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## GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO

### WORKSHOP RECORDINGS

With so many workshops going on at the same time, it can be difficult to choose which one to attend. Good news! Workshops presented at the 2025 Homeschool Iowa Conference will be recorded and available for sale online. Information available on page 16 or at the HI Information Booth. Please note: Some workshops, including exhibitor workshops, will not be recorded.

### RESOURCES

Have questions? Need resources? Be sure to visit our volunteer staff at the Homeschool Iowa Booth or the Regional Reps Booth. Our veteran home educators love to answer your questions and encourage you along your homeschooling journey. We offer many resources that will assist you in understanding Iowa homeschool law, beginning homeschooling, homeschooling special needs, homeschooling through high school, and many other topics.

### QUESTIONS AFTER THE CONFERENCE?

If you have questions once you get home, we are still available to help! Our team of Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives would love to offer you assistance. These experienced homeschool parents are full of knowledge about local support groups, resources, curriculum, etc. Feel free to contact them with any questions you may have.

Additionally, our website is a wealth of information. Visit us online at [homeschooliowa.org](http://homeschooliowa.org). We also have an online community on Facebook. Go to our Facebook page at [homeschooliowa](https://www.facebook.com/homeschooliowa), click on the "Groups" tab, then join our Homeschool Iowa Discussion Group.

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By virtue of being an education forum, the Homeschool Iowa Conference does not attempt to filter all of the content you may see or hear at our conference. Homeschool Iowa believes that parent educators are competent and qualified to discern and make informed decisions regarding what material is good for their family. The Homeschool Iowa Conference is designed to serve a diverse variety of homeschoolers, as well as those who are considering home education. Our convention is not a place to define uniformity of belief and practice.

# HOMESCHOOL IOWA CONFERENCE TEAM



*Welcome Home* to the 2025 Homeschool Iowa Conference! We are so excited you are here! Our outstanding team has been working hard over the last year to ensure you have a wonderful experience and leave feeling encouraged, equipped, and empowered. Please take a moment to look over the schedule, review the map of the facility, and then choose whatever looks most appealing to you. If you have questions, feel free to grab one of our team members (that's us in the blue Homeschool Iowa polos!) or one of our volunteers in the orange T-shirts. We will do our best to help! If you have specific homeschooling questions, a prayer need, or just need a hug, please stop by our Regional Reps booth in the RecPlex Commons next to the Homeschool Iowa Information Booth. We hope you will leave the conference feeling confident your homeschool journey!

- *Tricia Hommer*, Conference Coordinator



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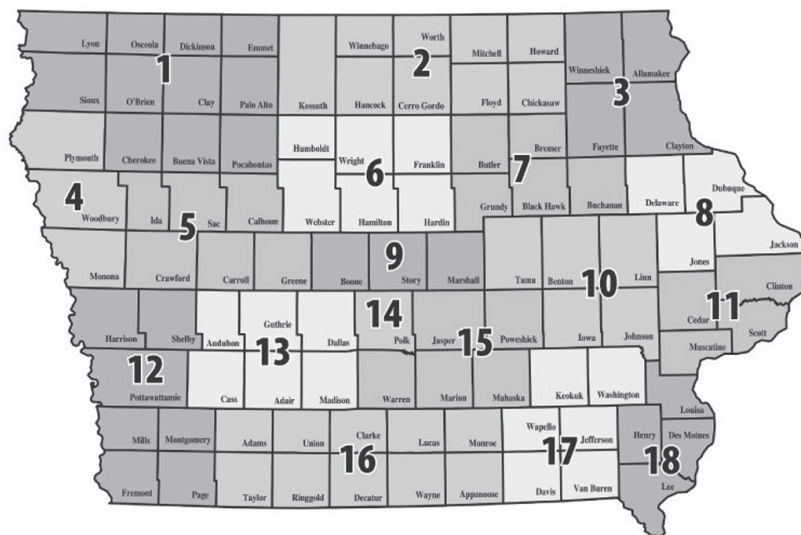




# REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

*Connect with Us for Encouragement, Wisdom, and Hugs!*

Our Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives, serving in 18 regions around the state, offer localized assistance. These veteran homeschooling moms have practical skills and wisdom that comes from years of experience.



