

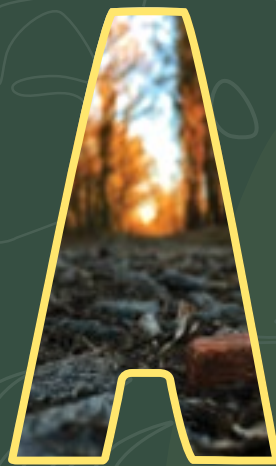
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TO THE 4TH ANNUAL TAMPA BAY HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

Hello Tampa Bay Homeschoolers,

It is hard to believe we are already celebrating our fourth year together. What began as a vision to encourage and equip homeschooling families has grown into something truly special, and we are honored that you are part of it.

We are especially excited to see the lives that will be impacted through the encouragement and wisdom shared by our keynote speakers, Sam Sorbo and Cheryl Bastian. Their passion for families and education aligns beautifully with the heart behind this conference, and we cannot wait for you to hear from them.

We are deeply grateful for the loyalty and support of our Diamond Sponsor, The Homeschool Hive, and our Platinum Sponsor, Mr. D Math. Their partnership and commitment to homeschool families help make this event possible year after year.

This has been a year that proved yet again the importance of vigilance in our state capitol. We are so blessed to have Home Education Foundation in our corner – working tirelessly to protect homeschool freedoms and often fighting battles before most of us even know they exist. Be sure to visit their booth and say “Thank you!”

Our prayer is that you walk away feeling refreshed, encouraged, and recharged. Maybe carrying just a little less than you came in with today (well, figuratively at least.) We certainly hope you leave carrying LOTS of goodies from our exhibitors!

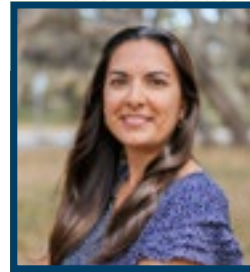
As you attend workshops, visit exhibitors, and connect with other families, we hope you are reminded that there is no single homeschool journey. Each family’s path is unique. And isn’t that the beauty of homeschooling? Having the freedom and responsibility as parents to direct that path for our own families.

Thank you for spending the day with us. We hope you leave ready to Live Brave in this next season of homeschooling – whatever that season may look like for you.

With gratitude,



Kim Hannon



Kim Hannon

FOUNDER/PRESIDENT,
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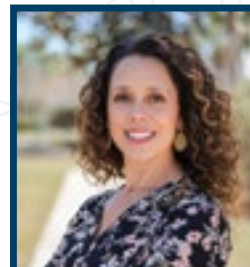
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Florida is one of the few states where EVERYONE wants to move. Our Home Education freedoms rival the best our nation has to offer. This is all because Florida has a full-time Lobbyist, Brenda Dickinson, President and Founder of the Home Education Foundation retired after 40 years as the Voice of Parents in the Captial. Now, Jason Crawford has been working tirelessly the past few years to ensure that parental authority over our own children is recognized and secured in Florida's educational landscape.



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OUR STORY

TBHC began with a simple vision: a stronger, more connected homeschool community in Tampa Bay.

Homeschooling can sometimes feel like a journey you're walking on your own. But it was never meant to be that way. Families thrive when they have encouragement, meaningful relationships, and access to trusted resources.

Our hope is that every homeschool family in the Tampa Bay area can find community, connection, and the support they need to grow and flourish in their homeschool journey.

Today, TBHC continues to grow as a connection point bringing together homeschool families and the organizations that support them across Tampa Bay.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM	DOORS OPEN
8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	BREAKFAST SERVED
8:45 AM	MORNING KEYNOTE
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	EXHIBITOR HALL HOURS
10:30 AM	MORNING BREAKOUT A
11:30 AM	MORNING BREAKOUT B
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	LUNCH SERVED
1:30 PM	AFTERNOON KEYNOTE
2:50 PM	Q&A WITH HEF
3:55 PM	AFTERNOON BREAKOUT C
4:55 PM	AFTERNOON BREAKOUT D
6:00 PM	DOORS CLOSE

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- STRUCTURED FITNESS PROGRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS
- ATHLETIC CONFIDENCE AND MINDSET TRAINING

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EXCLUSIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR HOMESCHOOL CO-OPS WITH STRONG PARTICIPATION NUMBERS, THE TRENCH ACADEMY CAN OFFER:

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- PRIVATE OR SEMI-PRIVATE CO-OP SESSIONS
- SEASONAL SPORTS PERFORMANCE CAMPS AND CLINICS

THIS ALLOWS STUDENTS TO TRAIN TOGETHER IN A MORE COMMUNITY-FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING HIGH-LEVEL ATHLETIC INSTRUCTION AND MENTORSHIP.



FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP COLLABORATION

WE ARE OPEN TO CREATING CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP MODELS THAT BENEFIT BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND THE FAMILIES THEY SERVE.

POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- REVENUE-SHARING INITIATIVES
- FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIPS
- SPONSORED STUDENT ATHLETE OPPORTUNITIES
- GROUP-SPECIFIC PROGRAM THROUGH COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS
- CO-BRANDED ATHLETIC EVENTS OR CLINICS
- COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND FITNESS EVENTS

THIS ALLOWS LOVE TO DISCUSS CUSTOMIZED PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURES WHERE A PORTION OF GENERATION REVENUE CAN HELP SUPPORT CO-OP INITIATIVES, STUDENT ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, OR FUNDRAISING GOALS.



LET'S BUILD SOMETHING TOGETHER

WE WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND DISCUSS:

- STUDENT INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION
- SCHEDULING OPTIONS
- CUSTOMIZED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- FUNDRAISING POSSIBILITIES
- LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP GOALS

WE BELIEVE THIS PARTNERSHIP CAN BECOME A MEANINGFUL RESOURCE FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES LOOKING TO PROVIDE THEIR STUDENTS WITH STRUCTURED ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT IN A POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME
AND CONSIDERATION!**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITIES AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT!



STEP UP FOR STUDENTS PROVIDER

The Trench Academy has recently been accepted as a provider through the Step Up For Students program, which may create additional accessibility and funding opportunities for qualifying homeschool families interested in athletic development and training programs.



WHY PARTNER WITH THE TRENCH ACADEMY?

OUR GOAL IS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A TRAINING FACILITY. WE AIM TO BE A POSITIVE RESOURCE AND EXTENSION OF THE HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY BY HELPING STUDENTS:

- BUILD DISCIPLINE AND CONFIDENCE
- IMPROVE ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Cheryl Bastian

Speaker/Author, *Celebrate Simple*

Cheryl Bastian has been immersed in education modalities for almost forty years, her most exhilarating being the home education of her eight children which began in 1993. Cheryl and her husband Mike, a public middle school educator of thirty-six years, have graduated six children who have pursued undergraduate or graduate studies and one playing collegiate athletics. They continue to nurture life-long learning in their youngest learners and four grandchildren. Cheryl's personal experience as a wife, mother, home educator, homeschool group founder and leader, as well as her passion for education and family life, provides guidance and encouragement to journey alongside families at many stages of parenting and learning. As a magazine columnist, curriculum developer, educational consultant, author, and speaker, Cheryl shares from the trials and triumphs of her experiences, encouraging parents to be intentional, real, and relational in their endeavors to raise life-long learners.



Sam Sorbo

Author/Speaker/Advocate

Sam Sorbo is a multifaceted talent and a leading advocate for parental freedom and the protection of children. She studied biomedical engineering at Duke University before transitioning to a career as an international fashion model and award-winning Hollywood actress. While filming in New Zealand, she met her husband, Kevin Sorbo, star of "Hercules" and they married soon after. Sam dedicated over a decade to home educating the couple's three children, which deepened her insights into the challenges and dangers of the modern school system. Now a prolific best-selling author and dynamic keynote speaker, Sam focuses on empowering parents to reevaluate their understanding of education. As the leading fighter for parental rights, her mission is to help families break free from the limitations that our schools impose on them and their children, promoting a freedom mindset that fosters happier parents and smarter kids for stronger families and a thriving nation. Sam is the fearless host of The Sam Sorbo Show, where she challenges the broken education system, defends parental rights, and fights to protect children. Through bold commentary and unapologetic truth, she empowers parents to reclaim their authority and lead the charge for real change.

SPEAKERS

DR. ANTHONY ABELL



FOUNDER, FLORIDA COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

Anthony L. Abell is the founder of Florida Collegiate

High School and a seasoned educator with more than two decades of experience in higher education classrooms and academic leadership. He holds an Ed.D. in Learning and Organizational Change from Baylor University, two Th.M. degrees in Philosophy & Apologetics and Old Testament, an M.Div. in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Theology, and a B.S. in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University. Anthony is passionate about helping students develop Christ-centered character, think critically, and graduate high school with a meaningful head start on college through early college and dual enrollment pathways.

