



May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Private and Independent Education,



MINNDEPENDENT hosted the 15th Annual [Private and Independent Education Awards](#) on April 30.

We recognized and celebrated inspiring people and innovative programs found in

private and independent schools across Minnesota. To learn more about those recognized, and view their videos visit the [Education Awards](#) webpage. Thank you to the event sponsors and partners for a wonderful celebration.

There are less than two weeks left in the legislative session. While there remains a great amount of work to complete the session on time (May 22), we remain focused on the [priorities identified](#) by MINNDEPENDENT and our fellow partners in nonpublic education. We will provide an update after the legislature adjourns.

Membership renewal and recruitment begins on July 1. If you are interested in joining a collaborative and engaged network of 168 private and independent schools, [please contact me](#). Over the last two years, 17 new schools have become members, while nearly 95% of schools remained members from last year to this year. The cost is very manageable, the benefits are exceptional and it ensures a robust, unified voice for the private and independent sector. Having issues with your nonpublic textbook or counseling services? Not sure if you are maximizing your equitable services in your title programs? Need funding to jump start your STEM program? That's why we're here!

We hope the final weeks of this school year are rewarding and enjoyable. Thank you for your support of private and independent education.

MINNDEPENDENT has negotiated a discounted rate for member schools interested in participating in the [#SocialSchool4EDU Membership Program](#).

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MINNDEPENDENT Member Network

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MINNDEPENDENT Jobs Board

Member schools can post job listings for free.

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[Hats & Mittens](#) is a 26-year-old all volunteer Minnesota non-profit. Their curriculum, focused on volunteering and philanthropy for students of all ages, is being offered free of charge to schools, churches, and youth organizations. To learn more and find out **how you can use this in your school**, [Click here](#).

Tim Benz

Tim Benz, President

SHARE THE LINK!

Be sure your school's faculty and staff have subscribed to our newsletter!

Important information about STEM grants, Professional Development sessions, advocacy, conferences and more.

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Enroll More Students with these 5 Website Must-Haves for Private Schools - Wednesday, May 31st at 11AM PST

Join us for a webinar designed specifically for K-12 private school principals, admissions, and marketing directors who want to learn how to drive more inquiries and enrollments using their school's website. Through real-life examples and practical strategies, we will explore the 5 must-haves that will make a significant impact on your school's online presence, without any technical jargon.

By the end of the hour, you will know what to update on your website to attract

inquiries from the right families. Don't miss this opportunity to take your private school's marketing efforts to the next level. [Register now!](#)

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2023 STEM Education Conference Tuesday, August 1, 2023 Heritage Christian Academy, Maple Grove

- Come together with other educators, STEM specialists, and school leaders to gain new insights, discover new trends, and bring innovative ideas back to your school that promote imaginative learning and student engagement.
- **Get ready for an exhilarating day of innovation, inspiration & connection!**
- Expand your knowledge with a variety of 1-hour breakout sessions led by MINNDEPENDENT member teachers, including presentations about STEM grant projects.
- Explore ways to build social-emotional learning into STEM teaching.
- Immerse yourself in hands-on experiences to regain student perspectives.
- Check out new education curriculum, products and resources.
- Earn CEUs

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout sessions will be chosen upon registering. **Space is limited to 25 people for each session so register early to ensure availability**

[View Breakout Descriptions](#)

CONFERENCE FEES

Member Schools:

\$65 Early-bird registration (through June 18, 2023)

\$75 Regular registration (after June 18, 2023)

Nonmember Schools:

\$130 Early-bird registration (through June 18, 2023)

\$175 Regular registration (after June 18, 2023)

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM - Welcome

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM - Session One

10:50 AM - 11:50 AM - Session Two

11:50 AM - 12:50 PM - Lunch

12:50 PM - 1:50 PM - Session Three

2:10 PM - 3:15 PM - Session Four & Conference Evaluation

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM - Pick up CEU certificates

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Sponsor exhibitors will be available to showcase products and services offered to the STEM Education Community. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about sponsorship opportunities.

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QUESTIONS

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STEM Scoop



MINNESOTA STATE
Engineering Center of Excellence

Virtual Training Symposium

You are invited to attend the Siemens Virtual Training Symposium. There will be four separate one week in duration classes offered intended to help secondary school teachers to obtain the skills and confidence to deliver the Siemens STEM curriculum. Please share this announcement with other teachers.

Upon successful completion of these training sessions, Siemens will provide each teacher with a Certificate of Continuing Education Units (40 contact hours). Siemens is committed to making the Siemens Engineering Pathway courses effective and affordable for any secondary school and we are pleased to offer **this training free of charge**. However, it is important to note that class enrollment is limited to 21 attendees each, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Course 1: Engineering Design

This virtual course meets daily from 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM ET beginning on **July 10th - 14th**. This is an introduction to the design process and how it is used to solve design problems.

Course 2: Manufacturing and Automation

This virtual course meets daily from 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM ET beginning **July 17th - 21st**. This is a course that solves problems in design for manufacture, CAM, CNC and Programmable Logic Controllers.

Course 3: Mechatronics and the Internet of Things (IoT)

This virtual course meets daily from 9:00 AM through 4PM ET beginning **July 24th - 28th**. This course will focus on the engineering of mechatronic systems, a combination of robotics, electronics, computer programming, control, and product engineering, as well as communications between systems securely over the internet.

Course 4: Engineering Research and Development

There will be a virtual overview of this course late summer. Date to be announced. Learn more and register:

<http://siemensdesign.tomwhitestem.com/training-schedule>



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Summer Clubs

Looking for computer science programming to inspire young people this summer?

[Free Clubs](#) offer curriculum and community-building activities for young people in 3rd-12th grades. Unlock our boot camp model for a concentrated CS experience or incorporate our standard scope and sequence to support longer-term learning. [Sign up](#) for access.

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VIEW DEMO VIDEO

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Important Dates

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

STEM Education Conference

Heritage Christian Academy, Maple Grove

September 25-27, 2023:

School Leadership Conference, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

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