The MSCA Fall Conference has always been a vital part of my professional development to infuse my school counseling program with new ideas and strengthen current practices. The theme for this year’s conference is Fearless, and as we near the 2017 MSCA Fall Conference, the conference planning committee has been working hard to plan a conference that will challenge and inspire you to step outside the box. As you look through this conference preview you will find an increased number of breakout sessions, keynote speakers focused on motivating and inspiring leadership, a re-formatted Saturday Institute, and additional evening activities and ways to support the conference project.

The MSCA Fall Conference is also a great way to connect with other School Counselors and create a professional network of resources. I hope that the information you find in this conference preview encourages you to take the steps to register today and attend the only conference in Missouri focused solely on the professional growth of School Counselors. I look forward to seeing you in November where Missouri School Counselors will celebrate what they always are... fearless.

Geoff Heckman,
2017-2018 MSCA President

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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REASONS TO ATTEND

1. **COLLABORATION**
   For three days you get to spend time learning and networking with more than 1,200 school counselors from across the state!

2. **ANNUAL PROJECT**
   Participate in conference activities to help raise money for this year’s project, Children’s Mercy Hospital (Kansas City) Family Support Fund

3. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
   Over 100 breakout sessions presented by school counseling’s finest are featured at this year’s event.

4. **CLOSING SESSION**
   Don’t miss John O’Leary for an inspirational address to keep you motivated until next year’s conference!

5. **OPENING SESSION**
   Arrive in time for the Opening Session to hear from Aric Bostick. Don’t miss region roll call!

6. **LEVEL SHARING**
   Attend Level Sharing to network with those that represent your grade-level(s).

7. **SATURDAY INSTITUTE**
   This year’s Saturday Institute offers TWO outstanding workshops put together for your enjoyment and entertainment. Look for the new afternoon format, which makes attending the event even easier!

8. **EXHIBITORS**
   More than 120 exhibitors are expected at this year’s event. Plan to visit the exhibit hall to meet with each of these companies to see what they can offer to you as a school counselor.

9. **NETWORKING WITH MACS MEMBERS**
   New this year, the Missouri Association of Career Services (MACS) will join us for the conference and have their own strand of workshops, which all attendees are welcome to attend.

10. **CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**
    Trivia Night, Fitness Power Hour, Service Project, Dance and More! This year’s activities will ensure plenty of fun with colleagues from across the state!
SPECIAL EVENTS & CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENTS
Students receive a $45 discount on conference registration fees. To register as a student, please visit the MSCA website at www.moschoolcounselor.org.

EXHIBIT HALL
The exhibit hall is a great place to network and learn. Have a preferred vendor that you want to make sure is present this year? Send an email to jill@penman-winton.com or direct potential exhibitors to www.moschoolcounselor.org.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS BY DAY

SUNDAY
- Exhibit hall opens at 11:00 a.m.
- New counselors’ and first-time attendees’ welcome luncheon from 11:45 to 12:45 p.m.
- No-conflict time with the exhibitors from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Opening session beginning at 2:00 p.m. featuring Aric Bostick.
- Hospitalities from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Dance celebration beginning at 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY
- Power Fitness Hour beginning at 7:00 a.m.
- No-conflict time with the exhibitors from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
- Level Sharing from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.
- Hospitalities and Poker Run from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Evening activities including hospitalities, trivia night, poker run, project walk, evening social, and service project activity.

TUESDAY
- Closing session featuring John O’Leary beginning at 9:45 a.m.
- Conference concludes at 11:00 a.m.
This year’s Annual Project is the Children’s Mercy Hospital Family Support Fund which provides unlimited support to families that have children receiving care in the hospital. To learn more about the Family Support Fund, please visit https://www.childrens-mercy.org/Patients_and_Families/Support_and_Services/Family-Centered_Care/Supporting_Families/.

Want to know how you can help? Fundraisers for the Annual Project include: the basket raffle, Fitness Power Hour, purchasing reserved seating at Monday’s luncheon, poker run, and more. Also, new this year, is a special time set aside on Monday evening for our Service Project Activity, which will include making blankets to give to families at Children’s Mercy. Interested in donating to the Service Project? Contact the MSCA Office at msca@penman-winton.com.