DR. RAJAGOPAL APPAVU



FOUNDER / CHIEF SCIENTIST, RESEARCH RISING STARS

Dr. Appavu is a biomedical researcher, and is

the Founder & Chief Scientist of Research Rising Stars, a mentorship initiative dedicated to guiding middle school, high school, and pre-med students into research, innovation, and early medical pathways. With a background in public health data management and prior experience working with national public health institutions including the CDC and NIH, Dr. Appavu focuses on integrating artificial intelligence, biomedical research, and early STEM exposure to prepare the next generation of physician-scientists and innovators. Recently (Jan 2026), he was recognized at the U.S. Capitol for his contributions to biomedical and STEM education transformation within the South Asian diaspora community.

LAURIE K. BALUYOT



SENIOR REGIONAL MANAGER, STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

Laurie K. Baluyot is an accomplished education leader and program

manager with more than twenty years of experience advancing student success and furthering local community initiatives. She currently serves as Senior Regional Manager for School & Provider Services at Step Up For Students, where she leads initiatives that support schools, providers, and families across Florida. She is passionate about building strong school communities, developing tomorrow's leaders, and expanding access to high-quality educational opportunities.



LEAH BROOKS



FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER

Leah Brooks is Florida Master Gardener trained, graduated with a BS in

Cardiopulmonary Sciences from UCF, and is married with two grown, married children. Leah is a Tower Garden Representative, and has a large Facebook group with over 11,000 members with the primary purpose of teaching families to garden. Her website is: www.growlearnngarden.com. She loves working with families all across the US as they grow their gardens while growing their families.



ELEVATE ADVOCATE

MICHELLE BROWNELL



FOUNDER & SPEAKER, HOMESCHOOL ESSENTIALS

Michelle is the founder of Homeschool

Essentials, Director of GrowthMinded with Big Life Journal, and a Learning Consultant with Bright & Quirky. A certified parenting coach, she helps homeschool families with out-of-the-box learners thrive. Her signature approach bridges child development science with practical strategies across three pillars—confident parenting skills, personalized education support, and mental health awareness—equipping parents with actionable tools to create calmer homes, support unique learners, and strengthen family connections.

JASON CRAWFORD



LOBBYIST & CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, HOME EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Jason Crawford is the Chief

Communications Officer and a lobbyist for the Home Education Foundation (HEF). A devoted husband of over 20 years and father of 4 home educated children and a new baby, he is passionate about strengthening families and protecting parental rights and school choice with minimal government interference. In January 2024, Jason moved his family to Tallahassee to work alongside Brenda as a registered lobbyist. Since joining HEF, he has rebranded the organization, launched a new website, and oversees public communications, social media, speaking engagements, live forums, and a weekly podcast. After working closely with Brenda for the past few years, Jason is prepared to lead HEF into the future..

CHRISTY DEVIGILI



PROGRAM
DIRECTOR FOR
MICROSCHOOL
INITIATIVE, FLORIDA
CITIZENS ALLIANCE

Christy is a Florida native, devoted wife to retired Army combat veteran David, and mother of three daughters. With experience as a children's ministry director and parental rights advocate, she now serves as Program Director of Alternative Education Solutions. Passionate about educational freedom, Christy is dedicated to equipping parents, churches, and community leaders to create innovative, faith-based learning environments. Her mission is to raise awareness about challenges within government-run education and inspire families to pursue empowering alternatives that nurture children academically, spiritually, and purposefully.

BRENDA DICKINSON



FOUNDER &
PRESIDENT,
HOME EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

Ms. Dickinson and her husband, Craig, were pioneers in the present-day home education movement. She became the President of the Home Education Foundation after the death of her husband in 1993. As a result of her lobbying work on behalf of home educators in the Florida Capitol, home educated students enjoy participation in dual enrollment, Bright Futures Scholarships, music and sports extracurricular activities, Florida Virtual School, and Gardiner Scholarships. Brenda has been our advocate in the Florida Capitol for more than 35 years.

DINA FOX



CEO, CLASSSOURCE

Dina Fox is the Founder and CEO of Class Source of Tampa, a nonprofit supporting home education families across Tampa Bay. A proud Navy kid who attended 12 schools, Dina learned early that meaningful education can happen outside traditional systems. She's passionate about parent- and student-directed learning and expanding opportunities for homeschoolers. Dina and her husband Jeff, a CyberSecurity Engineer, have four children ranging in age from 10 to 30. She also serves on the boards of Class Source, the Home Education Foundation, and Kadima Christian Ministries—organizations dedicated to protecting parental rights in education. Ministries, all of which focus on Parental rights in Education.

RACHEL GOOD



MUSIC TEACHER/
HOMESCHOOL
MENTOR

I've been married for 27 yrs, we have a 19 yr old son and 21 yr old daughter who's married and gave us our first grandchild earlier this year. Am now retired from a 35 yr career teaching private music lessons. Still very busy with helping homeschool families, discipling women of all ages, and ministries at church.

NINA GRAHAM, PH.D.



LEAD COACH/
OWNER,
HOMESCHOOL DOC

Dr. Nina Graham has spent more than 20 years studying, practicing, and teaching the craft of effective instruction. Her work has included classroom teaching, university instruction, curriculum development, and instructional leadership. Today, her most meaningful role is homeschooling her own children—the students she most wanted to teach. She previously served as Director of Instructional Effectiveness at one of the nation's largest private Christian high schools, where she helped develop practical systems that strengthen teaching and curriculum. Nina now enjoys encouraging homeschool moms with simple, research-informed strategies that bring clarity, confidence, and joy to the everyday work of educating their children.

DAWN HAAS



AUTHOR,
ZEBEDEE MOMS

Dawn is a devoted follower of Christ, wife to her husband Chris, and mother of three. Her heart beats to see women live in freedom from fear and walk in full surrender to God's will. In Zebedee Moms, she weaves together personal stories, Scripture, and encouragement for mothers who long to release control and trust the Lord with their families. Dawn and her family make their home in Florida, where they homeschool, run a family business, and serve faithfully in their church.

"Think bigger. Forget limits. Embrace the idea of endless possibility.... It will change you."

- Marianne Williamson

LAURA, OLIVIA & ALEXANDRA ISLAS



CO-FOUNDERS, ADVENTURE CLUB AT NORTH WINDS INSTITUTE

Our homeschool journey started in 1991 and continued for 28 years graduating three students, two college grads and one in college. Through trials including single parenting, homelessness, and many moves, all three siblings enjoy each other, love the Lord, and love to learn! Homeschooling is an amazing opportunity to connect as a family, grow in your faith, and have fun in the process! We created the Adventure Club at North Winds Institute to bring families together in shared pursuit of adventure. Whether scaling a mountain, uncovering hidden histories, or building a rocket, families build character and bonds that last a lifetime.

MAEVE JEMISON



SPEAKER/AUTHOR/ PODCAST HOST

Maeve is a mother of five who knows that her life's greatest calling is being Mat's wife. Thanks to his hard work and the Lord's blessing, she can homeschool the kids. That's not quite a cakewalk for an impatient mysophoniatic with severe ADD. But it's certainly an adventure. Her life's mission is to teach her kids to know The Way, The Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ. For fun, Maeve loves beating Mat in a workout, laughing at his jokes, and trying to make others laugh. Indeed, when one of her jokes lands, time stands still, and she feels a glimpse of Heaven.

RYAN KENNEDY



COO, FLORIDA CITIZENS ALLIANCE

Ryan Kennedy is the Chief of Operations for the Florida Citizens Alliance. His interest in politics began in high school when he started interning with a former Florida Congressman. In 2018, he started interning for the Florida Citizens Alliance and in 2023, he began working full-time for the organization. He has worked in the nonprofit and private sectors both locally and statewide. He has worked on policies related to school choice, pro-life, and AI amongst others. He lives in Ave Maria, FL and is married to his wife, Becca, and has one child.



MAURIE LIEBER



HOMESCHOOL MENTOR & SPEAKER

Maurie is a dedicated Christian mom of FOUR boys, committed to navigating the homeschool journey with grace and resilience. With the support of her husband, she has been homeschooling for the past 10 years. Active in the homeschool community, Maurie mentors other homeschool moms and emphasizes the importance of strong support systems. Maurie has had the honor of speaking at the Tampa Bay Homeschool Conference for the past three years, leading breakout sessions such as "How To Homeschool With Toddlers In Your Home," "Unschooling 101," and "How To Defeat Homeschool Mom Burnout." She has been a guest on a homeschool podcast discussing Unschooling and has spoken at local co-ops.

