

2024  
EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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2024 Conference

Engaging Communities  
for Educational Excellence.



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FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Minneapolis Marriott Northwest  
Brooklyn Park

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# Agenda

7:30 a.m. ....Check-in and Continental Breakfast

8 a.m. .... **Welcome / Introductions**

- *AMSD Chair Laura Oksnevad and BrightWorks Chair Bill Harvey*

8:15 a.m. .... **Community-Engaged Leadership  
as an Equity Imperative**

- *Dr. Darrius Stanley*

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. .... BREAK

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. ....BREAKOUT SESSION #1

10:45 - 11 a.m. .... BREAK

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. .... BREAKOUT SESSION #2

12 p.m. .... LUNCH

12:45 - 1:30 p.m. .... **Student Panel Discussion**

- *A student panel from the Minnesota Youth Council, moderated by Kita Yang, Board Member, North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale*

1:45 - 2:45 p.m. .... BREAKOUT SESSION #3

2:45 - 3 p.m. .... BREAK

3 - 4 p.m. .... BREAKOUT SESSION #4

4 p.m. .... CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

# PRESENTATIONS

## ***MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS (ATTEND 2 of 4)***

### **How We Know Better, So We Can Do Better**

A four-student panel and presentation hosted by Supt. Dr. Jenny Loeck and Niceta Thomas, Roseville Area Schools

Location: Hennepin Salon 1

### **Minnesota School Integration Story**

Hosted by Derek Francis, BrightWorks Regional Culturally Responsive Lead

Location: Hennepin Salon 2

### **Social Justice in the Classroom**

A presentation and student/parent panel hosted by Shannon Dodson, Megan Tulia Krolnik and Allie Duellman, West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan School District 197

Location: Hennepin Salon 3

### **Realizing the Read Act: A Literacy Partnership for Success**

Hosted by Lisa Silmser, Anoka-Hennepin Schools and David Parker, ServeMN

Location: Elm Creek Amphitheatre

## ***AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS (ATTEND 2 of 4)***

### **Public/Private Partnerships that Transform Students' Career and College Experiences**

Hosted by Supt. Dr. Laurie Putnam and Jason Harris, St. Cloud Area Schools

Location: Hennepin Salon 1

### **Leadership Matters: A Model for Principal Culturally Responsive Leadership Support, Improvement and Evaluation**

Hosted by Supt. Dr. Stacie Stanley, Nate Swenson, and Dr. Frannie Becquer, Edina Public Schools

Location: Hennepin Salon 2

### **"It Takes a Village" to Support Students' Literacy**

Hosted by BrightWorks Team of Literacy Coaches

Location: Hennepin Salon 3

### **Traits of the Hopkins Scholar: From Vision to Action**

Hosted by Supt. Dr. Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed and Dr. Ann Ertl, Hopkins Public Schools

Location: Elm Creek Amphitheatre

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About  
Dr. Darrius  
Stanley



**Darrius A. Stanley Ph.D.** is an assistant professor of educational leadership at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Darrius is an alumnus of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a Historically Black University. He received his Masters of Education from the University of Central Florida and his PhD in Educational Administration from Michigan State University. Darrius is a former middle school educator and school leader.

Currently, his research foci include Black teachers, Black Education, culturally responsive, and community-engaged school leadership praxis. Darrius centers Black educational perspectives and philosophies in the preparation of aspiring school, district and university leaders. His most recent book *#BlackEducatorsMatter: The Experiences of Black Teachers in an Anti-Black World*, received the 2024 American Educational Studies Association Critics Choice Book Award.

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