The 2017 Trivia Night will be held on Monday evening. Doors for the event will open at 6:00 p.m. with play beginning at 7:00 p.m. Play will conclude by 9:00 p.m. Teams are limited to eight participants. Interested participants may register as an individual or as part of a team. Individuals will be paired up with others at the event. The cost to participate is $5 per person or $40 for a team of eight. Registrations will be accepted at the door on the evening of the event. All proceeds from this year’s event will benefit the Gysbers Foundation.

For the third year, attendees will have the opportunity to contribute to the Annual Project by purchasing a reserved seat for Monday’s luncheon. Reserved seats will be available for $5 per individual. Tickets may be purchased at the on-site registration desk on Sunday from 10:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Monday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please note that reservations are not required and lunch is included within your registration fee.

A full listing of finalized breakout sessions will be available in late August. Prior to finalizing the schedule, we are asking for attendees to complete a pre-conference survey so we can better identify which sessions will be the most well-attended. To complete a pre-conference survey, please visit http://tinyurl.com/MSCAConfSurvey.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

ARIC BOSTICK
OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
2:00 TO 3:30 P.M.

Aric inspires audiences nationwide to achieve greater performance, engagement, and happiness. Aric passionately infuses humor, inspiration, and simple techniques to initiate change — both at home and in the workplace — through his high-energy, world-class keynotes, workshops, and customized retreats focused on corporate motivation.

As a former teacher, Aric Bostick inspires educational audiences nationwide — having equipped more than a half million people with energy and strategies to overcome personal challenges and achieve life-long goals. Aric fosters strong connections through his targeted, high-energy keynotes, workshops, and camps—reaching and training students, educators, parents and employees working to make a difference.

JOHN O’LEARY
CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
9:45 TO 11:00 A.M.

Expected to die. Now teaching others how to truly live.

In 1987, John O’Leary was a curious nine-year-old boy. Playing with fire and gasoline, John created a massive explosion in his home and was burned on 100% of his body. He was given 1% chance to live.

This epic story of survival was first showcased in his parents’ book Overwhelming Odds, in 2006. It was this book that first invited John to embrace his miraculous recovery and share it with the world.

Today, John is the author of the instant #1 National Bestselling book ON FIRE: the 7 Choices to Ignite a Radically Inspired Life and an inspirational speaker teaching more than 50,000 people around the world each year how to live inspired.

Consistently described as “the best speaker we’ve ever had,” John’s emotional story-telling, unexpected humor, and authenticity make each of his presentations truly transformational.
Saturday Institute sessions provide an added opportunity for receiving additional professional development prior to the Annual Fall Conference, which is scheduled for November 5-7. The cost to attend is just $60 for members or $85 for non-members. On-line registration or a downloadable registration form is available at www.moschoolcounselor.org.

Attendees will choose from two options, including:
• Supporting Kids, Parents & Teachers by Dr. Jane Bluestein and
• Creating Fearless School Counseling Programs by Chrissy Bashore, Carolyn Roof, Dr. Sharon Sevier, Dr. Rene’ Yoesel and friends.

MSCA is YOUR professional education organization. We provide services that will contribute to your knowledge, expertise, and growth.

Membership in MSCA is one of the best professional development investments you can make. As a member of this organization, you will be given an opportunity to participate in its many programs, all of which are designed to advance the profession and help each member achieve greater personal and professional growth.

MSCA delivers all the best professional learning and resources a school counselor needs. You’ll be rewarded with renewed confidence and competence in your skills and abilities, a vast network of colleagues online and face-to-face upon which to rely, as well as saving time and money as you advance your counseling career.

