

2019 WiRSA Conference Program

Pre-Conference

Sunday, October 27

7:00 pm Welcome Reception Packer Tailgate
Packers play the Chiefs

Conference Day 1

Monday, October 28

**7:30 Registration
Breakfast**

8:15 Welcome
Executive Director Kim Kaukl
Vendor Introductions

8:30 – 9:30 General Session 1
Anthony Ianni
Former Michigan State Basketball Player and now works for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, is one of the most sought-after anti-bullying motivational speakers

9:40 – 10:25 Break-out Session
Tundra A- Clintonville - *Engaging the 3rd "C" College-Career-Community Readiness*
Tundra B- Goodman-Armstrong Creek - *Retaining Staff Through Stay Interview. Struggling to retain teachers? Wondering what to do once they are gone? How about a "well check" before the autopsy of your district happens!*
Tundra C- UW-Madison – *Making the Wisconsin Idea Local: Connecting Local Governments and School Districts to UW-Madison (Learn about a partnership with UW-Madison that can accelerate change at your school district)*
Tundra D- Southern Door - *District-Wide STEAM Initiative: Southern Door County's Journey and Vision*
Tundra E – Mauston iLEAD - *From Computers to Competencies: Why We Canned The "Canned" Curriculum*

10:25 – 10:45 Break

10:50 – 11:35 Break-out Session 2
Tundra A- Gilman - *Impactful Use of Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Funds to Raise Student Achievement and Engagement with an Instructional Coach*
Tundra B- Wisconsin Association for Equity and Funding - *"School Finance: The Conversation Continues". A presentation for Board Members and Administrators designed to provide language and ideas so the school funding conversation can continue.*
Tundra C- CESA 10 – *Surviving State Inspections – CESA 10 will educate attendees on the importance of DSPS regulatory pre-inspections, including common violation areas, written programs, codes, and logs.*
Tundra D- Marian University - *Culturally responsive curriculum and inclusive instructional strategies for the STEM classroom*
Tundra E- Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Independence, Whitehall (TVC 2.0 Cooperative) - *Redesigning Education to Create a World Class Collaborative System in a Rural Setting*

**11:45 – 1:05 WiRSA Rural Schools Awards and Founders Recognition/
NREA Update Allen Pratt**

1:15 – 2:15 General Session 2
Scott Jordan - *2017 NREA National Rural Teacher of the Year. Scott is a middle and high school, and college science educator, from rural New York. Listen to Scott discuss this amazing outdoor education program and how it impacts students.*

2:20 – 3:05 Break-out Session 3
Tundra A – Westby and Wis. Public TV - *This presentation would examine how to combine family engagement, STEM activities, interactive literacy, and digital media integration into rural schools as showcased successfully in Westby.*

Tundra B –Barneveld - *Creating a Culture of Excellence: Strategies and Outcomes that any school can replicate.*

Tundra C- Northland Pines - *Charter Schools Work for Kids in a Rural District*

Tundra D- Hayward - *More Social, Less Media: Building Key Financial Partnerships for Your District One Handshake at a Time*

Tundra E- Bowler/Elcho/White Lake - *Rural Schools Transition Partnership*

3:05 – 3:25 **Break**

3:30 – 4:15 **Break-out Session 4**

Tundra A – Abbottsford - *Dual Language Immersion in Central Wisconsin: A Paradox Dual language immersion, Heritage Spanish, staff professional development, parent involvement, programs and solutions the district has developed.*

Tundra B – Wis. Resource Center for Charter Schools (CESA9) - *Let's brainstorm whether ways a charter school may be a solution to your District challenges?*

Tundra C- Wisconsin Public Education Network - *Amping Up Support for Your Local School District - Connect with local administrators, board and community members, and statewide organizers to learn from each other. Focus on advocacy for public education at the state level and, of course, local referenda.*

Tundra D- Mineral Point, Sauk Prairie and WiRSA - *Relationships Matter-- Building Support for Community Partnerships, Referenda, and Lobbying Efforts*

