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Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

January 27-29: Montana Principals Conference - Helena - [Register](#)

February 11: MT-PEC Caucus Day on the Hill

February 14-16: AASA National Conference on Education - Los Angeles

February 20-22: MCEC Conference - Helena

February 25-28: MACSS Mid-Winter Conference - Helena

March 18: Day of Advocacy - Helena

March 18-19: MASS Spring Conference - Helena

What is Your Purpose in 2019?

by Pam Meier, MAEMSP President

The new year provides a convenient time for us as leaders to reflect, both as an opportunity to appreciate the progress that has been made throughout the year and also to identify goals to help us, our staffs and our school communities continue growing personally, professionally and collectively.

With this said, the recent passing of our 41st President, George H. W. Bush, provided the Nation a collective opportunity to reflect upon him both as an individual and as an elected official. Hearing the numerous tributes given by former colleagues, friends and adversaries provided some deeper insight into the importance of Servant Leadership and the lasting impact it can have on those around someone embodying the attributes of a servant leader.

Oftentimes, elected officials are judged by the number of consecutive terms for which they served or the landmark policies or legislation they championed. However, in the case of President George H. W. Bush, most of the tributes from former world or national leaders focused on his attention to the needs of others at the expense of his, even if it eventually cost him a re-election. In an interview prior to his death, he attributed his focus on service to others as a result of his life being spared in a plane crash in World War 2. Two of his crewmates perished in that crash, which haunted him daily for the entirety of his life - why was he spared? What was his purpose?

He concluded that the answer would be found in service to others around him, including his country. Not everyone has to be drawn to politics to find a way to serve others. I would venture to say that most, if not all, of us were drawn into education by our deep desire to make a difference in the lives of others, be it the children or staffs in our buildings or the community we serve through our roles in education.

In 1997, he wrote:

"I have pursued life itself for many years now with varying degrees of happiness. Some of my happiness still comes from trying to be in my own small way a true point of light. I believe...there can be no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others. I do not seek a Pulitzer Prize. I do not want press attention. I don't crave sitting at the head table or winning a coveted award..."

I hope as we move into 2019, we can all take a moment to reflect not only on what we've accomplished but more importantly how much more there is left to do in our service to others. Our leadership most importantly provides opportunities to serve as positive leadership examples through our actions in service to others. While the intent of our actions may not always be appreciated by others, I hope we can be sure that those intentions are in the spirit of service. So to leverage a phrase made famous by former President Bush, I hope as fellow members of MAEMSP we can all serve as a "thousand points of light" in the many ways we serve our students, staffs and communities.

Happy 2019!

Pam Meier
MAEMSP President

SAM Anticipates an Outstanding 2019!

by Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director

Legislative Information for the 2019 Session

As we approach the 66th Legislative Session beginning on January 7, 2019, SAM is creating

**March 18-19: METAtchED
- Helena**

**** View the full SAM
Calendar****

**Thank you to this
month's featured
Business Partners!**



Happy New Year! 2019 promises to be a fine year for SAM and our members as we work together to make a positive difference in the education of our students! The promise on the horizon anticipates excellent professional learning

opportunities for our SAM members, a deep dive into advocacy with our SAM advocacy priorities at the forefront, and continued effort of our administrators all across the state to participate fully in the work that impacts the education of our children. The three goals of the SAM Strategic Plan provide focus for this important work...

Leadership Involved in Decisions that Impact Education:

SAM affiliate members modeling and promoting the highest levels of professionalism, integrity, and leadership actively engage in impactful discussions on education.

Advocacy: SAM members will be equipped with accurate information and prepared to use it to advocate for public education.

Professional Learning and Services: SAM will extend and expand the professional learning delivery system using the expertise of the SAM affiliate's, as well as other service providers through professional development, mentorship, and other member services.

Thank you SAM members for your participation and contributions to your professional association, SAM. Our collective effort around the strategic plan goals will lead us to the promise of an outstanding 2019!

Happy New Year to you from your team at SAM!

Kevin D. Miller

Montana Principals Conference 2019



Sunday, January 27:

- Keynote - **Jimmy Casas** - "Live Your Excellence Starting Today!"
- De-Stressing Techniques & Deskercise
- Social Hour Sponsored by T.E.S.T. Inc.