BECKY MACCREDIE



CERTIFIED COGNITIVE COACH AND CERTIFIED TEACHER, THE NECTAR GROUP

Becky is a Certified Cognitive Coach with The Nectar Group and a licensed teacher in Ohio, North Carolina, and Maryland. With a degree in Early Childhood Education and over 14 years of classroom experience, she's also mentored teachers, led professional development, and owned a childcare business. Becky is passionate about building personal connections and creating joyful learning experiences. Outside of work, she enjoys baking, camping, reading, and singing—she's even performed with an opera company! Most of all, she loves time with her husband, three kids, and their three fish.

DR. JOHN MACPHEE



PROVIDER, IGNITE CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS

Doctor John MacPhee's passion for chiropractic care is rooted in his belief that proper spinal and nervous system function supports the body's natural ability to heal and thrive. A graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, he focuses on restoring alignment, improving mobility, and strengthening long-term health. At Ignite Chiropractic & Wellness, Dr. MacPhee helps individuals and families move beyond symptom relief by addressing the root causes of dysfunction. His mission is to empower patients with greater resilience, improved function, and a stronger foundation for lifelong wellness.



LEILANI MELENDEZ



**AUTHOR/
HOMESCHOOL
MENTOR/EDUCATOR**

Leilani Melendez, homeschooling mom of four kids, applies her 10+

years of experience as a middle school classroom teacher to provide homeschool evaluator services to Florida families. She also shares guidance, resources, and support through her YouTube Channel "Living With Eve" and other social media platforms, and has recently written "Freedom To Learn: Choosing Your Path to Homeschool Victory." A book that covers the basics to help new homeschooling parents get started, but also delves deep and shares parents' stories that encourage even the most seasoned homeschooling parent. Leilani's youngest has Down's Syndrome, which has inspired her to start connecting with other families on similar journeys to share support, information, and encouragement...because all families are exceptional!

REAGAN MULLINS



**HOMESCHOOL
GRADUATE**

Reagan is a recent graduate who has been homeschooled her entire life. She completed 12 years

with Classical Conversations, was elected the student body president of SALT of Trinity, logged over 350 volunteer hours, and took 15 dual enrollment classes. This fall, she will attend University of South Florida's Judy Genshaft Honors College to study political science and pre-law. Reagan has been involved with TeenPact Leadership Schools for four years. A passionate learner and traveler, Reagan and her family have spent years exploring the U.S., and by next summer, they will have visited all 50 states together.



ANGELINA PHOENIX



**AUTHOR/
FILMMAKER**

Angelina Phoenix is a 22-year old independent filmmaker, author, and event host

based in Tampa, Florida. She grew up homeschooled and is the author of *Fallen Angel*, a story confronting the real dangers young people face online today. Angelina has studied internet behavior, the psychology of online predators, and holds a certification in Cyber Crime Investigation. With a background in film, she uses storytelling to transform difficult realities into powerful conversations. Her mission is simple but urgent: To shine a light into the darker corners of our digital world and encourage parents, educators, and communities to take an active role in protecting the innocence and safety of the next generation.

SUE PUCHFERRAN



**BOARD MEMBER,
HOME EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**

Sue Puchferran is a Christian educator and passionate advocate for

parental involvement in education. A Biomedical Engineer from Purdue University, she and her husband homeschooled their four children through high school—each now thriving in careers in medicine, law, nursing, and finance, while grounded in their faith. Sue co-founded HEED, a Christ-centered program for grades 6–12, and launched HEED Adventures for younger learners. She serves on the board of the Home Education Foundation, advises high school homeschoolers, and speaks nationally. Her book, *Completing the Journey: High School/Home School Handbook*, offers trusted guidance to families navigating the high school years.

JENN RODRIGUEZ



**OWNER/LEAD
DESIGNER, DESIGN
THERAPY INC**

Designing from the Inside Out. Most see a room; I see a cognitive

landscape. Combining degrees in Psychology (Evangel University) and Interior Design (IADT), I believe a space is a tool for healing. I design for the nervous system first, moving families from overstimulated to empowered through homeschool organization – high-function systems that restore efficiency and peace; special needs and trauma-informed design – safe, sensory-aware sanctuaries; and conflict resolution – communication coaching that bridges differing visions. At Design Therapy Inc., your project is a personal journey, crafted to be as unique as you are.



ELISA RZYMSKI



**INDEPENDENT
TRAVEL AGENT,
GUIDED PATH
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With a lifelong passion for travel, Elisa has

spent over 20 years crafting personalized journeys that blend iconic sights with hidden gems. A homeschooling mom of 14 years, she's embraced worldschooling—using travel as a powerful tool for learning and connection. Elisa specializes in educational travel experiences that turn trips into rich, memorable adventures. Whether planning luxury escapes or off-the-beaten-path explorations, she manages every detail so families can focus on making lasting memories. Driven by a mission to inspire others, Elisa invites you to discover how worldschooling can transform the way your family learns, grows, and experiences the world together.

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CANDI SCHULTZ



**EDUCATOR,
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Candi Schultz is originally from Southern California and has lived in Florida since

2014 with her husband, their three children, and their goldendoodle, Wookie. She homeschooled her children from kindergarten through graduation, and they are now successfully navigating adulthood. Candi teaches Algebra, Geometry, Personal Finance, and an ACT Math Bootcamp with Mr. D Math, where she has been part of the team since 2016. She has also taught in public charter schools, private schools, and homeschool co-ops. Candi loves helping students understand math and considers it a privilege to watch their confidence grow as the subject begins to make sense.

DR. RAUL SERRANO



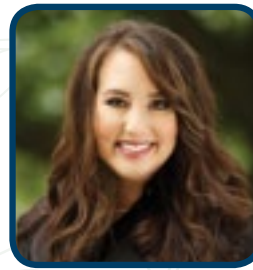
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Doctor Raul Serrano's path to chiropractic

began through his own health struggles, including misdiagnosis, weight challenges, and bullying. After discovering chiropractic care in college, he was inspired by its focus on addressing root causes and supporting the body's natural ability to heal. Today, as a father of four, Dr. Serrano is passionate about helping families build lasting health through nervous system-focused care. At Ignite Chiropractic & Wellness, he is committed to empowering parents and children alike with the tools, education, and support needed to live healthier, stronger lives.



KORTNI SPAULDING



**DEAN OF STUDENT
LIFE, OPTIMA
ACADEMY ONLINE**

Kortni leverages virtual learning and Virtual Reality to empower her students. Her

work centers on fostering individual strengths, a love of learning, problem-solving, and social skills. Kortni holds a BA in Psychology and MsEd: School Counseling. She has spent over a decade working as a school counselor. Kortni is a Youth Mental Health First Aid trainer and has written curriculum for human trafficking prevention groups. Outside of work, Kortni loves spending time with her family, friends, church, and her rescue dog, Maggie. She is excited to share the educational and therapeutic potential of the virtual space with TBHC!

MADELINE STODDARD



**EDUCATOR/
SPEAKER,
INVENTHERS**

Madeline Stoddard is an innovation educator, speaker, and founder of

inventHERS, a platform empowering the next generation of inventors. With over a decade of experience in K-12 education, she has led invention-based learning initiatives in collaboration with a top Florida research university and a statewide innovation museum. Madeline specializes in helping learners develop creative confidence through real-world problem solving, design thinking, and intellectual property literacy. She holds a Master's in STEM Education and is a doctoral candidate at the University of South Florida, where she researches how students develop an inventor identity.

KIMBERLEE TUCKER



**OWNER/FOUNDER,
THE HOMESCHOOL
HIVE**

Kimberlee is a compassionate, highly experienced e d u c a t e d

professional who has been a homeschool evaluator for the past 15 years. She has grown her name within the community as the most in-demand homeschool evaluator in the state of Florida. Throughout her career, Kimberlee has noticed a need for a place for the homeschool community to gather together and support each other through events, homeschool materials, evaluations, and more. In addition to her thriving evaluation business, she is now the proud owner of The Homeschool Hive.



LAUREN VAUGHAN



**CLIENT SUPPORT
SPECIALIST, THE
HOMESCHOOL HIVE**

Lauren's journey in education spans various roles, from a certified classroom

teacher in Florida for a decade to a Learning Design Specialist with Pasco County schools. With a Master's degree in curriculum and instruction, she believes in the power of educating the whole child. Additionally, she has served as a private tutor for children with unique abilities and contributed to early childhood blogging. Inspired by her son and daughter, Lauren found her calling within the homeschooling community, where she champions individualized learning. With a focus on integrating nature, fun, and adventure into education, she strives to instill a sense of wonder in her children and those she supports.

