

# INSPIRED ED

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EMPOWERED TO LEAD.

**MARCH 7, 2025**



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**EDUCATORS  
RISING**

MISSOURI



## ..... WELCOME .....

We look forward to a day of learning, competition, and inspiration. Thank you for being a part of the Missouri Educators Rising community!

## ..... WIFI .....

**Network:** EDURising  
**Password:** EDURising2025!

## ..... ASSISTANCE .....

Volunteers will be stationed throughout the campus to provide directions and answer questions. Look for anyone wearing a Westminster shirt - they will help!

Assistance will also be available at the Registration Table in the Hunter Activity Center.

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Follow Educators Rising on Instagram **@EducatorsRising** and share your experience using **#EdRisingMO**. You can also join our **Missouri Educators Rising Facebook Group**.

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**Registration & Welcome** ..... 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
*Hunter Activity Center*

**Opening Ceremony** ..... 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
*Champ Auditorium*

**Morning Competitions &  
Breakout Sessions** ..... 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
*Various Locations (refer to competition schedule for specifics)*

**Lunch Break** ..... 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
*Backer Dining Hall*

**Afternoon Competitions &  
Breakout Sessions** ..... 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
*Various Locations (refer to competition schedule for specifics)*

**Closing Ceremony & Awards** ..... 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*Champ Auditorium*

# MEET THE CONFERENCE



## RESOURCE TEAM



### **Dr. Tami Ensor (Streeter)**

Ed Rising State Coordinator

Associate Professor of Education  
Westminster College

Tami.Ensor@WCMO.edu

Dr. Streeter will be “everywhere”! Say Hi when you see her!



### **Jennifer BlackCone**

Ed Rising Judge Coordinator

Retired Columbia Public  
Schools Teacher

Speech/Theater/English

You can find Jennifer in the Hunter Activity Center. She is located in the Glass room next door to registration. Stop by to see her!



**Dr. Erich Jauch**

Ed Rising Registration Coordinator  
Associate Professor of Math  
Westminster College  
Erich.Jauch@WCMO.edu

You can find Dr. Jauch in Herman Lounge located in the Hunter Activity Center. You will meet him at Registration!



**Linda Williams**

Ed Rising Registration  
TEP Placement Coordinator  
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"Teachers who love teaching teach children to love learning!"  
- *Author Unknown*

# MEET YOUR MISSOURI



## ED RISING OFFICERS



### **Grant Smail**

President  
Missouri Educators Rising

My name is Grant Smail, and I am honored to serve as the president of Educators Rising in Missouri. I am a proud student at Maryville High School and will graduate with the Class of 2025. Throughout my high school journey, I have achieved several milestones, including being elected as a class representative, earning an academic letter

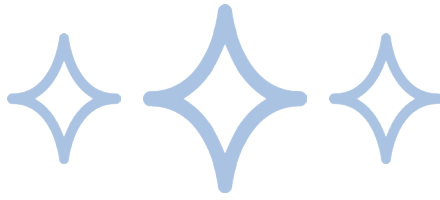
each year, and maintaining top academic honors in my class. In addition to academics, I have been actively involved in extracurricular activities such as baseball, student council, and the National Honor Society. These experiences have shaped me as a leader and team player. Over the past year, I had the privilege of interning at Maryville Middle School, where I accumulated over 100 hours of classroom experience. This hands-on opportunity further solidified my passion for education and my goal of becoming a teacher. As a future educator, my mission is to inspire students, leave a positive impact on their lives, and serve as a role model they can look up to for years to come.



### **Sam Tecklenburg**

Vice President  
Missouri Educators Rising

My name is Sam Tecklenburg and I am the Vice President of Missouri Educators Rising. I am a Senior in high school and I attend Washington High School. I am an Eagle Scout and I am involved in many school clubs like Student Government and Sophomore and Junior class officers. I am very excited to be working with every one of the officers to plan the state conference and I am excited to meet all of you!



## **Kylie Meyer**

Secretary  
Missouri Educators Rising

Hello friends, my name is Kylie Meyer and I'm the state secretary for Educators Rising. I am a junior at Washington High School as a 2026 graduate. Throughout high school, I have been very involved. I am an active member of FFA, and the treasurer for Educators Rising in our class chapter. I'm also involved in Link Crew and play for my school's softball team. Through the year I get field experience by going into a classroom for a few hours through the week and getting that experience of being a teacher in the classroom. My goal in teaching is to help students grow and have a positive experience in school.



## **Delaney Ohm**

Ambassador  
Missouri Educators Rising

Hi everyone! My name is Delaney Ohm and I am one of your national ambassadors for Educators Rising! I am a senior at Washington high school graduating this year! Throughout middle school and high school I have been a manager for our schools wrestling team. I am also involved in Teaching Careers and link crew. Through Teaching Careers I have been able to get field experience being in the classroom with kids a few hours each week. Through this experience it is great to learn all about teaching! I want to be a teacher so I can help kids grow and have a positive outlook on school!

