

Montana School Counselor Association
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2009 MSCA SPRING INSTITUTE



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Bozeman, MT



Welcome!

I welcome you to the Montana School Counselor Association's 2009 Spring Institute. This year we are privileged to welcome Dr. Rich Lapan. Dr. Lapan's keynote speech will be on Strengths-Based Career Development Through Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programming. He will also be talking with us about two major areas school counselors work: Individual Student Planning and Advocacy. It is truly remarkable to have a person of his experience and personal character here in Montana to support us. Come and enjoy!

In addition to our fabulous keynote, we have chosen over 24 highly qualified speakers for the sectional format this year traveling from across our state and the country to present their messages. It will not be easy for you as this year we have a variety of speakers, some doing two part series and all are passionate about what they do! We feel confident that there will be something for everyone in all three domains: personal/social, academic and career. We have also included level sharing, which continually proves to be a highlight. It is scheduled towards the end of the day so if anyone wants extra time, the rooms will be available for you to continue to share on your own. You have asked us for specific topic areas and I believe we have met that challenge this year with the desired topic requests. Your surveys provide us with that much needed input and we will look for that input again as you gather for your completion certificates this year! Data is the way of the world!

This year we have a few pre-conference special events. MSU-Bozeman is sponsoring a Wednesday afternoon University tour with dinner through their new Student Services Division. Details are in this brochure. MSCA will be supporting a no-host social at the Holiday Inn directly following that from 6:30-8:00 during our evening registration. As always, we are incredibly dedicated individuals and I realize that many of us do not take time to network or relax. Please consider being involved in these activities this year and getting to know others in a more social atmosphere in addition to your professional development opportunities being provided.

See you in Bozeman! Get your registration and room reserved today!
Your Friend and President, Kristy Savaria

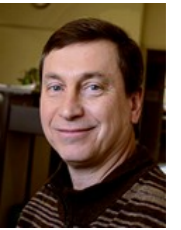
Hotel Information

Holiday Inn
Bozeman, MT
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Make your reservations now!
Room Rate: \$81, single or double, +7% tax
Call 1-800-366-5101 or 406-587-4561
Or book online at www.hibozeman.com
Use code (MSI) for the room block rate
Group rate available until April 10th

Introducing our Keynote!

Dr. Richard Lapan is currently a professor and the Department Head of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services (SDPPS) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dr. Lapan earned his Ph.D. with Distinction from the University of Utah in 1987. He has been a licensed psychologist since 1992 and is



one of the leading authorities on comprehensive counseling and career guidance programs and practices. He has authored several books on school counseling and served as editor of the leading journal on school counseling in the United States—*Professional School Counseling*. Make your plans now to be a part of this special event.

Conference Highlights!

Pre-Conference Tour—Wednesday 2:30-6:00



Come find out about MSU's incredible opportunities! This event, sponsored by MSU Admissions, will include:

- Detailed college campus tour
- Information about MSU's admissions policies and scholarships
- Transportation to and from the conference hotel
- Dinner with MSU Admissions Representatives

For more information or to RSVP contact **Jennifer Dunn**, Assistant Director of New Student Services: jendunn@montana.edu or call 1-888-MSU-CATS, or 406-994-2453.

Montana School Counselor Association No-Host Social—Wed. 6:30-8:00 Jefferson/Gallatin Rooms

Annual Meeting, Election, Awards Luncheon

Thursday's lunch from 12:30-1:45 is the MSCA Annual Meeting. We elect new board members and celebrate selection of the 2009 Counselor and Administrator of the Year.

Level Sharing—Thur. 4:15-5:15

Each year counselors rate the level sharing as one of the most valuable pieces of the Spring Institute. Counselors meet by level and share best practices. Begin planning now—bring handouts (50) if you wish.

Continental Breakfast—Fri. 7:00-8:00

Continental breakfast will be available for those pre-registered. Be sure to indicate on the registration form if you plan to attend. What a great way to start your day!

Wednesday, April 15

2:30–6:00 MSU-Bozeman Pre-Conference Tour
6:30–8:00 No-host Social—Jefferson/Gallatin
Registration—Lobby & Gallatin

Thursday, April 16

7:15–8:00 Registration—Lobby & Gallatin Rooms
Exhibits open

8:00-9:00 SESSION 1

Statewide Quick Response Teams—Jodie Barber, Flathead High, All levels. PS, University Room

Cutting Edge Elementary Career Resources—Shaunda Hildebrand, MCRN, Elem/Middle levels. C, State Room

All Aboard College-Bound: Promoting College in Elementary School—Kay Hiner, Elem/Middle levels, C, Montana Room

9:00–10:30 Strength-Based Career Development Through Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programming—Dr. Rich Lapan, All, Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

10:30–11:00 Exhibitor Break

11:00–12:00 SESSION 2

A C.A.R.E.ing Approach to Violence Prevention—Regina Birrenkott, The Mendez Foundation, Elem/Middle levels, PS, University Room