DEANNE WATSON, M.ED., NBCT



**DISTRICT RELATIONS
MANAGER, FLORIDA
VIRTUAL SCHOOL**

DeAnne Watson brings more than 30 years of experience

in the education sector to her role as Senior Manager of District Relations at Florida Virtual School. She partners with districts across 14 counties to expand access to high-quality online learning and support student success. DeAnne's deep understanding of both virtual and traditional education enables her to guide districts toward solutions that empower educators, strengthen engagement, and create meaningful learning experiences for students.



ASHLEY WIGGERS



**PUBLISHER,
HOMESCHOOLING
TODAY**

Ashley Wiggers grew up in the early days of the homeschooling

movement. She was taught by her late mother, Debbie Strayer, who was an educator, speaker, and the author of numerous homeschooling materials. It was through Debbie's encouragement and love that Ashley learned the value of being homeschooled. Currently, Ashley and her husband Alex are the publishers of Homeschooling Today magazine. Ashley is the Co-Executive Editor and a contributing columnist as well as one of the hosts of their podcast, Homeschool Boldly. Husband and wife team, Alex and Ashley are busy raising and homeschooling their three children while running the family business together.

JESSICA ZIVKOVICH



**OWNER/FOUNDER,
WONDERHERE**

Jessica Zivkovich is co-owner and co-founder of WonderHere and CEO of

WonderHere Press. She has 15 years of experience as an educator and holds a Bachelor's in Exceptional Student Education and a Master's in Reading Education from Southeastern University. Her vision is to make wonder-filled, child-led learning possible for all children, no matter where or how they school. Jessica is married to her college sweetheart, George, and has three sons—Evan, Louie, and Tatum—and a Labradoodle named Henry. She enjoys reading fiction, writing, and spending time with family.



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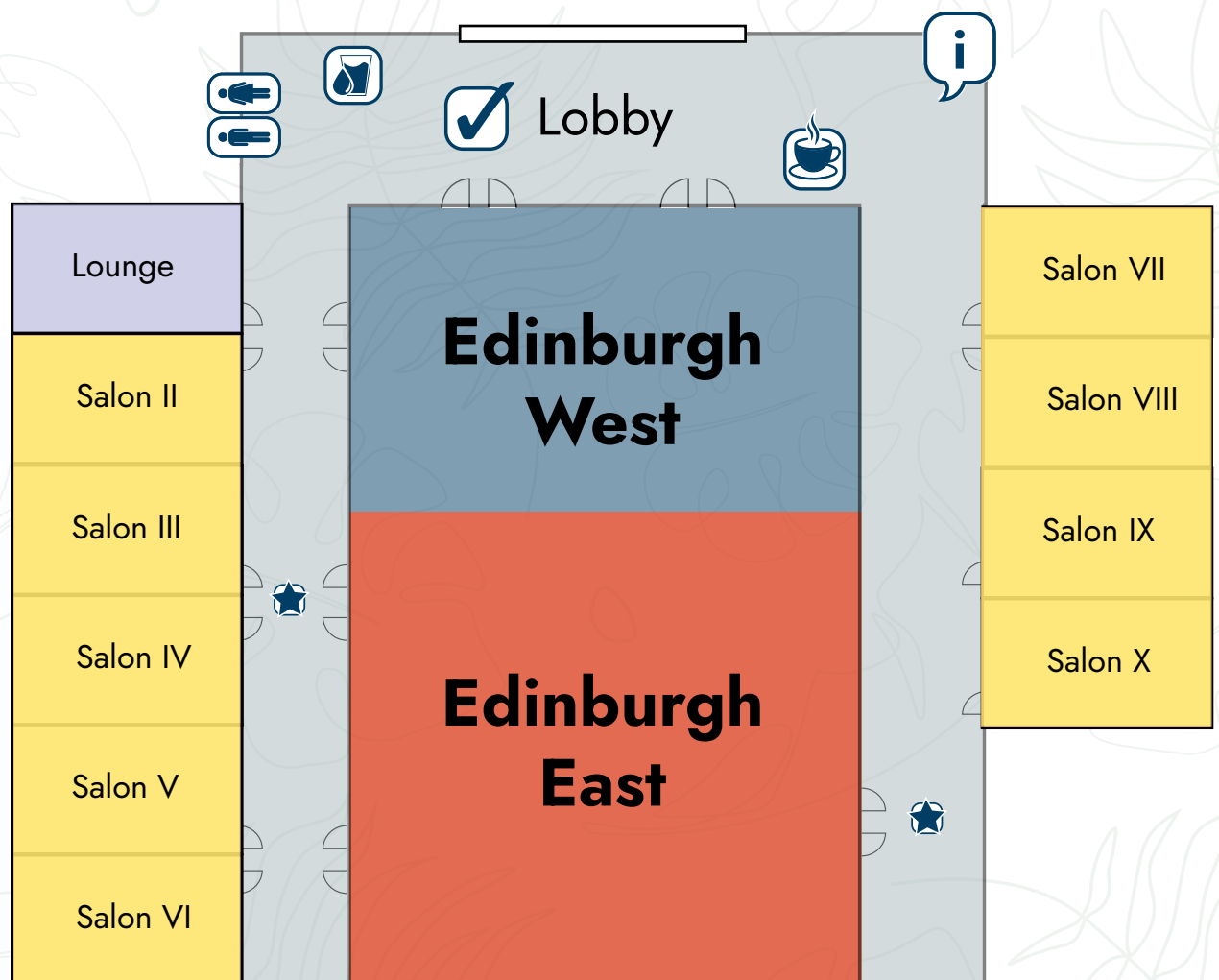


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-  Exhibitor Hall B
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-  Speaker, Sponsor, Exhibitor & Volunteers Lounge (private)
-  Breakfast, Lunch





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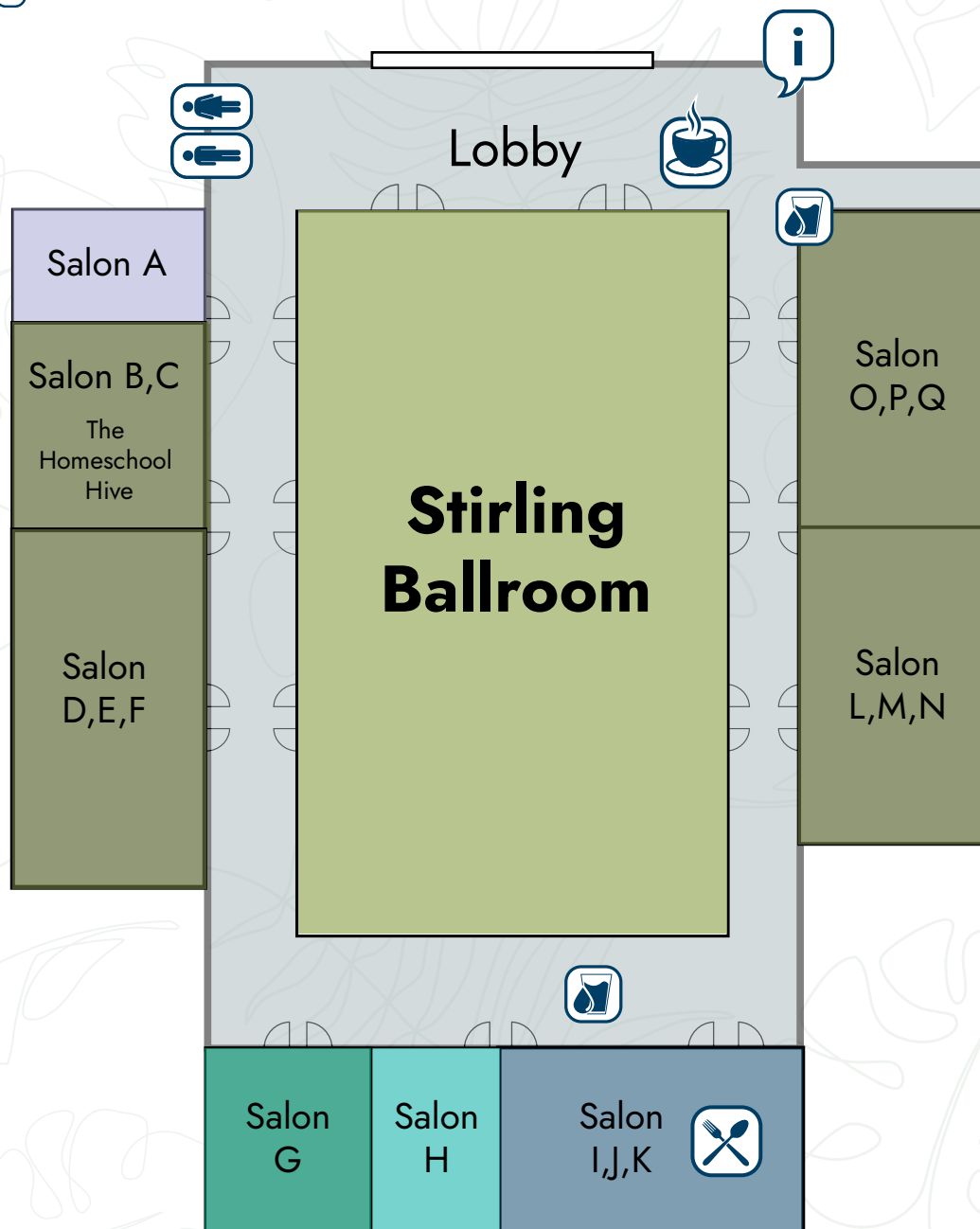