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Check our website, under the events tab, for listings of our Homeschooling 101 events scheduled across the state throughout the year. These free informational sessions presented by our Regional Representatives offer information and resources needed to start a homeschool journey.



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## Special Needs ADVISORS

These moms have personal experience homeschooling children with special needs and have volunteered to be available to help you. They may be contacted via the Member Portal of our website.



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Autumn - Region 18

## Box Lunch Pickup Info:

Pre-purchased box lunches will be available in the Commons at the Registration Booth location. (See facility map on back page.)

**11:00am-1:00pm  
on Friday and Saturday.**

*Tickets can be found in your attendee packet if you purchased these with your registration.*

If extra box lunches become available, they will be sold after 1:00pm at the Homeschool Iowa booth.

### Concessions:

**Snacks and light lunch options are available for purchase at the concession stand in the RecPlex Commons.**



## MOTHERS' ROOM

For the comfort and convenience of our parents and young children, there is a private room available for nursing, diaper changing, and other needs that arise with small children.

**Located across the hall from the Hardwood Courts.**

### Hours:

**Friday 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM | Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:15 PM**

*All children must be accompanied by an adult at the Homeschool Iowa Conference.  
No onsite childcare is available.*

**Don't miss our**  
*Special Event*  
**Friday Evening**  
**6:30-7:30pm**

Our Friday evening keynote, "Why I'm Glad I Was Homeschooled (and Why Your Kids Will Be Too)" with Daniel Craig, will be available to the public.

Invite a friend or family member along to learn more about homeschooling and the many people who have been positively impacted by its accessibility!

SEE PAGE 14 FOR MORE INFO.



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## CHILD PICKUP INFORMATION

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PICKUP TIMES:

Friday 5:00-5:30 PM | Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

Please arrive promptly for child pickup.

**Remember to bring your child  
checkout information with you.**

# Meet the Speakers!

## Keynote Speakers:



*Dr. Rob Rienow*

**Dr. Rob Rienow** married his wife, Amy, in 1994 and they have been blessed with seven children. His most important ministry is loving his wife and leading his children to know God and love Him. He completed an MA in theology at Wheaton College Graduate School, an MDiv from Trinity International Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry in Christian Leadership from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

In 2004, he and Amy launched Visionary Family Ministries, a ministry designed to inspire parents and grandparents to disciple their children, to help couples create mission driven-marriages, and equip churches to build Bible-driven ministries.



*Hal & Melanie Young*

**Hal & Melanie Young** are the award-winning, best-selling authors of *Raising Real Men*, *No Longer Little*, and *Love, Honor, and Virtue* and the hosts of the *Making Biblical Family Life Practical* podcast. They are publishers, writers, bloggers, and popular conference speakers internationally, known for their Christ-centered focus and practical, real-life stories. They are the parents of six real boys (all grown!) and two real girls and live in noisy, messy happiness in North Carolina.



*Daniel Craig*

**Daniel Craig** and his wife Megan are the hosts of the internationally-attended Homeschool Summits and have spoken at homeschool conferences around the country. Daniel wrote *Kickstart* as a plan for homeschooled students to think through life's calling and launch successfully into adulthood. His passion is to encourage homeschool parents and young people to love and embrace Biblical discipleship. Daniel is a homeschooling dad of three children.

## Additional Speakers and Workshops:



*Kristin Lackie*



*Tori Wilson*



*Sonia Strubky*



*Nancy Bjorkman*



*Becky MacCredie*



*Scott Woodruff*



*Jose Lopez*



*Dr. Joe O'Tool*



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*Jeremy Vos*



*Larry Hawthorn*



*Mandee Hamann*



*Benjamin Myers*



*Brad Keller*



Looking for Additional Speaker Bios?

Find Them on Our Conference Web Page



# Special Tracks

## Friday

### STARTING HOMESCHOOLING

#### 10:30-11:30am | Where Do I Begin? A Workshop for New and Prospective Homeschoolers – Nancy Bjorkman

Considering homeschooling? Not sure where to begin? This workshop will define realistic and foundational goals for homeschooling that will get new families off to a solid start. We'll cover some common roadblocks and misconceptions about "what school should look like," state law, and many practical tips for success. There will be a time for interaction and questions.