Why Join MSCA?
• Subscription to MSCA’s official publications
• A voice in national organizations such as ASCA and ACTE
• Active liaison with state educational organizations
• Direct involvement during local, state and national legislative processes
• Annual Fall, Spring, and Leadership Development Conferences
• Research Assistance
As approved during the 2016 Delegate Assembly meeting, MSCA is moving to a 9-member Board of Directors. The first three of these directors will be elected during the 2017 Fall Conference. On-line voting will open on October 24 on the MSCA website at www.moschoolcounselor.org and conclude on Tuesday, November 7. Paid MSCA members may only vote once for the three candidates of their choice. The winners will be announced during the Closing Session on Tuesday, November 7. Candidates are Matthew Berry, Jeanine Davison, Nancy Doubrava, Becky Houtchens, Lori Kayser, Linda Meadows, and Tosha Todd.

MATTHEW BERRY

RITENOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTEREST STATEMENT
I am interested in serving on the MSCA Board of Directors because I have an invested interest in advocating for the professional needs of all school counselors in Missouri. This is so vital because school counselors play an important role in the success of students. As an educator for the past thirteen years I have had a great opportunity to work as a school counselor, to provide direct instructional coaching and to serve school counselors at the regional level as the SLSSCA President and state level as current member of the MSCA Governing Board. Because of the contributions I have made to MSCA over the past couple of years my desire to serve on the MSCA Board has grown significantly. The mission of MSCA to promote the implementation of comprehensive school counseling programs and to provide quality professional development aligns with my core beliefs and interests. As a member on the MSCA Board of Directors, I will be afforded an opportunity to continuing leading in these areas while providing sound judgement and experience that would serve to benefit the members of MSCA.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
I am proud to be a school counselor at Ritenour Middle School and current St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association President. School Counselors are advocates for the educational, social and emotional needs of all students. My goal has always been to break barriers while sustaining systems that support all students!

JEANINE DAVISON

COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

INTEREST STATEMENT
I want to serve on the MSCA board of directors because I would love the opportunity to represent you while working closely with the heart of this association. I will bring fresh ideas, experience, and knowledge to support our organization as we grow. My 17-year counseling career has included positions in districts of varying sizes and student demographics, which makes me well suited to represent counselors from all settings. I am organized, resourceful, collaborative, and a diligent worker. I have served on the governing board of the Mid-Missouri School Counselor Association for eight years, most recently as district President. As President, I run meetings efficiently and have strong communication skills. I have positive interpersonal skills that have helped me to work successfully with many teachers, parents, students, and colleagues. I believe that my strengths are a perfect combination to advocate for counselors and school counseling at the state level. By serving on the board I can expand my network, acquire new skills and ideas, and share them with other counselors. I know that I will have a positive impact on our organization and profession though this opportunity.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
Jeanine is a school counselor with 18 years’ experience in counseling settings. Currently she works for Columbia Public Schools. She has a therapy dog that loves giving/receiving hugs and smiles as much as she does. Her background includes a Masters in Counseling Education and being a LPC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

NANCY DOUBRAVA
NIXA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

INTEREST STATEMENT
It would be an honor to serve on the MSCA Board of Directors. I would like to be involved in the growing of our organization for school counselors and students. I have enjoyed being involved at my region and state levels. It has helped me grow as a school counselor and personally. I would like to be a part of hearing what our members need, want, and making sure that it is followed through in our MSCA organization. While leading the Southwest area of School Counselors I helped grow our organization and bring advocacy to school counselors. I have a positive voice that I would like to share at the state level. MSCA Board of Directors is going to do great things and I would be privileged to be a small part of it.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
Nancy Doubrava is currently the 8th grade School Counselor at Nixa Junior High. She is a wife and mother of 2. School Counseling is her passion after God and her family. Nancy enjoys learning about school counseling and making sure she is up to date on all of the latest for school counseling and students. It would be an honor for her to represent School Counselors on the MSCA Board of Directors.