The Silent Scream: Cutting and Other Self-Harm Behaviors—Jodie Barber, Flathead High, All levels, PS, State Room

Why Try? Innovative Interventions—Dr. Erika Joyce, The Why Try Organization, All levels, PS, A, Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

12:00–12:30 Exhibitor Break/Lunch Set up

12:30–1:45 MSCA Annual Luncheon Meeting, Reports, Awards, and Election

1:45–2:45 Individual Student Planning: What, Why, & How—Dr. Rich Lapan, All, Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

SESSION KEY (Domains):

PS = Personal/Social A = Academic C = Career
All = Personal/Social/Academic/Career

Thursday, April 16

2:45–3:15 Exhibitor Break

3:15–4:15 SESSION 3

Education Pays: Big Sky Pathways & the Benefits of Higher Education—Brad Eldredge, OCHE, HS level, A, University Room

Montana Career Information System (MCIS) Junior—Kalie Porter, SAF, Middle level, A, C, State Room

All Aboard College Bound: Promoting College in Elementary School—Kay Hiner, Elem/Middle levels, C, Montana Rm

4:15–5:15 SESSION 4—Level Sharing—Bring 50 copies of a “Best Practice” to share.

Elementary School Sharing—Renee Schoening, Elementary VP, Gallatin-Jefferson Room

Middle School Sharing—Elaine Schoyen, Middle School VP, University Room

High School Sharing—Vicki Smith, High School VP, State Room

K-12 Sharing—Keri Sansaver, MSCA Facilitator, Montana Rm

Dinner On Your Own

Friday, April 17

7:00–7:30 Registration—Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

7:00–8:00 Continental Breakfast (Pre-register)
Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

8:00–9:00 Advocacy: It is Never Over—Dr. Rich Lapan, All, Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

9:00–10:00 SESSION 5

Making Schools Safer: Preventing Anti-Gay Bullying and Harassment; Making Schools Safer for ALL Students, Part 1—Heidi Wallace, MT Safe Schools Coalition, All levels, PS, University Room

Do You Know How 2 Go? (to college) - Emily Flemming, SAF, Middle/High, All levels, PS, State Room

Suicide Intervention: A Brief Introduction to Effective Research based Strategies—Lindsey Krywaruchka, Riverstone Health, All levels, PS, Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

10:00–10:30 Exhibitor Break

Friday, April 17

10:30–11:30 SESSION 6

Making Schools Safer: Preventing Anti-Gay Bullying and Harassment; Making Schools Safer for ALL students, Part 2—Heidi Wallace, MT Safe Schools Coalition, All levels, PS, University Room

Montana Career Information System (MCIS) Online Career & Education Exploration—Kalie Porter, SAF, HS level, A, C, State Room

Suicide Among the Young: Facts and Figures—Lindsey Krywaruchka, Riverstone Health, All levels, A, PS, Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

11:30–12:30 SESSION 7

Pathways from H.S. to Montana's 2-Year Colleges—Mary Sheehy Moe, Office of the Commissioner of Two Year Educ., All levels, A, C, University Room

Recognizing the Difference Between Developmentally Appropriate and Problematic Social or Abusive Sexual Behavior in Children—Kris Evans, LCSW, Evans Psychotherapy, All levels, PS, State Room

Overview of the Olweus Bully Prevention Program—Alison Schmaltz, Elrod School, All levels, A, PS, Montana Room

12:30–1:45 Lunch On Your Own—Visit Exhibits!

1:45–2:45 SESSION 8

Do the Math: STEM and the Professional School Counselor, Part 1—Janice Tkaczyk and Jerry Ellner, Universal Technical Institute, HS level, A, C, University Room

The Art & Science of helping a student find the right college—Cory Chenoweth, OCHE, All levels, A, C, State Room

Children with Sexualized Behavior: Approaches to Safety Planning in the Schools, Part 1—Kris Evans, LCSW, Evans Psychotherapy, All levels, PS, Jefferson-Gallatin Rooms

2:45–3:45 SESSION 9

Do the Math: STEM Part 2: Advocacy with your School Counseling Program—Janice Tkaczyk and Jerry Ellner, Universal Technical Institute, HS, A, C, University Room

MT College Access Network—Online college access exchange through networking—Rhonda Safford, SAF, M/HS, A, C, State Room

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2009 Spring Institute Registration Form

So Far, So Good, Now What?

Name (Last, first): _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

School: _____

Work Phone: _____

School Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Registration Fee includes your 2009-10
MSCA Membership dues.

\$145.00 Postmarked by April 3rd
\$170.00 Postmarked after April 3rd
\$ 80.00 for Students & Retired Members

Membership Category:

Professional Student Retired Supportive

Counselor Level:

High School Middle Elementary
 K-12 College Other _____

12 Continuing Education Credits Available

Method of Payment:

Check enclosed Purchase Order enclosed
 I will attend the Thursday Annual Meeting and Counselor of the Year Luncheon (No add'l charge)
 I will attend the Friday morning continental breakfast offered by MSCA (No add'l charge)

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