

# Workshops and Presenters

## Morning Workshops

8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

### **Cooking for Diversity: Collaborating for Equity and Economic Justice through Food** LAX

Join us for an engaging workshop that harnesses the power of equity and economic justice to explore the rich tapestry of cultural diversity in education.

Presenter: Philimena Owona *ELA Teacher, Maya Angelou French Immersion IB School (Prince George's County)*

### **Empowering Echoes: Galvanizing Youth Voices for Change** Coal Harbor

This innovative session is designed for those seeking effective ways to inspire and support youth leadership. Participants will explore proven strategies for mentoring and guiding young people, emphasizing the importance of active listening, encouragement, and providing opportunities for youth to take on leadership roles. The workshop features successful youth-led initiatives and discussions led by youth leaders and activists.

Presenter: Nichelle Hicks *NAACP Advisor, Parkville Middle School (Baltimore County)*

### **Harnessing Student Voice to Promote Equity and Inclusion** Upington

Participants will interact with Pocomoke High School students through hands-on

activities around the lens through which we view students and how that affects opportunity. Participants will recognize, explore, and unpack systemic barriers and improve how participants relate to others.

Presenter: Kristin Cashman *Assistant Principal, Pocomoke High School (Worcester County)*

### **MSEA's ESP Bill of Rights Campaign: A Platform for Racial, Social, and Economic Justice** Heathrow

Economic justice is a building block in the global fight for racial and social justice. This session will outline MSEA's ESP Bill of Rights Campaign, show how it connects to the larger RSJ struggle, and elevate examples of intersectional coalitions who organized to advance RSEJ movements.

Presenters: Ivory Smith *President, Worcester County Education Support Personnel Association*; Carlos Mellott *UniServ Director, Frederick Association of School Support Employees*

### **Organizing for Justice** Santos Dumont

This session will share how to look at educational issues through an equity lens and using touchpoints to engage members into action. Issues include book banning, teacher shortages, testing, and more.

Presenter: Theresa Dudley *MSEA Vice President*

## Afternoon Workshops

1:00 P.M. – 2:20 P.M.

### **Be the Change: The Need for Equity Invention/STEAM** LAX

Diverse representation of people is critical to STEAM and to close the equity gap in STEAM careers. We'll share activities for students and collaborate with others to support diversity in STEAM and invention education.

Presenter: Florence Falatko *Math Teacher, Cromwell Valley Elementary (Baltimore County)*

### **Culturally Responsive Practices that Support Multilingual Learners and Diverse Populations** Upington

Participants will learn about culturally responsive teaching practices that support and promote a positive educational environment for multilingual learners and diverse populations.

Presenters: Dionna Ricks *English Language Development, Jackson Road Elementary School (Montgomery County)*; Dawn Lynch *English Learner Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School (Frederick County)*

### **Equity through Student Voice, Student Activism, and Student Belonging** Heathrow

Learn how educators can interrupt racism and promote learning opportunities. This interactive session, lead by student facilitators and their

advisor from the Minority Scholars Program, will help you better understand the experiences of students of color.

Presenter: Debra Delevan *Social Studies Teacher, James Hubert Blake High School (Montgomery County)*

### **Imagine a School Where Every Black Boy Was Doing Well** Santos Dumont

This session will scratch the surface in addressing the all too common narratives about Black boys in schools. Participants will learn about the training needed to think about, instruct in, and engage in welcoming and restorative spaces.

Presenter: Dr. Daryl Howard *Equity Instructional Specialist (Montgomery County)*

### **Year-Round Organizing and the ESP Bill of Rights** Coal Harbor

This session will include a panel discussion with our current ESP member year-round organizers. We'll discuss our local ESP contract campaigns and how we are growing our ESP membership and activism using MSEA's ESP Bill of Rights as our calling card.

Presenter: Sean McKillop *Statewide ESP Organizer, MSEA Center for Organizing and Advocacy*