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Jennifer Jones**

Missouri Teacher of the Year  
Keynote Speaker  
[Jennifer.Jones@LSR7.net](mailto:Jennifer.Jones@LSR7.net)

### OPENING CEREMONY KEYNOTE EMBRACING INDIVIDUALITY: THE TEACHER YOUR STUDENTS NEED

In this engaging and interactive session, I will explore the powerful message that every aspiring educator has a unique role to play in shaping students' lives. Through a mix of movement, discussion, and reflection, attendees will discover that the kind of teacher they become will be exactly what some students need.

Jennifer became the 56th Missouri Teacher of the Year since the program's inception in 1957.





**Maria Walden**  
MRTA Executive Director  
MariaWalden@MRTA.org

**CLOSING CEREMONY KEYNOTE**  
**INSPIRING THE FUTURE:**  
**YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS TODAY**

Maria Walden has extensive knowledge regarding retirement systems, working with elected officials, collaborating and building consensus with other entities who support state retirement systems, and communicating effectively with multiple audiences. Beyond her 14 years with PSRS/ PEERS, she served as the Assistant Executive Director for the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association, and in leadership roles for the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration.

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## SESSION PRESENTERS



**Dr. Troy S. Hogg**

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education  
Jefferson City Schools  
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### SESSION IN HAZEL 302, REEVES LIBRARY "FINDING SUCCESS AND LONGEVITY IN AN EDUCATIONAL CAREER"

In his presentation, Dr. Hogg focuses on guiding soon-to-be graduates in finding success and building a fulfilling, long-lasting career in education, offering practical advice and encouragement to help them thrive as they embark on their professional journey.

Dr. Troy S. Hogg brings over three decades of experience in public education, having served as a teacher, administrator, and leader in diverse school districts. With a passion for innovation in education, Dr. Hogg has successfully established STEM academies, launched free preschool programs, and spearheaded curriculum improvements. His leadership and dedication to excellence have been recognized through numerous accolades, including the Missouri Distinguished Principal Award from KCEPA in 2020.



**Bryce Hale**

Legislative Director  
Westminster College's Education Association  
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I am a junior at Westminster College majoring in Physical Education. I am an active member of the Education Association and play as a defensive lineman for the Westminster football team.

**SESSION IN HAZEL 311, REEVES LIBRARY  
BRIDGING THE GAP: HOW FEDERAL, STATE,  
& LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHAPE EDUCATION**

In this session, aspiring educators will explore the key differences between the responsibilities of state, local, and federal governments in shaping education policy. Participants will gain insight into how each level of government influences curriculum, funding, and school operations. Additionally, the session will highlight recent and ongoing education-related legislation in Missouri, providing students with a practical understanding of how laws impact schools at the state and local levels. This session will equip future educators with the knowledge to navigate the legal landscape of education and advocate for effective policy changes.



**Colton Goodwin**

Legislative Director

Westminster College's Education Association

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I am a senior at Westminster College who is double majoring in Secondary Education and History. I am a member of multiple campus organizations and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Alpha Chi honor societies."

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**Victoria Knight**  
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SESSION IN REEVES LIBRARY (1ST FLOOR)  
**BOOK BANS: WHO DECIDES?**

Join us while we explore the critical issue of book banning in education. We will examine the difference between challenges and bans, analyze real-world examples of banned books, and discuss strategies for navigating censorship and promoting intellectual freedom in the classroom.

Victoria Knight graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and a Master's in Library and Information Science in 2018, and currently is working towards a Certification in Archival Studies from Louisiana State University. Victoria worked at Maryville University in St. Louis as the Head Research Librarian before coming to Westminster College as the Director of Library Services in 2021.



**Dr. Nicol Allen**

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SESSION IN NATIONAL CHURCHILL MUSEUM  
**MUSEUMS IN EDUCATION: AMERICA'S  
NATIONAL CHURCHILL MUSEUM**

Come one, come all—don't miss out on this exciting journey through history! Join Dr. Nicol Allen for an engaging and lively tour of America's National Churchill Museum, where history comes to life! Discover how the past can be fun, fascinating, and full of surprises.

Tours start every half hour from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and last approximately 20 minutes.

Dr. Nicol Allen, Professor of Museum Studies and History  
Born in a small town with a rich history, Nicol developed a passion for the past from an early age. After high school, she joined the military, traveling extensively and immersing herself in diverse cultures and histories. These experiences deepened her appreciation for the ways people and places shape the world. When she began college, she realized her true calling was teaching—and she pursued that goal with unwavering dedication.