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SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

	Salon II	Salon III	Salon IV	Salon V	Salon VI
Keynote (8:45a)	Morning Keynote with Sam Sorbo (Edinburgh East)				
Morning A (10:30a)	Smarter, Not Busier: Using AI to Personalize Learning for Every Child Kortni Spaulding	Designing a Child's Learning Garden Leah Brooks	Transitioning from the Classroom to the Living Room: What is Deschooling & Why It Matters Rachel Good	Teaching Your Neurodiverse Mini-Me Becky MacCredie	Your Room, Your Vibe: Interior Design for Teens Jenn Rodriguez
Morning B (11:30a)	Homeschool 101 Lauren Vaughn & Kimberlee Tucker	Worldschooling Elisa Rzymiski	Teaching the Child Who Doesn't Want to Learn Rachel Good	Embracing Learning Differences: Designing an Education for Your Unique Learner Michelle Brownell	Passion Project Dr. Raj Apapvu
Keynote (1:30p)	Afternoon Keynote with Cheryl Bastian (Edinburgh East)				
Special Session with HEF (2:50p)	Q & A with HEF (Edinburgh East)				
Afternoon C (3:55p)	How to Navigate Scholarship Opportunities for Homeschool Families Step Up for Students team	When Things Don't Go As Planned Ashley Wiggers	Calm Minds, Bright Futures: Reducing Anxiety to Boost Academic Performance Becky MacCredie	Early Academic Programs as Academic Acceleration USF Team	Communication Toolkit for Teens: How to Talk so Your Parents Will Listen Michelle Brownell
Afternoon D (4:55p)	Homeschool 101 Lauren Vaughn & Kimberlee Tucker	Developing Resilience Through Adventure Laura Islas	Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Becky MacCredie	Pretty Ugly School Nina Graham, Ph.D.	My Mom Wants Me to Homeschool - Now What? Regan Mullins

Salon VII	Salon VIII	Salon IX	Salon X	Salon XI	Edinburgh East
Morning Keynote with Sam Sorbo (Edinburgh East)					
ReThink Health: A Blueprint for the Modern Family Dr. Raul Serrano	The Innovator's Mindset at Home: Building Creative Confidence Through Invention Madeline Stoddard	High School Made Simple Sue Puchferran	Redeeming Hidden Fears in the Hearts of Mothers Dawn Haas	Learn Your Way With Virtual School DeAnne Watson	Ask Anything: A Homeschool Q&A Michelle Brownell, Cheryl Bastian & Ashley Wiggers
Psychology Meets Pillow Forts: The Homeschool Interior Design Workshop Jenn Rodriguez	Guiding Deeper Conversations that Shape Beliefs, Identity, and Faith Ginnie Zemaitis	Does Your Student Actually Pass the "Dual Enrollment Readiness Test?" Dr. Anthony Abell	Turning Test Anxiety into Confidence Candi Schultz	Rhythm Over Rigidity: How Homeschool Families Actually Stay Consistent Maeve Jemison	AI in the Learning Toolbox: A Discussion Panel Ryan Kennedy, Kortni Spaulding & Shiv Sharma
Afternoon Keynote with Cheryl Bastian (Edinburgh East)					
Q & A with HEF (Edinburgh East)					
The Well-Regulated Child Dr. John MacPhee	Internet Safety: How to Raise Innocent & Wise Teens in a Digital World Angelina Phoenix	Parenting By Personality - Q&A Rachel Good	Elementary Education: Profound Learning For Our Children Sue Puchferran	Transcripts Made Easy Cheryl Bastian	When Learning Looks Different: A Homeschool Q&A Dina Fox & Leilani Melendez
Intro to Microschools Christy DeVigili	Following Your Child's Lead Jessica Zivkovich	Discover the Freedom of Unschooling Maurie Lieber	Goal Setting with the Merlin Principle: Manifesting Your Destiny! Candi Schultz	Finding Your Calm: Joy in the Beautiful Chaos of Special Needs Homeschooling Leilani Melendez	

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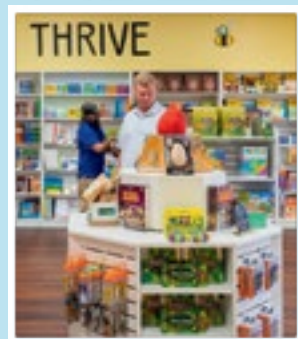
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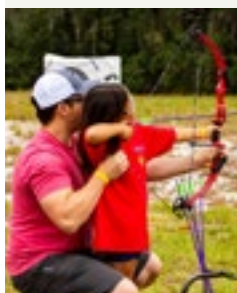
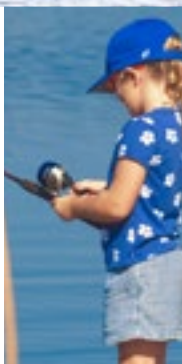


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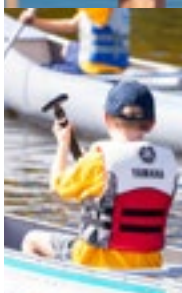
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HOW TO NAVIGATE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

LED BY LAURIE K. BALUYOT

Maximize the benefits of the PEP and FES-UA Scholarships with this informative session. Learn how to navigate the MyScholarShop platform, utilize our Purchasing Guide, and explore new vendors offering valuable educational resources. Discover key components of effective Student Learning Plans, understand Assessment Reports, and get details on upcoming Open Houses. Whether you're new to these scholarships or looking for ways to enhance your homeschool experience, this session will equip you with the knowledge and tools to make the most of your child's funding opportunities.

ASK ANYTHING: A HOMESCHOOL Q&A

LED BY MICHELLE BROWNELL, CHERYL BASTIAN, AND ASHLEY WIGGERS

Join an engaging homeschool Q&A led by beloved home education leaders who bring real-world experience, fresh ideas, and practical wisdom. Whether you're new to homeschooling or a seasoned parent, this session offers valuable insight, encouragement, and honest answers to your biggest questions. Gain perspective on a variety of educational approaches, overcome common challenges, and walk away feeling empowered and equipped for your family's unique journey. This is your opportunity to learn from trusted voices, ask questions, and be inspired to homeschool with greater confidence and purpose.



Q&A WITH HOME EDUCATION FOUNDATION

LED BY JASON CRAWFORD & BRENDA DICKINSON

This interactive session allows participants to ask questions and gain insights into HEF's advocacy efforts and the impact of legislative decisions on home education. Learn from the leadership of HEF about their role in navigating the legislative process, building relationships with policymakers, and advancing key issues in home education - and how it impacts you and your home education program. Don't miss this chance to connect with Brenda and Jason and get your questions answered.

MICROSCHOOLS

LED BY CHRISTY DEVIGILI

Discover how ordinary parents, pastors, retired teachers, and community leaders are launching extraordinary learning environments through microschools. In this practical and inspiring breakout session, Christy will share what microschools are, why families across Florida are seeking alternatives to traditional education, and how you can start one in your own community. Learn the different microschool models, legal and operational basics, funding opportunities, and the step-by-step support available through FLCA's Microschool Initiative. Whether you feel called to serve a few students or build a thriving learning community, this session will equip you with clarity, confidence, and next steps.

TRANSITIONING FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE LIVING ROOM: WHAT IS DESCHOOLING AND WHY IT MATTERS

LED BY RACHEL GOOD

School at home should not imitate school in the classroom. If you're wondering what that change would look like for your family, come get plenty of ideas on how to help your kids (and yourself) make the switch. It takes time to de-program and establish a new normal, but the process can be a joyful time as your family begins this adventure.

