



# PASA Leadership Forum

March 18-20, 2026

The Penn Stater | State College

*Breaking the Mold: Leadership that Turns Challenges into Opportunities*

## Great leaders don't wait for change—they shape it.

Today's leaders need bold, future-focused strategies to meet the needs of a changing school environment.

Join school leaders from across the Commonwealth at PASA's 2026 Leadership Forum: Breaking the Mold: Leadership that Turns Challenges into Opportunities, at the Penn Stater in State College where we'll explore how innovative leadership can turn challenges into opportunities for students, staff, and school communities.

Join colleagues from across Pennsylvania as we explore bold, future-focused strategies to meet the needs of today's changing school environment — and turn challenges into opportunities for students, staff, and communities.

Register today and be part of this meaningful leadership experience.

## Featured Speakers:

### Wednesday, March 18



**Dr. David Schuler & Dr. Sherri Smith:**

**Innovative Minds and Catalysts for Change**

**Focus:** National and state insights shaping public education's future

### Thursday, March 19



**Natalie Nixon, Ph.D.:**

**Ideas Artist, Transformational leader and Creativity Whisperer to Leadership**

**Focus:** Creativity, innovation, and the future of work

**PLUS:** Attendees will receive Dr. Nixon's new book, "Move. Think. Rest"



**Joseph T. Yun, Ph.D.:**

**Entrepreneur, Professor and Big-Picture Thinker**

**Focus:** AI's growing impact and what schools can do to better equip learners for an unknown future.

### Friday, March 20



**Sucheta Kamath:**

**Cognitive Fitness Expert and Executive Function Trailblazer**

**Focus:** Strengthening executive function for both the adults and future-ready learners

## Conference Finale:

**Legislative Panel Discussion:** Dr. Sherri Smith will lead a panel discussion on key legislative and advocacy topics in K-12 Education featuring panelist including: PSBA Chief Advocacy Officer **Kevin Busher**; PASBO Executive Director **Hannah Barrick**; PAIU Executive Director **Dr. Mark Leidy**; PA Principals Executive Director **Dr. Eric Eshbach** and more.





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## Join our Pre-conference on March 18!

Arrive early on March 18th and jumpstart your Leadership Forum experience with two powerful workshops designed to elevate your leadership and broaden your perspective.



### From Finland to Pennsylvania

Presented by **Petteri Elo**

Petteri Elo's session, "From Finland to Pennsylvania", will expand your global lens by exploring immersive and phenomenon-based learning strategies that boost relevance, curiosity, and deeper student engagement.



### Advancing Advocacy for a Stronger Public Education System in PA

Presented by **Dr. Sherri Smith**

Dr. Sherri Smith's "Advancing Advocacy for a Stronger Public Education System in Pennsylvania", session will equip leaders to influence policy, strengthen community engagement, and champion the future of public education.

## Conference Investment:

### **BEST VALUE: Full-Conference with Pre-Conference Option**

Member: \$569 | Member Early Bird: \$549 | Non-Member: \$629

#### Add District Colleague of a PASA Member

With member: \$529 | Early Bird with member: \$509

### **Full Conference without Pre-Conference Access**

Member: \$499 | Member Early Bird: \$459

#### Add District Colleague of a PASA Member

With member: \$479 | Early Bird with member: \$439

## Can't stay for the entire conference? Join us for a day:

### **March 18: Preconference sessions Only (3 hours)**

Member: \$150 | Member Early Bird: \$120 | Non-member: \$180

### **Pre-Conference Sessions, Reception, Dinner, and Evening Keynote with Dr. David Schuler and Dr. Sherri Smith**

Member: \$249 | Member Early Bird: \$209 | Non-member: \$279

### **March 19: Two Keynote Presentations (Dr. Natalie Nixon and Dr. Joseph Yun), Learning Sessions, Breakfast, Lunch, Receptions and Entertainment**

Member: \$399 | Member Early Bird: \$349 | Non-member: \$449

### **March 20: Keynote Presentation (Sucheta Kamath, ExQ), Learning Sessions, Breakfast and Lunch**

Member: \$329 | Member Early Bird: \$299 | Non-member: \$399

**Visit [PASA-net.org](https://pasa-net.org) to register and book your hotel reservation!**