

May 2022

## ***New Class Announcements 2022***

**June 13-14  
July 14-15**  
with  
**Joe Van Haecke**

**Applied  
Improvisation in the  
Classroom**

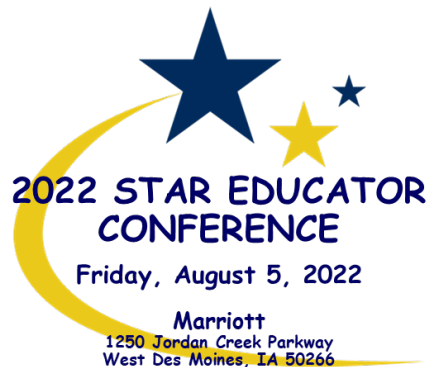
**June 15-16**  
with  
**Dave Dubczak**

**Unlock Your Genius**

**June 20-21**  
with  
**Barb Ranck**

**The Enneagram as a  
Lens for  
Understanding Student  
Behavior: A Tool for  
Increasing Empathy,  
Compassion &  
Resilience**

## **Neuroplasticity The Ever Changing Brain**



**Leadership Seminar  
Thursday, August 4**

**Annual Conference  
Friday, August 5**

*Can physical activity improve the academic  
achievement of your students?*

*Can motion enhance general health and wellbeing?*

*Can movement decrease the occurrences of distress,  
anxiety, depression and ADD/ADHD in our lives?*

Just 50 years ago the idea that the adult brain can change in any way was considered nonsense. Researchers accepted that the immature brain was malleable, but maintained it gradually hardened into a permanent structure by the end of childhood. Also, it was generally accepted that humans were born with a finite number of brain cells, and that the brain was incapable of regenerating itself. Damage or injuries could never be fixed.

Nothing could be further from the truth! The brain's ability to change is called **neuroplasticity**.

**June 23-24**  
with  
**Elizabeth  
Hoksbergen**

**Doubling Down  
on Dyslexia**

**June 28-29**  
with  
**Liz Tuecke**

**Guided by  
Language Structure**

**July 12-13**  
with  
**Elizabeth  
Hoksbergen**

**Sweet Solutions for  
Classroom  
Implementation of  
Structured Literacy**

**July 18-19**  
with  
**Terry Gladfelter  
Bryan Stearns**

**Ethical Educators**

**July 20-21**  
with  
**Nathan Arnold**

**PEI Legal Lab**

**July 27-28**  
with  
**Stephanie Olson  
Yolanda Harden**

**Human Trafficking  
in our Schools**

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Dr. Joe O'Toole will be our guest speaker at the **Leadership Seminar** and **Star Educator Conference** on **August 4-5**.

Those in attendance at the Leadership Seminar will receive the book "**Spark, The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain**", by John J Ratey, MD. The Leadership Seminar will be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Thursday).

Dr. O'Toole will continue developing the presentation on Friday, August 5th at the Annual Star Teacher Conference.

Dr. O'Toole structures his life and work based on the phrase, "Step up. Change lives. Inspire hope." He will be speaking from his passion and belief that no one is too old to grow and everyone should love their life. He will inspire all those in attendance to consider how their own life's journey can be transformed through the body-mind connection.

As a clinician, Dr. O'Toole loves working with patients with complex or unsolved brain issues. Bringing cutting edge research-informed care to central Iowa is one of his many passions. He is founder of **Lifestream Brain & Body Clinic** (Ankeny) and co-founder of **Brain Performance Pro** (2022), the only clinic in Iowa offering a concussion-prevention NeuroVisual Training program.

Dr. O'Toole holds a Doctorate of Chiropractic degree and is board-eligible for his post-doctorate in Functional Neurology.

**Make plans now to join us on August 4-5 for this one-of-a-kind conference experience!**

[Register Here](#)

***Make it a Family Weekend!***

This year's conference is designed for the family! It includes discount room rates with **Marriott Jordan Creek** or **Courtyard of Marriott in Clive**.

[register, click here](#)

We have reserved 100 tickets to the Friday evening I-Cubs baseball game which includes fireworks! The tickets are on a *first come first serve* basis.

Watch for updates as we are also securing discounts across the metro for your Saturday *Family Fun Day!*

[Registration here!](#)

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## Annual Silent Auction!

Silent Auction items are being added daily! Here is a peek at just a few of the donors who have contributed so far!



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- Early Childhood Inclusive Classroom
- Effective Teaching
- English as a Second Language
- Reading
- Special Education
- Teacher Leadership

MMU offers you an education that is attainable, affordable, and applicable. We are proud to announce our Iowa Teachers Tuition Scholarship Program. All current Iowa public and private PK-12 teachers receive a \$145/credit scholarship on all courses until July 2023.

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