her role she supports quality initiatives around hiring, training & program support for the OST programs. Ms. Sheridan is passionate about Social Emotional Learning and how to provide students with tools to be successful at all stages of their lives. She holds her Social Work License in Iowa and her National Administrator Credential from NECPA. Ms. Sheridan received her undergrad in Social Work from the University of Northern Iowa and her Masters in Health Education & Promotion from Walden University.

Kate Stocksell, Hamburg Community School District

Kate Stockstell was born, raised, and currently lives in Hamburg, Iowa. She studied and received her bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Peru State College. She has been involved in the Hamburg After School Club as a leader since its first year and took over running the program in 2018.

Mike Wells, Hamburg Community School District

Mike is the Superintendent of Essex and Hamburg Community School District in Southwest Iowa. He holds a BA-History; MA-Admin; and an EdD-Leadership and has been a school administrator for the last 20 years.

Dave Welter

David Welter recently retired from the Cedar Falls Community School District after serving a 40-year career in education. During that time, he taught social studies and was involved with baseball at the high school, college and professional levels while also serving as a Jr. High principal for 16 yrs.

Coaching and educating young people have formed the core of Welter's life over the years. He established an after school program in 2000 with the help of a 21st Century Grant and that program has been self-sustaining for the past 18 years. He has been a passionate advocate for afterschool and out-of-school Time programming having witnessed the positive impact it has had on student achievement and engagement over those years.

Since retiring, Welter continues to scout for the Atlanta Braves, works as an education consultant, is involved in a number of community organizations, farms and enjoys precious time with his granddaughters. Welter has been inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame as well as being named Iowa's Middle Level Principal of the Year.

Erika Wright, Harvard University

Erika Wright is a Learning Community Coordinator at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian. She contributes to a number of national science education and outreach projects, including the development of curricula and programming centered around astronomy. With a Masters in teaching from The George Washington University, and nearly ten years of experience in museums and informal science learning institutions, her work focuses on broadening access to the STEM community through informal learning opportunities. She specializes in supporting the participation of girls, youth from groups underrepresented in STEM, and scientists together in science learning experiences beyond the classroom.

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