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## Saturday

### HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

#### 8:00-9:00am | Homeschool through High School with Confidence – Kristin Lackie

Homeschooling through high school might seem intimidating but be encouraged! These can be the most enjoyable and influential years you have with your teens. This workshop takes the guess work out of what academics you should build into your 7-12th grade plan and helps you explore electives and activities that can customize your students' high school years to meet their graduation goals.

#### 9:30-10:30am | Simple Transcripts and Record Keeping – Kristin Lackie

Transcripts are not just for college – every student needs one. How should you begin? What should you include? Understand the essentials of record keeping, the important records to keep, how to grade, evaluate credits, and prepare a professional looking high school transcript.

#### 11:00am-12:00pm | From Freshman to Future: Essential Resources for Every High School Stage – Jose Lopez

Helping your homeschool student navigate high school doesn't have to be overwhelming! This workshop will introduce you to key resources—local, statewide, and virtual—that can support your teen's academic and career journey. We'll break down opportunities by grade level, from career exploration in freshman year to internships, dual enrollment, and scholarships for upperclassmen. Whether you're looking for hands-on experiences, flexible learning options, or statewide

# Thank you



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Friday, June 6, 2025 | 8:30am-7:30pm

# FRIDAY WORKSHOPS 2025 Conference

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

8:30-10:00AM

### KEYNOTE: Your Home: A Lighthouse – Dr. Rob Rienow

Jesus declared, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). As followers of Jesus, He has called us to let our light shine! This begins by living for Christ in the context of our family relationships. God wants to use our struggling, ordinary Christian families to impact future generations and shine for Him!



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# Session 1

10:30-11:30AM

FRIDAY

## **The Power of Multi-Generational Faith – Dr. Rob Rienow**

The way we are parenting today impacts our grandchildren and great-grandchildren yet to be born. In this session, Dr. Rienow will share key Scriptures, from both the Old and New Testament, which will equip you not only to raise your children for the glory of God but to also accelerate faithfulness in the future generations of your family.

## **What Gifted Kids Really Need – Hal & Melanie Young**

We may hope our kids will be really smart, but what do you do when they are? It can be intimidating to think about meeting the needs of a kid who's blowing the curve, racing ahead, and seems to need more. Can you really meet their needs, or would they be better off with professionals? How can you help them fit in socially? What about the future? Should they graduate early or on time? Hal & Melanie went through both innovative and traditional gifted programs in school and after parenting and homeschooling several precocious children, they have a lot to say about challenging these kids academically, helping them to thrive socially, answering their spiritual questions, and knowing when to push them ahead and when to broaden out their education instead. Learn how to meet the needs of your bright child and enjoy doing it!

## **STARTING HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL TRACK:**

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## **The Seeing Brain: The Neurology of How Vision**

### **Impacts Learning – Dr. Joe O-Tool**

Did you know that vision problems can masquerade as learning struggles? From skipped words while reading to trouble paying attention, visual challenges can quietly get in the way of your child's success — and they're more common than you might think. In this eye-opening (pun intended!) session, we'll uncover how vision — beyond just seeing clearly — impacts your child's ability to read, write, focus, and thrive academically. We'll talk about the visual skills that support learning, what signs to watch for, and how to tell the difference between a vision issue and a learning difference. This workshop will equip you with practical tips, simple at-home checks, and guidance on when to seek help. You'll walk away with fresh insight and confidence to support your child's visual and learning development. What you'll learn:

- The "hidden" visual skills essential for learning (it's more than 20/20!)
- How vision problems can mimic ADHD, dyslexia, or reading issues
- Easy ways to spot visual red flags at home
- Action steps: what to try, what to tweak, and when to get help

## **Kids' Brains & Screens – Mande Hamann**

This workshop will provide a basic overview of the science behind healthy brain development, the effects of screens on the developing brain, symptoms of screen overuse & ScreenStrong solutions to prevent and reverse the effects of addictive screen habits. Becoming ScreenStrong is the fastest way to resolve screen conflicts and build strong families.

# Exhibitor Workshops

11:45AM-12:45PM

## **Why Biblical Higher Education Might Be Right for Your Student – Emmaus University**

A successful homeschool produces children who have the world at their fingertips, and the world has never offered so many options for their future. Come and hear why a college experience rooted in the study of the Bible would be a uniquely good fit for your student.

