

# IAASE Winter Conference Schedule at a Glance ♦ Thursday, February 22, 2024

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. ♦ Breakfast & Registration

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ♦ Exhibitors

## IAASE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE

**General Session:**  
Heritage Hall  
8:30 am to 10:00 am

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & RECOGNITION OF RETIREES**  
**Dr. Elizabeth deGruy, IAASE President**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS I: LIVE YOUR EXCELLENCE: THE CRITICAL TRUTH ALL LEADERS NEED TO KNOW**  
**Jimmy Casas**

10:00 am to 10:15 am

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<b>10:15 am to 11:15 am</b>  <b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	<i>Session 1</i>  Creating Collaboration When Discussing Challenging Behavior  Dr. Kevin Mabie & Gina Parker  Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 2</i>  Outstanding Practices of Inclusion  Shannon Cribaro  Equity, Access & Inclusion	<i>Session 3</i>  Specific Learning Disabilities Support Project: Supporting Educators  Lauren Brewer & Amy Magers  ISBE Projects	<i>Session 4</i>  Bring Your "AT Game" to Your Teams: Assistive Technology Guidance for Leaders  Samantha Conklin & Jennifer Skalitsky  Equity, Access & Inclusion	<i>Session 5</i>  Half Marathon Management: 13.1 Lessons for School Leaders  Michael Earnshaw  Leadership	<i>Session 6</i>  Understanding the Role of Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Inclusive Preschool  Kathy Slattery & Sharon Sprague  Equity, Access & Inclusion	<i>Session 7</i>  Practices that EMPOWER Dually Identified Learners  Carly Spina  Equity, Access & Inclusion	<i>Session 8</i>  Within the Bounds of Parent Participation  Courtney Stillman  Legal	<i>Session 9</i>  Transition Programs & Preparing Students for Life After High School  Caroline Roselli, Hannah May, Megan Zajac & Kate Seiwert  Legal	<i>Session 10</i>  Meet them Where They Are: Restorative Practices for Low Incidence Populations  Matt Epperley & Natalie Heinrich  Instructional Practices	<i>Session 11</i>  In our Social Learning Era: A Tour of Layered Supports for Students  Sara Bates, Dr. Lisa Becker & Kyle Gerdes  Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 12</i>  Unicorns & Rainbows: Making Professional Development Magical  Dr. Jennifer Hastings  Attract, Prepare, Retain Staff

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<b>11:30 am to 12:30 pm</b> <b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	<i>Session 13</i> Guiding Teachers to Build Systematic Behavior & Academic Supports  Elisa Brown  Instructional Practices	<i>Session 14</i> Supporting the Executive Functioning Skills of Autistic Learners  Nikki Michalak & Melanie Ernst  Instructional Practices	<i>Session 15</i> Artificial Intelligence & Special Education: What are Your Districts' Guardrails?  Dr. Lisa Davidson-Becker & Katheryne Russell  Leadership	<i>Session 16</i> What I Learned about Leadership from my Disabled Child  Shawn M. Walsh, Dr. Nathan Schilling & Michael Earnshaw  Leadership	<i>Session 17</i> Neuro-diversity Affirming Practice: Teaching Students with Autism  Emily Marcus & Dr. Andrea Dinaro  Instructional Practices	<i>Session 18</i> Supporting Students with Selective Mutism in Schools  Kathy Slattery  Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 19</i> How to Attract & Keep SLPs in the Schools  Karen Kockler  Attract, Prepare, Retain Staff	<i>Session 20</i> Test Your Procedures: The Law Governing Student Evaluations  Courtney Stillman  Legal	<i>Session 21</i> Recalibrate the Culture  Jimmy Casas  Leadership	<i>Session 22</i> FAPE Obligations when School Bullies Strike  Laura Sinars & Caroline Roselli  Legal	<i>Session 23</i> Attention Seekers - Research Based Strategies to Make any BIP More Effective  Lani Lawson  Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 24</i> Change Your Narrative: Strategies to Impact Disproportionality and Success of African American Males  Dr. Cheryl Caesar & Lynn Owens  Equity, Access & Inclusion
	<b>12:30 pm to 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Served in Heritage Hall</b>			<b>Lunch &amp; Learn - The Illinois Literacy Plan</b> <b>Kristin Parr &amp; Kim Johnson, ISBE (Grab lunch &amp; come to Chancellor Ballroom)</b>							
<b>1:35 pm to 2:00 pm</b>	Region I Meeting	Region II Meeting	Region III Meeting		Region IV Meeting			Region V Meeting		Region VI Meeting		
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<b>2:15 pm to 3:15 pm</b> <b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	<i>Session 25</i> Major Mistakes to Avoid in 2024  Michelle Todd & Jessica Nguyen  Legal	<i>Session 26</i> Residency, Registration & Enrollment Laws and Practical Tips  Kaitlin Atlas & Lea Anne Frost  Legal	<i>Session 27</i> Evolving Role of Para-professionals in Inclusive Schools  Kate Cavannaugh, Jenny Sterpin JoAnn Ford-Halverson Equity Inclusion	<i>Session 28</i> Layering Supports to Reduce Incidents of RTO  Patrick Jecmen & Sherri Massa Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 29</i> Paraprofessionals: Onboard the New & Elevate the Returning  Heather Lane  Attract, Prepare, Retain Staff	<i>Session 30</i> State Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities  Pam Hartwig  ISBE	<i>Session 31</i> The Value of Therapy Dogs in Schools  Rhonda Ehrecke & Christine Northrup Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 32</i> Accommodating Students with Disabilities in Extra Curricular Activities  Brandon Wright  Legal	<i>Session 33</i> Mindset Affects Movement Integrating SEL into Instruction  Aquabah Gonney  Instructional Practices	<i>Session 34</i> Supporting Student Mental Health through School Community Partnerships  Holly Colin & Sarah Nichols  Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 35</i> Paperwork to Progress: Improving School-Wide Progress Monitoring Data Collection and Use  Dr. Sarah Brown Instructional Practices	<i>Session 36</i> I-Star Reporting  Sarah Noelle  ISBE