Tundra E – Washburn and Wis. School Counselors - *School Counselors Role in Equity - ASCA Standards, Best Practices and the realities of implementation for rural counselors.*

4:20 – 5:10 **Break-out Session 5**

Tundra A – DPI - *Digital Learning + innovative Instructional Design = Tomorrow's Equitable Practices Overview of equitable, digital learning programming efforts that are allowing schools to implement Virtual Learning time.*

Tundra B – Office of School Safety -DOJ - *OSS is rolling out a FREE statewide tip line. I would like to provide the information about the student training, train the trainer program and promotional materials.*

Tundra C- CESA 9 - *Partnering with Rural Schools on Teacher Shortages: CESA 9's Excellence in Teaching Program This session will describe how CESA 9's Excellence in Teaching Program(a DPI approved post-baccalaureate pathway to teacher licensure) in partnership with CESA 9 districts has been a successful way to provide quality teaching candidates in hard to fill positions.*

Tundra D- UW Madison – *Living the Wisconsin Idea: University Investment in Rural College Students, Schools, & Communities*

Tundra E – Bonduel - *The Forest for the Trees . . .*

5:30 **Reception**

Hosted by National Insurance Services and Auction

Dinner on your own following the reception

Conference Day 2

Tuesday, October 29

7:30 **Breakfast and DPI Standing Up for Rural Schools, Libraries and Communities Awards**

8:45 -9:30 **Break-out Session 6**

Tundra A – Transition Improvement Grant - *TIG - Utilizing Visual Resumes to Increase Employment Outcomes for Students in Rural Communities*

Tundra B – Pecatonica - *Licensure, Preparation, and Professional Development Implications for Rural School Superintendents*

Tundra C- Clinton - *Staying Financially and Academically Relevant In A Competitive Free Agent Market*

Tundra D- Applied Population Lab - *Wisconsin demographic changes and their impact on rural school districts*

Tundra E – UW Madison Communications Arts Dept. - *"School and Community: Local Education Discourses": We would share the themes that emerge across our interviews with local community advocates for public education.*

Tundra F – DPI Awards Round Table

9:35 – 10:20 Break-out Session 7

Tundra A – Desoto and Energy Performance Lighting - *Lighting Options, Costs, & Performance*

Tundra B – Family and Schools Together - *Parent Empowerment Strategies: Engaging parents, strengthening families, and building communities Through interactive group discussion, participants will learn family empowerment tools for schools in rural communities and will devise new strategies to support family engagement.*

Tundra C- Big Foot - *"Investing in Big Foot Pride" - How a small rural high school passed two referendums to help compete in the open enrollment era*

Tundra D- UW-Platteville and the Rural Education Research and Implementation Center - *Portrait of a Rurally Responsive Teacher Education Program*

Tundra E –American Institutes for Research – Midwest REL - *Instructional technology practices among rural public high schools in Iowa*

Tundra F – DPI Reception Room

10:20 – 10:35 Break

10:35 Vendors Teardown

10:40 – 11:25 Break-out Session 8

Tundra A – Thorp - *Improving Reading Proficiency: It takes a Village...And a Lot of Coordinated Time and Effort!*

Tundra B – Rosholt - *Science for All: All students should be expected to learn science that is relevant to their lives. Experience Next Generation Science learning and discuss ways to support it.*

Tundra C- Florence, Pocatonia, Baraboo and WiRSA - *Educational Advocacy at the School District Level*

Tundra D – UW Madison – *Strengthening the Rural Teacher Pipeline: Learning Directly from Practitioners*

Tundra E – Gilman and Diamond Innovations LLC - *Creating Environments of Success: How implementing specific behaviors and mindsets leads to success.*

Tundra F – DPI Reception Room

11:30 – 12:30 General Session 3

Redefining Ready and closing

Colleen Timm and her team will discuss the new Redefining Ready Initiative

12:30 – 2:30 Sandwich Lunch Bar

1:00 Job Fair begins

12:40 – 1:10 WiRSA Annual Meeting

2:30 – 3:30 WiRSA Board of Directors Meeting