## **Resolving Conflict – Master Books**

Many Christians often have conflicts with one another. Why do these occur and how do we deal with these in a Biblical way? What can we do to keep them from happening?

## **From Chaos to Calm: The Ultimate Homeschool Organizational Blueprint – BJU Press**

From storage solutions to streamlined lesson planning, discover practical tips to keep your homeschooling space clutter-free and conducive to learning. Whether you're a seasoned homeschooler or just embarking on this educational journey, this session is designed to equip you with practical tips and creative tricks to help plan your year and transform your learning space into a well-organized school area.

## **Multiplication Without Flashcards or Timed Tests?**

### **Thanks, RightStart! – RightStart Mathematics**

Multiplication has been the mathematical downfall of many students. Memorizing 100 facts without full comprehension is a burden and needs frequent review. Yet, we know that a deep understanding of concepts removes anxiety, lessens the burden of memorizing, and makes math more enjoyable. Come and learn strategies to help your child become competent and confident with their multiplication and division facts.

# Session 2

## 1:00-2:00PM

### The REAL Reason We Homeschool – Daniel Craig

Why do you homeschool? Is it better test scores? Escaping transgendered bathrooms and sex-ed for six-year-olds? Passing on your faith to your kids? Those may all be good reasons, but if you want a motivation that will keep you engaged in home education for the long haul, you'll need a deeper reason. You need to know the REAL reason we homeschool. Starting all the way back in Genesis 3, education has been ground zero in the battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. This session presents an enlightening biblical and historical perspective on this epic struggle in order to reveal the most important reason for homeschooling. Be encouraged, dads and moms! What you do matters even more than you imagined!

### Overcoming Obstacles to Spiritual Life at Home – Dr. Rob Rienow

You want to build strong relationships with your kids and make a positive spiritual impact in their lives. But sometimes it feels like the obstacles are overwhelming: crammed schedules, relational conflict, insecurity, and exhaustion. Through this session with Dr. Rob Rienow you will be encouraged in your parenting mission and come away with a Bible-driven game plan to overcome obstacles in your spiritual leadership at home.

### STARTING HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL TRACK:

#### Homeschooling with Confidence: Understanding Iowa's Homeschool Law – Scott Woodruff

This session covers everything you need to know about your state's homeschool law so you can homeschool with confidence. It includes a thorough presentation of the basics with plenty of time for questions.

### Hope and Help for Dyslexia – Tori Wilson

When a child cannot read fluently and effortlessly, learning becomes difficult, frustrating, and even discouraging. Many parents of struggling readers are told that dyslexia and reading difficulties are issues they must work around and struggle with for the rest of their lives. The good news is that this is not true; real help is available. There is hope for treating the root causes of reading difficulties and disabilities. You will gain an understanding of how to help your child overcome all types of reading difficulties through the latest research in neuroscience. We'll explain interventions that address the underlying causes, allowing for dyslexia to be overcome rather than just teaching them to read and work with their dyslexia.

### Relax Your Homeschool for Academic Success – Hal & Melanie Young

Is it possible to have well-educated kids without drowning in a sea of drudgery? All six of Hal & Melanie's homeschool graduates were offered academic scholarships to great colleges, even though (once Melanie got her feet under her) they've been very relaxed homeschoolers. Learn the difference between learning and schooling—hear what's important that you get done and what's not! This workshop will lift your burdens and free you up to enjoy these years with your children and prepare them well for their future.

# Session 3

## 2:30-3:30PM

### The Power of Family Forgiveness – Dr. Rob Rienow

Every family needs forgiveness because every family is filled with broken people. In this message, Dr. Rienow shares essential principles in the Bible toward equipping your family with a fresh vision for grace, mercy and forgiveness – for hurts old and new.

### Middle School Madness – Hal & Melanie Young

When our oldest was eight, we thought we were pretty great homeschool parents. Then he hit nine or ten and the wheels fell off his educational train! Another child did pretty well until he was eleven, then all-of-a-sudden he couldn't focus at all or remember things he'd learned last week. Others didn't struggle until twelve or thirteen, but there seems to be something that makes middle school just plain hard, for nearly everyone. How do you live through it? Is it possible to make the middle school years great? Join Hal & Melanie for doable ideas and real hope for getting through the challenging tween/preteen years and laying a foundation to make high school even better.

