



# 2024-25 Professional Learning

## AUGUST 2024

**8** Navigating Challenging Conversations at School  
*Blake Kohn & Scot Wilson* ◊

## SEPTEMBER

**18** Preparing to Lead an ISACS Accreditation Team ◊★

**19** Managing Divisions in a Politically Charged Age  
*Nour Kteily* ◊

**23** An Issue-Centered Approach to Classroom Discourse  
*Sante Mastriana* ◊

**24** Establishing A Productive Discourse Community in the Classroom  
*Sante Mastriana* ◊

**25** Back-To-School Momentum: Prepping Children of All Ages for the Challenges (& Successes) of a New School Year  
*Lynn Lyons* ◊

**25** From Reactive to Proactive: Transforming Your Approach to Risk  
*Mark Orchison* ◊★

**26** Onboarding: Beyond Orientation  
*Lynn Wendell* ◊

**30** **Town Hall for Lead Learners:** Teacher Leadership in Action ◊★

WEBINARS | WORKSHOPS (CHICAGO, IL) | CONFERENCES & INSTITUTES | ACCREDITATION WEBINARS | HEAD2HEAD | TRUSTEE SERIES | PARENT SERIES | FINDING COMMON GROUND SERIES

◊ = A recording will be made available ★ = Complimentary Visit [isacs.org](https://isacs.org) for details, registration & additional offerings.

## OCTOBER

**9** The Parent Whisperer  
*Peggy Campbell-Rush* ◊

**23** Student Investigations: What You'll Want to Know  
*Brian Garrett* ◊★

**24** Your Board & AI Policy Considerations  
*Christina Lewellen & Ashley Cross* ◊

**25** ISACS Accreditation Process for Schools in Years 7 & 1 ◊★

## NOVEMBER

**7-8** **ISACS Annual Conference**  
*St. Louis, MO*

**15** How To Talk So People Will Listen  
*Lizzie Waterworth*

**19** Never Enough: When Achievement Pressure Becomes Toxic—And What We Can Do About It  
*Jennifer Wallace* ◊

**21** Surviving & Thriving in Challenging Times  
*Rob Evans* ◊★

**21** The Promise of Pluralism in a Time of Prejudice & Polarization  
*Eboo Patel* ◊

## DECEMBER

**3** Development: How to Help Your Board Help You  
*Jill Goodman* ◊

**6** Advisory Is Essential: Refine & Rediscover Your Advisor's Mindset  
*Steve Barrett*

**11** The Building Blocks of Small School Financial Health  
*Brooke Carroll* ◊★

**12** Board Chair Roundtable I  
*Georgy Ann Peluchowski*

**13** ◊ Finalsite Friday: Data-Driven Web Strategies ◊★

## JANUARY 2025

**13** Deans & Department Chairs: The Human Side of Leading Teams  
*Rasha El-Haggan*

**14** The Neuroscience of Presenting: Your Brain on PowerPoint  
*Jared Cooney Horvath* ◊

**15** How to Raise Socially Skilled Tweens & Teens Who Can Navigate Friendship Challenges  
*Phyllis L. Fagell* ◊

**17** Preparing to Lead an ISACS Accreditation Team ◊★

**23** The Board's Role in Enrollment & Retention  
*Mark Copestake* ◊

**30-31** **Heads Conference**  
**Leadership Now: Strength & Purpose**  
*Chicago, IL*

## FEBRUARY

**5** Year 2 Steering Committee Chairs: Tips from Year 3 Peers ◊★

**6-7** **Academy for Division Heads**  
*Chicago, IL*

**12** Squish the Peas: Life Lessons from Toddlers on How to Live a Happier, Healthier Life  
*Hasan Merali* ◊

**13** Awakening From the Dream: MLK Jr.'s Life & Lessons Through a Modern Lens  
*Jonathan Eig* ◊

**14** ◊ Finalsite Friday: Student Retention: Show Your Families Love from Day One ◊★

**19** Bringing Stability to Your School Culture  
*Rob Butler & David Lee* ◊★

**20** Turning Down the Heat  
*Catherine Braendel & Alison Carnduff* ◊

## MARCH

**6** The Well-Balanced Student: How Educators Can Foster Engagement & Well-being  
*Denise Pope* ◊

**7** Breakthrough Strategies to Develop Independent Executive Function Skills  
*Sarah Ward*

**11** Raise Your Children & Adolescents to be Authentically Successful, Emotionally Healthy & Prepared to Thrive  
*Ken Ginsburg* ◊

**12** When Culture & Strategy Have Breakfast Together  
*Tim Fish* ◊★

**13** Design for Culture  
*Antonio Viva & Greg Bamford*

## APRIL

**9** You Can't Do It All By Yourself: Learning to Delegate  
*Rebecca Malotke-Meslin* ◊

**9** Planning for Summers of Growth & Joy  
*Michael Thompson* ◊

**11** Adopting a Coaching Mindset: Practices & Possibilities  
*Lori Cohen*

**16** Accreditation Webinar ◊★

**16** HOS Are You a Strategic Partner or Employee with Your Board  
*Dan Frank & Mike Riera* ◊★

**17** Independent School Philanthropy Reimagined: Bold Strategies for Trustees  
*Romayne Levee* ◊

## MAY

**1** AI: Why Now? And What Does It Mean for Learning & for Independent Schools?  
*Luyen Chou* ◊

**2** ◊ Finalsite Friday: Refresh, Revamp, Recruit: Elevating Your School's Website ◊★

**7** **Town Hall for Division Heads:** Endings & Beginnings: Completing the School Year & Looking Ahead ◊★

**8** Board Chair Roundtable II  
*Lucinda Lee Katz & Irvenia Waters* ◊

**14** Strategic Planning's Role in Advancing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion  
*Caroline Blackwell* ◊★

**22** Crunching Numbers, Making Waves: Linking Accreditation Data & Governance Challenges  
*Jefferson Burnett & Bonnie J. Ricci* ◊

## JUNE

**12** Navigating Workforce Development in 2025: Insights & Strategies for Independent School Leaders  
*Brad Rathgeber* ◊

**16** Essential Legal Considerations for Administrative Assistants  
*Grace H. Lee* ◊

**23-25** **Leadership Academy** in Partnership with the Kellogg Center for Nonprofit Management  
*Chicago, IL*

## JULY

**16** **Town Hall For Division Heads:** Division Head Sharing in the Summer ◊★

**21-23** **New Teacher Institute**  
*Chicago, IL*

Headways: Your Leadership Path is a program for those in their first 5 years of headship. Learn more at [isacs.org/headways](https://isacs.org/headways)

