Keynote Speakers

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Cassie Stephens lives in Nashville and teaches art in the Franklin Special School District. She has taught art to children in kindergarten through fourth grade for the last 20 years. When not coming up with fun projects for her students and sharing them on her blog and YouTube channel, cassiestephens.blogspot.com, she's sewing up wild and wacky ensembles to wear and enhance her student's learning experience.

Dr. AnnMarie Thomas directs the Playful Learning Lab at the University of St. Thomas. She is a Professor in the School of Engineering, the Opus College of Business, and the Center for Engineering Education. AnnMarie is the executive director of the OK Go Sandbox project, the co-creator of Squishy Circuits, and the author of Making Makers: Kids, Tools, and the Future of Innovation.
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This presentation outlines an adaptable scaffold for anti-racist actions and outcomes, illuminating how individuals, organizations and communities can change the systems that marginalize and minoritize indigenous, Black and brown lives like they don’t matter even when those systems resist change.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

Dr. James Haywood-Rollings, Jr.
Professor, Syracuse University

Strategies for Effective Intervention into Systemic and Structural Inequities

Dylan Miner

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Dylan Miner, PhD is an artist, activist, and scholar. He is Director of American Indian and Indigenous Studies and a Professor in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University. Born and raised in Michigan, Dylan Miner is a registered citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). He has hung 28 solo art exhibitions, and has participated in more than 115 group exhibitions.

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Being Exactly You
Saturday, October 16, 2021, 9:00am

Explore how you can support your young artists by starting conversations about Social & Emotional Learning, Mindfulness, Normalizing Big Feelings, Self-affirming Mantras, and more. Equipping our students with tools for being successful humans will in turn, make them stronger artists. Sarah Krajewski will discuss and lead a hands-on art making activity inspired by her first children’s book, “Exactly You! The Shape of Your Feelings” to help everyone love and accept the many feelings they experience.

Sarah Krajewski

Keynote Speaker

Brent Harris received his BFA in Sculpture from Western Michigan University. In 2003, Harris bought the Alchemist Sculptor Foundry, creating large-scale works of national importance. Harris has shown in galleries and public spaces throughout the Midwest. Currently, he serves as the Department Head of the Sculpture Department at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

BRENT HARRIS
Artist, Educator

Saturday, October 16 ~ 1:00 pm