TEACHING THE CHILD WHO DOESN'T WANT TO LEARN

LED BY RACHEL GOOD

Children are born learners. It's all they know how to do when they're little. Somewhere along the way, some kids lose some of their desire to learn new things, and this session will guide you in helping to reignite that flame. Doing school at home is not the same as learning at home. A student who seemingly doesn't want to learn could very likely be resisting the format and/or method of their homeschooling. Bring your questions and concerns, and receive some encouraging direction on moving your child/teen from a resistant or struggling student back to an eager and excited learner.

RHYTHM OVER RIGIDITY: HOW HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES ACTUALLY STAY CONSISTENT

LED BY MAEVE JEMISON

Many parents worry they lack the discipline or scheduling skills to homeschool successfully. But consistency in homeschooling doesn't come from recreating school at home. It comes from building rhythms that nurture curiosity, character, and family life. In this encouraging session, Maeve Jemison shares practical strategies—from simple routines to curiosity-driven learning—that help homeschool families stay consistent without burnout. Discover how anticipation, real-world learning, and sustainable habits can transform your homeschool from stressful to joyful while forming children who love learning and grow in faith.

HOMESCHOOL 101: UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS IN FLORIDA

LED BY KIMBERLEE TUCKER & LAUREN VAUGHN

New to homeschooling in Florida? This session will walk you through the different legal pathways available to homeschool families and help you understand how each option works. Kimberlee and Lauren will explain Florida's home education options, key requirements, and how to choose the path that best fits your family. Whether you are just getting started or need clarity on your options, this session will help you move forward with confidence.



WHEN THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED

LED BY ASHLEY WIGGERS

Homeschooling rarely goes as planned, and neither does life. In this workshop, Ashley will share the principles that have kept her grounded through unexpected challenges, helping her learn to pivot, embrace change, and trust God in every season. Through her story, you'll find encouragement for your own journey, along with a practical perspective for navigating the unknown with confidence and faith. Whether you're in a season of uncertainty or simply trying to stay steady in the everyday, this session will remind you that you're not alone—and that God is faithfully at work in every step.

HOMESCHOOLING UNIQUE LEARNERS

EMBRACING LEARNING DIFFERENCES: DESIGNING AN EDUCATION FOR YOUR UNIQUE LEARNER

LED BY MICHELLE BROWNELL

Traditional approaches not working for your dyslexic, ADHD, or otherwise neurodivergent learner? This session explores how to design an education that fits your child, rather than forcing your child to fit the system. Learn how to lead with strengths, support learning differences from elementary through high school, and create flexible pathways toward meaningful goals. Participants will leave with practical strategies for building an unconventional learning journey where their child can grow, succeed, and truly thrive.

A HOMESCHOOL Q & A: WHEN LEARNING LOOKS DIFFERENT

LED BY DINA FOX AND LEILANI MELENDEZ

Join When Learning Looks Different for an honest, encouraging homeschool Q&A with seasoned homeschool leaders who understand the challenges because they've lived them. Whether you're overwhelmed, curious, or simply need practical advice, this session offers real answers, heartfelt support, and valuable insight from moms who know exactly where you are. Come ask your questions, gain wisdom from experienced voices, and leave feeling more confident, equipped, and encouraged on your homeschool journey.

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE: USING THE GIFT OF NEUROPLASTICITY TO OVERCOME LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

LED BY BECKY MACCREIDIE

Homeschooling children with learning difficulties presents some unique challenges. The great news is that all of us were created with the gift of neuroplasticity which allows us to rewire the brain to overcome learning difficulties. Our brains are malleable, moldable, and changeable. Join us as we cover how to harness neuroplasticity to help your child learn at optimal levels and reach their full potential.

TEACHING YOUR NEURODIVERSE MINI-ME

LED BY BECKY MACCREIDIE

Homeschooling children with learning difficulties can be challenging for all parents, especially if you also struggle with learning challenges such as dyslexia or ADHD. Many learning disabilities are hereditary, so parents often find themselves teaching children who share their learning difficulties. The great news is that neuroscience has taught us not only how to be better teachers with these issues but also how to change and rewire the brain to overcome learning challenges, regardless of the age of the child or the parent. Come learn about the amazing, malleable brain and how to harness neuroplasticity to help your child learn and reach their full potential.

FINDING YOUR CALM: JOY IN THE BEAUTIFUL CHAOS OF SPECIAL NEEDS HOMESCHOOLING

LED BY LEILANI MELENDEZ

Wondering if you're the only one who's cried in the sensory room? This raw, honest talk cuts through the highlight reels and tackles what special needs homeschooling really feels like. Beyond just survival tips, discover practical ways to create islands of calm in your everyday chaos, nurture yourself without guilt, and find unexpected joy in this journey you never planned. Leave with battle-tested strategies from someone who gets it, renewed confidence in your instincts, and the permission to celebrate victories others might not understand. For the mom who needs both practical solutions and spiritual refreshment—this is your breathing space.



LEARNING & INNOVATION

PRETTY UGLY SCHOOL: WHY MESSY LEARNING STILL LEADS TO REAL GROWTH

LED BY NINA GRAHAM, PH.D.

Not all meaningful learning follows a neat plan, and some of the most important progress happens in moments that feel confusing, derailed, or unproductive. In this session, veteran educator and homeschool mom Dr. Nina Graham reframes “pretty ugly school” as a necessary and powerful part of learning—helping parents recognize growth even when the process looks messy.

AI IN THE LEARNING TOOLBOX: A DISCUSSION PANEL

LED BY RYAN KENNEDY, KORTNI SPAULDING
SHIV SHARMA

Artificial intelligence is rapidly changing the educational landscape, and homeschool families have unique opportunities to use it well. Join this thought-provoking discussion panel as experienced educators and AI experts explore how AI can support learning, lesson planning, creativity, organization, and individualized education. Discover practical tools, ethical considerations, and innovative ways AI can enhance your homeschool experience without replacing the heart of home education. Whether you're curious, cautious, or already experimenting with AI, this session will provide valuable insight into using technology as a powerful tool in your homeschool toolbox.

DISCOVER THE FREEDOM OF UNSCHOOLING

LED BY MAURIE LIEBER

Unschooling is often misunderstood, but this natural, relationship-driven approach to learning may be far different - and far more impactful - than you expect. Explore how unschooling fosters curiosity, cultivates lifelong learning, and creates educational freedom tailored to your child's unique strengths. Whether you're simply curious or considering a new direction in your homeschool journey, this session will challenge common assumptions and offer a fresh perspective on what authentic, meaningful education can truly look like.

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PSYCHOLOGY MEETS PILLOW FORTS: THE HOMESCHOOL INTERIOR DESIGN WORKSHOP

LED BY JENN RODRIGUEZ

Want less mess and more meaningful learning? This hands-on workshop explores the why behind your homeschool space, using the psychology of learning to create an environment that works with your child—not against them. You'll discover how to design flexible zones for different learning styles, implement smart storage that reduces clutter and overwhelm, and use layout and natural light to boost mood and focus. Walk away with practical ideas to transform your home into a space that supports calmer days, deeper learning, and rhythms that actually feel sustainable.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: PROFOUND LEARNING FOR OUR CHILDREN

LED BY SUE PUCHFERRAN

This engaging session will empower you to revolutionize your teaching approach for your elementary-aged children. Explore the history of education and discover how traditional methods were designed to produce workers not thinkers. Dive into data that illustrate the importance of prioritizing creativity and engagement in educational practices. Join Sue as she guides you in understanding how your child's brain learns best and how to infuse fun back into learning, ultimately boosting motivation and enhancing overall educational outcomes. Embrace a new mindset of profound learning that encourages thinking outside the box, igniting your child's passion for learning and equipping them with essential skills for future success. Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your teaching strategies and set your child on a path to thrive in the 21st century.

GOAL SETTING WITH THE MERLIN PRINCIPLE: MANIFESTING YOUR DESTINY!

LED BY CANDI SCHULTZ

Goal setting is often thought of as a great idea and something everyone needs to do but we rarely do it and when we do, we usually lose track of the goal along the way. In this workshop, goals are brought to life through creation and conversation. We invite you to step into the realm of magic and transformation as we explore the art of goal setting through the lens of the legendary Merlin Principle. Just as Merlin guided and protected the future king, Arthur, you too will learn to wield the power of intention and wisdom to manifest your own destiny. Everyone participating will create a goal and a visual display for that goal during the workshop.