**Bob Martin**

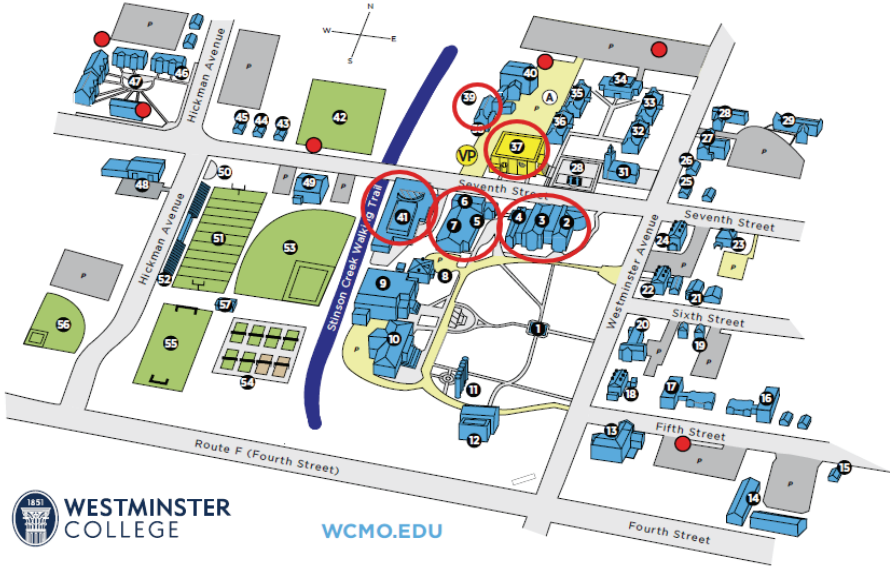
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SESSION IN HAZEL 301, REEVES LIBRARY  
**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR EDUCATORS**

Let's explore how Generative AI tools can help with lesson planning, activity creation, grading support, and more, for future teachers and experienced teachers alike! As a teacher, you want as much time as possible to focus on students. Learn practical ways future educators can leverage AI to enhance learning while keeping the human touch.

Bob is an experienced adult educator with over 20 years of experience, including 18 years specializing in technology integration in education. At MOREnet, Bob has been at the forefront of researching and implementing Artificial Intelligence in K-12 education. Over the past year, he has focused on how AI can be used by teachers, introduced to students, and integrated into the learning process. In the year, Bob has successfully introduced over 1500 teachers to AI tools and techniques through interactive presentations and custom classes.

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|---|---|--|
| 1 Davidson Leadership Plaza                                       | 30 Beta Theta Pi Fraternity   | 50 Mueller Leadership Hall<br>(Backer Dining Room) |
| 2 Hazel Wing  | 31 Sustainability Office  | 51 Kent & Judith Mueller Student Center            |
| 3 Reeves Library  | 32 Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity   | 52 Coulter Science Center                          |
| 4 Student Success Center  | 33 Jack Marshall Alumni Center  | 53 Practice Field                                  |
| 5 Hunter Scivity Center - registration                            | 34 Delta Tau Delta Fraternity   | 54 Football Coaches' Office                        |
| 6 Johnson College Inn (JCI)<br>Westminster Women's History Museum | 35 Churchill Institute  | 55 Softball Coaches' Office                        |
| 7 Veterans Memorial & Museum<br>Mabee Gym                         | 36 Campus Safety & Security   | 56 M/W Soccer, M/W Tennis Coaches' Office          |
| 8 Washington West House   | 37 Wetterau Hall  | 57 ECO House                                       |
| 9 Historic Gymnasium  | 38 Sweazey Hall   | 58 Westminster Grove Townhouses                    |
| 10 Westminster Hall   | 39 Weigle Hall  | 59 General Services (Plant Operations)             |
| 11 The Columns  | 40 Latschaw Plaza/Breakthrough<br>(Berlin Wall Sculpture)                                 | 60 Wetterau Center for Field Sports                |
| 12 Newnham Hall   | 41 Church of St. Mary, The Virgin,<br>Aldermanbury/America's National<br>Churchill Museum | 61 Vicki Mueller Memorial Plaza                    |
| 13 Sigma Chi Fraternity   | 42 Marquess Hall  | 62 Blue Jay Field (Football/Soccer)                |
| 14 Westminster Apartments   | 43 Gage Hall  | 63 Kent & Judith Mueller Stadium                   |
| 15 Pre-Engineering Workshop                                       | 44 Sloss Hall   | 64 Saucier Field (Baseball)                        |
| 16 Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity                                 | 45 Scott Hall   | 65 Elder Tennis Courts/Sand Volleyball Courts      |
| 17 Emerson Hall   | 46 Rice Hall  | 66 Practice Field                                  |
| 18 Phi Delta Theta Fraternity                                     | 47 Champ Auditorium & Enrollment Services   | 67 Blue Jay Softball Field                         |
| 19 Center for Faith & Service,<br>Remley Women & Gender Center    | 48 Bookstore  | 68 Soccer Field House                              |

P = Parking

● = Emergency Phones

■ = Student Parking

■ = Faculty/Staff Parking

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING  
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