Monday, January 28:

- Keynote - **Dave Weber** - "Sticks & Stones Exposed"
- **Jimmy Casas** - "Culturize - Every Student. Every Day. Whatever It Takes"
- **Breakout Session 1** - "I'm Spread So Thin You Can See Through Me" (Time Management & Organization)
- **Breakout Session 2** - "I Am NOT Stressed Out!" (Stress Management)
- Hospitality Hour - Sponsored by Lifetouch
- Awards Banquet - **EDUCATIONAL SUPERHEROS - Dress up as your favorite superhero!**

In attendance will be:
NASSP President Christine Handy & Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti
NAESP Executive Director Earl Franks

tools for effective communication to be used by our members during the legislative session.

Visit the [SAM website](#), click on the menu items associated with the "2019 Legislative Session" tab under "Advocacy" to review the resources we are putting together for the session. Please note that login is required as only SAM members have access to the legislative tools. Please call the SAM office if you have difficulties logging in.

The SAM website can serve as a great place to follow important happenings during the session. We are also seeking SAM members who will assist in advocacy by joining the SAM Legislative Network 2019 (SAMLN19). Click [HERE](#) to see the description and responsibilities of the SAMLN19. Click [HERE](#) to join SAMLN19.

Please join over 80 SAM members and sign up so we can ensure that educators' voices are heard clearly in the 2019 Legislative session. We know that our strength in advocacy for the education of Montana's children comes from our member's effort during the session to help our legislators understand and balance the needs for providing an outstanding system of public schools to meet the full educational potential of each child!



SAM Needs Assessment Survey Deadline - January 11, 2019

Please click [SAM SURVEY 2019](#) to complete the survey.

Mobile Learning

The [Consortium for School Networking \(CoSN\)](#) and its state affiliate chapter, [Montana educational Technologists Association \(META\)](#) are pleased to continue to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams in leading all aspects of digital learning transformations. Last month CoSN shared information on Cloud Computing with SAM members.

(https://cosn.org/sites/default/files/Superintendents%20Initiative%20-%20Cloud%20Computing_1.pdf)

This month we focus on the topic of Leadership for Mobile Learning. Whether it is a school or district provided device via a one-to-one program or a BYOD implementation, the planning and execution work involves far more than a discussion about choosing a device. The all too common mistake that happens when schools or districts embark on leveraging mobile learning to improve student success is the emphasis on the "what" (the digital device) rather than the "why".

CoSN is pleased to provide school leaders with an overview of the details that must be addressed regarding both technological platforms and human capacity when initiating and sustaining a mobile learning environment. You are invited to access a one-page guide for Leading Mobile Learning at

http://www.cosn.org/sites/default/files/Superintendents%20Initiative%20-%20Mobile%20Learning_2.pdf

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Tuesday, January 29:

- Hot Breakfast
- Candidate Speeches
- **EdCamp Breakout Sessions**
 - ****Heidi Opitz-Self-Care for Professional Educators**
 - ****Dr. Mark Schure & Bill Bryan: Understanding How Brain Health Conditions Can Impact Faculty, Students, and Families"**
- Closing Keynote Speaker - **Matt Kuntz - NAMI**

More information

Register HERE!

Award Deadlines

January 9, 2019 (Extended from Dec. 14 Deadline)

MAEMSP

- **Adrian Langstaff Award**
- **NAESP Conference Incentive Scholarship Award**
- **Appreciation Award**

More information: [2019 MAEMSP AWARDS](#)

MASSP

- **Conference Incentive Award**

More information: [2019 MASSP AWARDS](#)

January 11, 2019

MCASE

- **Special Education Director**
- **Special Education Teacher**
- **Regular Education Teacher**

More information: [2019 MCASE AWARDS](#)

CoSN has partnered with edWeb to provide a monthly webinar series on topics essential for leading digital transformations. School superintendents serve as panelists on each webinar and share their stories and expertise. Every webinar is recorded for viewing by those who are not able to join the live broadcast. The title of the January 14, 2019 webinar (scheduled for 5:00 pm ET) is "Leadership for Mobile Learning: Creating a Shared Vision". Learn more and register for this free webinar at

<https://home.edweb.net/webinar/supers20181210/>

If your school or district would like more information about joining CoSN or getting more involved with CoSN, please contact Brian Calvary, CAE, CoSN Director of Membership and Chapters, at bcalvary@cosn.org.



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