TURNING TEST ANXIETY INTO CONFIDENCE

LED BY CANDI SCHULTZ

Test anxiety affects nearly every student at some point, often leaving them overwhelmed, unprepared, and doubting themselves. But anxiety can be reframed—not as a barrier, but as usable energy for focus, confidence, and performance. In this interactive workshop, Dennis DiNoia, M.A.Ed. ("Mr. D"), draws from his new book, *The Student Becomes the Teacher: Turning Test Anxiety into Confidence*, to share practical strategies that turn test anxiety into confidence by combining research-backed tools with real-world teaching techniques. This workshop is designed for both parents and students, covering anxiety that may arise, including test-taking skills, test preparation before the test, strategies for managing test anxiety during the test, and debriefing after the test.

SMARTER, NOT BUSIER: USING AI TO PERSONALIZE LEARNING FOR EVERY CHILD

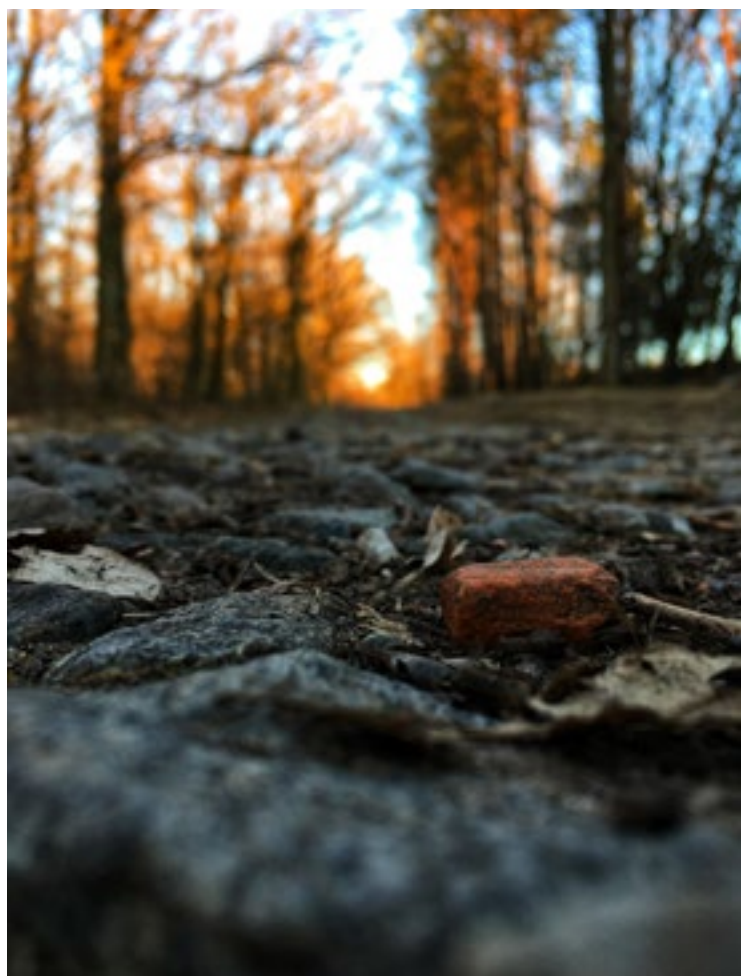
LED BY KORTNI SPAULDING

Discover how AI-powered educational systems are transforming personalized learning for homeschool families. Presented by Optima Academy, this session explores how innovative technology can help tailor education to each child's unique strengths, pace, and needs while simplifying planning and reducing parent overwhelm. Learn how AI-driven platforms can support academic growth, increase flexibility, and create smarter, more efficient learning pathways. Whether you're exploring new educational tools or seeking practical solutions to enhance your homeschool experience, this session offers valuable insight into the future of customized home education.

LEARN YOUR WAY WITH VIRTUAL SCHOOL

LED BY DEANNE WATSON

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FOLLOWING YOUR CHILD'S LEAD: UTILIZING PLAY & PROJECTS TO HONOR YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS & INCREASE THEIR AUTONOMY

LED BY JESSICA ZIVKOVICH

Discover how to nurture your child's natural curiosity through play and project-based learning. In this encouraging workshop, parents will learn practical ways to follow their child's interests, create meaningful learning experiences, and foster greater independence. Leave inspired with simple strategies to honor your child's unique passions while building confidence, autonomy, and a lifelong love of learning.

LIVING EDUCATION

DESIGNING A CHILD'S LEARNING GARDEN

LED BY LEAH BROOKS

A child's learning garden can be a magical place for your children to explore, observe, and learn! With practical tips and tricks for growing fruits & vegetables in Florida's sometimes difficult climate, you'll be inspired to create spaces (big or small!) for your child to experience the benefits of gardening. Whether an experienced gardener or a complete novice, you will learn ways to enjoy gardening with your child. We will discuss both indoor and outdoor gardening, and how to use FES-UA & FES-PEP scholarship funds. The presentation will be followed by a short Q&A.

DEVELOPING RESILIENCE THROUGH ADVENTURE

LED BY LAURA, OLIVIA & ALEXANDRA ISLAS

Did you know that resilience means bouncing back? In this session we will discuss the four main types of resilience, and how to build resilience with practical suggestions. Learn how to incorporate planned risk taking with small steps, the benefits of risk, and how risk correlates into confidence. Life is an adventure! Through embracing this attitude we can follow Paul's example in finding joy in all circumstances.



WORLDSCHOOLING: INCORPORATING TRAVEL INTO YOUR CURRICULUM

LED BY ELISA RZYMSKI

In this session, families will discover how worldschooling turns travel into a rich educational experience — transforming everyday moments into meaningful learning opportunities. With over a decade of worldschooling experience, Elisa shares practical strategies for weaving academics into real-world exploration, from short getaways to extended adventures. Learn how place-based learning nurtures curiosity, encourages global awareness, and strengthens family bonds. The session covers budget-friendly tips, curriculum integration, and resources for planning educational journeys. Whether you're new to worldschooling or ready to deepen your approach, this session offers inspiration and tools to help your family learn, grow, and connect through travel.

RETHINK HEALTH: A BLUEPRINT FOR THE MODERN FAMILY

LED BY DR. RAUL SERRANO

What if health wasn't something you reacted to, but something you intentionally built as a family? In this encouraging and practical session, best-selling author Dr. Raul Serrano shares the core message from his newest book, *ReThink Health: A Blueprint for the Modern Family*. Designed for real families living real life, this talk helps parents rethink what health actually is and how to lead their families toward lasting wellness without overwhelm or perfection. Using his simple, faith-centered framework - Adapt, Move, Eat, and Detox - Dr. Serrano breaks health down into clear, actionable steps families can apply immediately. Through personal stories, biblical perspective, and real-world examples, parents will learn how everyday choices shape long-term outcomes and generational health. Families will leave inspired, empowered, and ready to take their next step toward thriving.



THE INNOVATOR'S MINDSET AT HOME: BUILDING CREATIVE CONFIDENCE THROUGH INVENTION

LED BY MADELINE STODDARD

Invention isn't reserved for labs or tech companies, it starts at the kitchen table. In this engaging session, homeschool families will learn how to cultivate an innovator's mindset through practical, hands-on invention education strategies. Rooted in a transdisciplinary approach, this learning model moves students beyond subject silos and into real-world problem solving. Designed for all learners, the workshop introduces research-informed practices that build creative confidence, resilience, and solution-oriented thinking. Participants will leave with simple, adaptable tools to help their children identify meaningful problems, design thoughtful solutions, and see themselves as capable innovators.

PARENTING & FORMATION

PARENTING BY PERSONALITY

LED BY RACHEL GOOD

Parenting is hard enough, and not feeling like you really know why your child is the way they are can make it even more challenging. Learning how both you and your child are hard-wired can take a lot of the mystery out of parenting and help you develop authentic, meaningful relationships with your kids. Come discover how to decode the personalities God has placed in your home, and the practical application in both daily home life, and homeschooling. Understanding these truths will lead to clearer expectations, better communication, faster conflict resolution, and stronger relationships.

REDEEMING HIDDEN FEARS IN THE HEARTS OF MOTHERS

LED BY DAWN HAAS

This session, inspired by the book *Zebedee Moms*, invites homeschool mothers to examine the subtle ways love and fear can lead to overcontrol in their children's lives. Through biblical insight, personal stories, and practical encouragement, we will explore what it means to release outcomes to God while still parenting with intentionality and faith. Moms will be challenged to shift from striving to surrender, from managing to trusting, and from fear-driven decisions to Spirit-led confidence. This talk offers both conviction and hope, equipping mothers to raise children who belong fully to the Lord—not to them.

