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CASEL Announces Inaugural Conference on Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning for Oct. 2-4, 2019


The three-day event is expected to draw at least 1,200 educators, students, parents, scholars, program developers, policymakers, civic leaders, and funders from around the world to catalyze new partnerships and drive action so that integrated academic, social, and emotional learning becomes the new normal in PreK-12 education. The conference marks 25 years since CASEL’s founding and celebrates its contributions to improving education for countless students and educators through advancing social and emotional learning (SEL) research, practice, and policy.

The event answers an ever-increasing demand for SEL, as reflected in: principal, teacher, parent, and employer surveys; in-depth work in more than 20 school districts through CASEL’s Collaborating Districts Initiative and California’s CORE Districts; efforts by 25 states to develop supportive policies and guidelines through CASEL’s Collaborating States Initiative; and upcoming consensus recommendations by the blue-ribbon National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development convened by the Aspen Institute.

Additionally, a growing and powerful body of evidence shows that SEL improves school climate and has long-lasting positive effects on student wellbeing, academic achievement, and life outcomes.

“A new educational paradigm that integrates academic, social, and emotional learning is accelerating across the world,” says CASEL Co-Founder and Chair Tim Shriver. “The 2019 conference is CASEL’s opportunity to bring together collaborators who are driving a sea change in education on behalf of, and with, our children.”

“The field clearly values quality SEL and wants support in how to integrate it into schooling. This conference will gather the best know-how from around the U.S. and the world to share practical approaches for successful implementation,” says CASEL President and CEO Karen Niemi.

The learning agenda will explore cutting-edge science, practice, and policy. CASEL will work with existing and new partners to build a conference agenda that highlights the most important
insights from across the field, celebrates excellence, embraces equity, and identifies new opportunities for innovation.

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“We deeply care about our communities, and we take our role as a corporate citizen very seriously,” says Vicky Dinges, Senior Vice President, Corporate Responsibility, Allstate. “Through Allstate Foundation Good Starts Young, we’re preparing young leaders for the future by helping them acquire critical skills necessary to achieve success. It’s a social investment with an extraordinary return on investment, and fills a void within our educational system today.”

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