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3:30 pm to 4:30 pm  Concurrent Sessions	<i>Session 37</i>  <b>Why Should I? Work Refusal &amp; How to Intervene</b>  Lani Lawson  Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 38</i>  <b>Child Find: Not One &amp; Done Top Reasons to Conduct a Reevaluation Prior to the Triennial Due Date</b>  Luis Rodriguez & Aimee LeBlanc  Legal	<i>Session 39</i>  <b>Breaking Down the Definition: Dyslexia &amp; Instructional Approaches for Effective Intervention</b>  Tara J. Chapman & Melody Herring  Instructional Practices	<i>Session 40</i>  <b>Collaboration, Cooperation &amp; Change: Realigning Transportation for Students with Special Needs</b>  Will McDermott, Susan King, Ted Stec, Laura Green  Leadership	<i>Session 41</i>  <b>RTO Updates, Resources &amp; Training Opportunities</b>  Nikki Michalak & Ann Penicook  Mental Health & Behavior	<i>Session 42</i>  <b>ISBE Early Childhood Transition System</b>  Kristy Doan, Jillian Davis & Kristina Holloway  ISBE	<i>Session 43</i>  <b>Advocacy 101: Making Your Voice Heard</b>  Shannon Miller Bellini, Dr. Sarah Eplin, Dr. Judy Hackett  Leadership	<i>Session 44</i>  <b>A Special Education Directors Guide to Title IX</b>  Brandon Wright  Legal	<i>Session 45</i>  <b>Increasing the Fidelity of Universal Supports</b>  Patrick Jecman, Sherri Massa & Lauren Dixon  Instruction Practices	<i>Session 46</i>  <b>A Multi-Faceted Approach to Addressing Transition Goals in Public Schools</b>  Marissa Hill, Tracy Patterson, Heather Lyons & Brandi Ennis  Instructional Practices	<i>Session 47</i>  <b>How to Get Specific: Defensible SLD Eligibility, Goal Drafting &amp; Instruction</b>  Zaria Udeh & Evan Deichstetter  Legal	<i>Session 48</i>  <b>Summer Work Experiences for Youth with Disabilities</b>  Jennifer Shaw  Instructional Practices
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  Heritage Hall	<b>Mix &amp; Mingle sponsored by Embrace</b> 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Food & Drinks 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Live Music  The Special Education Administrators' Political Action Committee (SEA-PAC) raffle will be conducted during the Social Hour											

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