BECKY HOUTCHENS
MARYVILLE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTEREST STATEMENT
I joined MSCA and NWMSCA in my first year as a school counselor in 2001. For 11 years, I was content simply being a member of both groups before being invited to join the Northwest Region Governing Board in 2012. I found that to be such a valuable professional learning experience that I increased my involvement and became Region President during the 2016-17 school year, which has exposed me to the MSCA Governing Board/Board of Directors. From this experience, I’ve come to learn that I have a passion for representing the school counseling profession for my colleagues. I have seen MSCA emerge into a new and exciting period of growth and I want to be a part of that, to become a leader in that continued growth. In my nearly 20 years as a school counselor, I have witnessed a change in our profession; I believe the school counselor position has become even more vital as our students experience new challenges that we’ve never seen before. I want to be in the forefront of helping Missouri’s school counselors to best serve these students. I feel that involvement in the Board of Directors is a perfect way to achieve that goal.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
I am a counselor at Maryville High School, in northwest Missouri. I’ve been a school counselor since 1998, beginning in a K-12 school before spending the past 8 years at the high school level. My husband Bob and I have two sons, ages 9 and 7. I am excited to help lead MSCA into the future.
INTEREST STATEMENT
I would like to serve on the MSCA Board of Directors because I believe in giving back to an organization that has given me so much. As the president of the Southeast region, I constantly stress the importance for our members to assume leadership roles; therefore, I wish to lead by example by serving if elected. I have a passion for school counseling and want to be more involved on the state level. I feel that being on the MSCA Board of Directors is a way for me to grow personally and professionally, but it will also be a chance to work for school counselors across the state and advocate for all counselors and their roles in schools. Therefore, I feel that serving on the board is a wonderful opportunity.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
Even though I have been in education for a long time, I still have a love for what I do. I face every year with renewed energy and excitement about what the year may bring. I have a great support system at home and at work, and I push myself to be better than the day before while always keeping a positive attitude about life. Above all things, I try to be kind to others.

INTEREST STATEMENT
I wish to serve on the MSCA Board of Directors because I want to give back to the organization and the profession that has meant so much to me for over 25 years. I am excited about the new direction of leadership with a Board of Directors. I believe that I have a wealth of experience from serving on two Missouri District Governing Boards as well as 5 years on the MSCA Governing Board. While I am familiar with the "old ways," I am not stuck there. Change can be stressful in many ways, but I see change as a catalyst for growth. It is such an opportunity for learning and moving forward. I want to stay fresh, and I want MSCA to stay fresh too. I want to see MSCA continue to grow and promote our profession. I love what I do. It is not just a job, but part of who I am. I have a heart for counseling and want to be a part of securing the future of our profession as well as for our children.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
I am currently serving in my 27th year of counseling and my fifth year at Kickapoo High School in Springfield, MO. I am on the Southwest (SMSCA) District Governing Board as Ethics Chair and Scholarship Co-Chair. I have served on the Southeast District Governing Board, and on the MSCA Governing Board as District President, Secondary Vice-President, and MOACTE representative.

INTEREST STATEMENT
My love of school counseling gives me the aspiration to be on the MSCA Board of Directors. I want to give back to this organization that has given me so much. I would like to serve the members of MSCA and be their voice on the board. I would love to collaborate with other board members to continue to advance MSCA’s mission of advocacy, professional growth, and training of MSCA’s leaders. I want to be a part of MSCA's amazing future! I have served GKCSCA for the last 7 years in various roles. I have had the opportunity to serve MSCA from 2010-2016 on the program committee and/or governing board. I have also had the privilege to sit on the ASCA nominations and elections committee for the last three years. This committee evaluates and interviews potential candidates for the ASCA Board of Directors. This has been an amazing learning experience for me. I believe that my leadership experiences with GKCSCA, MSCA, and ASCA have prepared me for a position on the Board of Directors. Thank you for considering my application for the MSCA Board of Directors. To be able to serve MSCA’s members in this capacity would be an honor.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
I have been an elementary school counselor in the Blue Springs School District for 13 years. I have my Bachelors of Science degree from Southwest Baptist University. I received my Master of Science in Education in Guidance Counseling from Missouri Baptist University. I have an Educational Specialist Degree from University of Missouri Columbia. I am a member of GKCSCA, MSCA, ASCA, and MSTA. I live in Grain Valley, MO with my husband and three children.