CALM MINDS, BRIGHT FUTURES: REDUCING ANXIETY TO BOOST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

LED BY BECKY MACCREDIE

Anxiety can directly impact learning, and difficulties with learning can be a significant source of anxiety for children. Many students find themselves in a vicious cycle where anxiety and learning difficulties fuel each other. In this workshop, we'll help you understand this relationship and, most importantly, how to quell anxiety and improve learning for good! Participants will learn how anxiety impacts your child's learning, problems that commonly occur with anxiety, how anxiety can manifest, and resources for treatment and supporting your child.

THE WELL-REGULATED CHILD

LED BY DR. JOHN MCPHEE

Behavior, focus, and emotional control don't start with discipline - they start in the nervous system. In *The Well-Regulated Child*, Dr. John McPhee helps parents understand how a child's brain develops and regulates through movement, sensory input, and daily physical patterns. This session reframes common struggles like anxiety, meltdowns, poor focus, and learning challenges - not as behavioral problems, but as signs of an under-supported nervous system. Grounded in neuroscience, clinical insight, and a whole-child perspective, this talk explains how proper movement patterns, posture, breathing, and physical input directly influence brain development, emotional regulation, and learning capacity. Parents will discover why movement is essential for healthy brain function. Parents will leave with clarity, hope, and practical tools to support calmer, more focused, and resilient children, starting at home.

GUIDING DEEPER CONVERSATIONS THAT SHAPE BELIEFS, IDENTITY, AND FAITH

LED BY GINNIE ZEMAITIS

Homeschooling invites deeper questions than academics alone. Am I preparing my child for life? Am I doing enough? Will they turn out well? How do I prepare them for the real world—and keep their heart? What makes homeschooling so powerful is the time and access it gives us to truly know our children. But the greater responsibility is how we use that time. The conversations we choose to have each day are what shape their beliefs, their identity, and ultimately, their faith.

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DOES YOUR STUDENT ACTUALLY PASS THE “DUAL ENROLLMENT READINESS TEST?”

LED BY DR. ANTHONY ABELL

Dual enrollment can be a great opportunity — or a frustrating setback — depending on a student’s readiness. While GPA and test scores determine eligibility, they don’t always reveal whether a student is prepared for the academic rigor, emotional expectations, and critical thinking required for college courses. This session helps homeschool parents assess true dual-enrollment readiness by examining three key areas: academic skills, emotional maturity, and critical-thinking ability. Parents will learn why capable students sometimes struggle in college classes, how to identify readiness gaps, and practical ways to prepare students at home. Ideal for parents of middle and high school students considering dual enrollment or early college options.

TRANSCRIPTS MADE EASY

LED BY CHERYL BASTIAN

Cheryl Bastian, home education mom of six graduates spanning over thirty years, eases the tension of creating home-generated transcripts by explaining the essentials and providing explanations for course titles, credits, grading, and GPA. Walk away feeling empowered to design a transcript that highlights your high school learner.

INTERNET SAFETY: HOW TO RAISE INNOCENT & WISE TEENS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

LED BY ANGELINA PHOENIX

Behind every screen is a young mind trying to understand a world that often moves faster than their ability to process it. In this session, Angelina Phoenix uses the themes of her novel *Fallen Angel* to examine the hidden realities of online grooming, digital pressure, manipulation, and escapism. Drawing on research into cybercrime and predator psychology, she reveals how vulnerable teenagers can be quietly pulled into dangerous online spaces. Angelina also equips parents with practical strategies to better protect their children, while exposing how many common “safety solutions” can easily be bypassed or manipulated. This talk encourages families and communities to move from awareness to action in protecting and guiding the next generation.

HIGH SCHOOL MADE SIMPLE

LED BY SUE PUCHFERRAN

Learn everything you need to know about homeschooling in the middle and high school years. A straightforward approach to understanding a high school scope and sequence, high school credits, testing, record keeping, transcripts, college applications, scholarships and more. You will leave equipped and empowered to complete your journey.

EARLY UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS AS ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

LED BY USF EARLY UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS TEAM

This session will cover the Florida Statutes that enable Florida Homeschoolers equivalent to grades 6-12 the opportunity to attend dual enrollment with no cost to them. It will go over the state funding and different school options as well as discussing the requirements, the process, and how University of South Florida accommodates homeschoolers and their parents in both early admissions and dual enrollment.



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Schedule at a Glance: For Teens

Keynote (8:45a)	Morning Keynote with Sam Sorbo				
Morning A (10:30a)	Your Room, Your Vibe: Interior Design for Teens Jenn Rodriguez Salon VI	ReThink Health: A Blueprint for the Modern Family Dr. Raul Serrano Salon VII	The Innovator's Mindset at Home: Building Creative Confidence Through Invention Madeline Stoddard Salon VIII	High School Made Simple Sue Puchferran Salon IX	
Morning B (11:30a)	Worldschooling Elisa Rzymiski Salon III	Passion Project Dr. Raj Apapvu Salon VI	Does Your Student Actually Pass the "Dual Enrollment Readiness Test?" Dr. Anthony Abell Salon IX	Turning Test Anxiety into Confidence Candi Schultz Salon X	AI in the Learning Toolbox: A Discussion Panel Ryan Kennedy, Kortni Spaulding & Shiv Sharma Edinburgh East
Keynote (1:30p)	Afternoon Keynote with Cheryl Bastian (Edinburgh East)				
Special Session with HEF (2:50p)	Q & A with HEF (Edinburgh East)				
Afternoon C (3:55p)	Calm Minds, Bright Futures: Reducing Anxiety to Boost Academic Performance Becky MacCredie Salon IV	Early Academic Programs as Academic Acceleration USF Team Salon V	Communication Toolkit for Teens: How to Talk so Your Parents Will Listen Michelle Brownell Salon VI	Internet Safety: How to Raise Innocent & Wise Teens in a Digital World Angelina Phoenix Salon VIII	Transcripts Made Easy Cheryl Bastian Salon XI
Afternoon D (4:55p)	Developing Resilience Through Adventure Laura Islas Salon III	My Mom Wants Me to Homeschool - Now What? Regan Mullins Salon VI	Goal Setting with the Merlin Principle: Manifesting Your Destiny! Candi Schultz Salon X		

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TEEN ONLY WORKSHOPS

RESEARCH RISING STARS – TURNING STUDENT CURIOSITY INTO REAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

(TEEN ONLY)

LED BY DR. RAJAGOPAL APAPVU

Research Rising Stars is a passion-driven program designed specifically for middle and high school students, especially homeschool teens, who want to explore authentic scientific research. This session shows students how to turn their curiosity into meaningful research projects in areas such as STEM, biomedical science, artificial intelligence, engineering, and public health. Students will learn how to develop research questions, review existing studies, collaborate with mentors, and present their findings through competitions, publications, or conferences. Homeschool students often have the flexibility to pursue deeper learning, and this program demonstrates how that freedom can lead to strong academic portfolios, valuable research skills, and confidence in scientific inquiry while preparing for future STEM and medical pathways.

COMMUNICATION TOOLKIT FOR TEENS: HOW HOW TO TALK SO YOUR PARENTS WILL LISTEN

(TEEN ONLY)

LED BY MICHELLE BROWNELL

Want more freedom without the constant battles? This teen-only workshop gives you communication strategies that actually work with parents. Learn how to advocate for what you want, prove you're ready for responsibility, and turn arguments into real conversations. You'll get practical scripts you can use immediately. These leadership skills work with teachers, coaches, and anyone else in your life. When you know how to communicate strategically, you earn the trust and independence you're looking for.

NOT SURE ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING? HERE'S WHAT I WISH I KNEW

(TEEN ONLY)

LED BY REAGAN MULLINS

Still on the fence about homeschooling? You're not alone. In this teen-only session, homeschool graduate Reagan Mullins shares what she wished someone had told her at the start. From social life to academics to discovering your passions, she'll break down what homeschooling really looks like—and why it might be the best thing your parents ever do for you. Bring your questions, doubts, and curiosity for an honest, encouraging conversation about taking a different path that can lead to more freedom, confidence, and opportunities than you ever expected.

YOUR ROOM, YOUR VIBE: INTERIOR DESIGN

(TEEN ONLY)

LED BY JENN RODRIGUEZ

Tired of a boring room? Ready to make your space as fire and unique as you are? This isn't your grandma's design course! We're diving into the secrets of creating a killer personal sanctuary. You'll learn how the Psychology of Color can literally change your mood (Hello, chill zone.), master Space Planning to fit everything you need, and unlock epic Organization Hacks that make clutter vanish like magic. Get ready to design, decorate, and totally transform your space—no major budget required!



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Booth 67

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