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## **Nation's Foremost Social and Emotional Learning Event To Feature Tim Shriver, Linda Darling-Hammond, John B. King Jr., Asalah Youssef, and More**

CHICAGO, IL – Today, the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) opened registration for the [2020 SEL Exchange](#), the preeminent annual event dedicated to social and emotional learning (SEL). This year's SEL Exchange will be a Virtual Summit featuring luminaries such as Tim Shriver, Linda Darling-Hammond, John B. King Jr., and youth moderator Asalah Youssef. Focused on the theme of "Catalyzing Our Commitment to Youth," the SEL Exchange Virtual Summit will be held on October 15, 2020 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm ET.

"Amid the profound social and emotional challenges of today, we must be more united than ever in our commitment to our youth. CASEL is thrilled to be hosting our SEL Exchange Virtual Summit to renew that collective commitment and inspire positive change," said CASEL President & CEO Karen Niemi. "This special event will bring together voices from around the world, including our young people, to help make high-quality, evidence-based social and emotional learning a reality for every community, school, and student."

"Too often young people remain silent, not because we lack something to say, but because we don't expect to be heard. When we are given a sense of belonging in the conversation, however, we find the courage to share our stories and begin learning from each other," said youth activist Asalah Youssef. "I am so excited to serve as moderator the 2020 SEL Exchange Virtual Summit because the theme of 'Catalyzing Our Commitment To Youth' has the power to break down the barriers that keep adults and young people from transforming education, together."

The SEL Exchange convenes participants who are leading the way for fundamental changes in education. [Last year](#), the inaugural 2019 SEL Exchange brought together over 1,500 attendees from 48 states and 30 countries. This year, the impact of COVID-19 on in-person convenings has provided an opportunity for innovation and creativity. With demand for SEL at an all-time high, now is the time to come together virtually, share knowledge, and anchor ourselves in advancing high-quality research, practice, and policies.

The 2020 SEL Exchange Virtual Summit is a unique and timely opportunity for those who are committed to creating caring, productive, and equitable schools and communities that develop the whole child and ensure that all students can thrive. The Virtual Summit will feature a

diverse cross-section of voices – young people, researchers, educational leaders, and community partners – all dedicated to understanding dimensions of individual and societal healing and transformation through SEL, anchored by an unwavering commitment to equity.

The four-hour Virtual Summit will “Catalyze Our Commitment to Youth” and help each attendee:

- **Revitalize their spirit for this work:** Attendees will hear from a collective of leading experts to help strengthen a commitment to SEL.
- **Be inspired by youth and their experiences:** Attendees will gain practical insights to center youth in the why of this work.
- **Reimagine the power of SEL:** Attendees will elevate research-practice strategies toward courageous action in service of equitable outcomes for all.

Tickets to the 2020 Virtual Summit are \$125/person. CASEL hopes to return to an in-person conference in October 2021.

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*SEL is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.*

*CASEL is the nonprofit that founded the field of SEL. Today, it collaborates with leading experts and districts, schools, and states nationwide to drive research, guide practice, and inform policy.*

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