### STARTING HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL TRACK:

#### Exploring Homeschooling Methods – Nancy Bjorkman

This engaging workshop will review several different teaching approaches found in homeschooling, and then help attendees identify resources and curricula to fit their family's particular style. Just getting started in homeschooling? Needing to refocus and redefine what homeschooling could look like for your family? Come benefit from Nancy's over 30 years of experience and enjoy her dynamic style.

### TEEN TRACK:

#### Unexpected Impact – Brad Keller

During this workshop you'll learn about the need for Christians in Corporate America. Brad will share his experiences and practical strategies for standing strong in your faith.

#### Beyond ADHD Symptoms: Exploring causes, understanding holistic treatments, and mastering learning strategies to treat the whole child – Becky MacCredie

The focus of most support for ADHD is based on symptom management. The good news is that there are effective ways to treat the causes of ADHD! Join us to learn everything you need to know about ADHD. We'll touch on symptoms and accurate diagnosis and then dive into research-based treatments options that work. Finally, we'll share learning strategies for the ADHD brain that you can implement as parent and teacher.



# Session 4

4:00-5:00PM

FRIDAY

## 5 Secrets for Aspiring Entrepreneurs – Daniel Craig

As an entrepreneur himself, and having coached dozens of other entrepreneurs through his company, ProfitCoach, Daniel will tell you that entrepreneurship is one of the most rewarding...and one of the most unimaginably challenging endeavors you could possibly undertake. Just ask his wife. But for those who are willing to take on the challenge, there's incredible opportunity to impact employees, clients, and communities for the Kingdom of Christ. In this practical session on entrepreneurship, Daniel will share five important principles and practices that will help you get started, stay inspired, and by God's grace, build a business that will yield far more than financial profits.

## Boy-Schooling – Hal & Melanie Young

Have you ever had a war break out in the middle of history or read aloud to a child sitting upside down? You may be teaching a boy! Research shows that boys and girls learn differently. Understanding the differences can help to preserve the love of learning and the academic confidence of our sons: the early birds, the late bloomers, and the boys who would really just rather not. Understanding what they need at different ages – before school, as young learners, in the middle school years, and in high school can make us better homeschool parents and make them better students. Come and hear from parents who've homeschooled six boys from the beginning and graduated four so far, the award-winning authors of *Raising Real Men*, as they share solid research and practical advice on how to turn wiggle worms into scholars – and enjoy doing it!

## From Tools to Multi-Tools – Kristin Lackie

You can enhance the impact of any curriculum through differentiated instruction. These simple techniques geared for grades 7-12 empower parents with creative methods to facilitate student's processing and retention of new information. Responding to readiness, interest, and learning style, parents and students alike will be equipped with critical tools to facilitate learning success.

## Making Learning to Read Interactive and Positive – Sonia Strueby

Join Sonia Strueby, a pediatric speech-language pathologist specializing in dyslexia, for a dynamic presentation on fun and functional ways to teach children to read. Sonia will share creative strategies to navigate challenging moments when it feels like your child is stuck, plateaued, or losing momentum in their reading journey. This session is designed to equip parents with valuable tips and tools to transform the homeschooling experience, turning it into an engaging, positive, and rewarding process for both parent and child.

## Executive Function Junction: Helping Your Child Become the Conductor of Their Own Learning – Tori Wilson

Disorganization, poor time management, and difficulty shifting gears are just a few symptoms of poor executive functioning. Executive Function skills are crucial throughout all stages of life. They enable us to develop leadership, time management, and prioritization skills, follow multi-step instructions, think critically, and adapt to change. In this session, we'll build a solid understanding of executive functions and cover how you can help your child develop these essential skills!

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# Exhibitor Workshops

5:15-6:15PM

## Calmness Under Pressure--Turning Life's Challenges into Opportunities! – Distinctive Music Studios

One of life's biggest challenges are often the "pressure cooker" moments, in personal relationships, public ministry and athletic performance. Though as parents and children, we often try to manage those intense moments on our own, God's Word encourages us in the opposite direction, giving abundant counsel and wisdom for navigating the rises and falls in our own spirit. Learning these Scriptural principles can be the key to true happiness regardless of the circumstances we face!

## 5 Tools to Help Your Children Think Well and Develop Understanding – Classical Conversations

Discover the tools that teach your children how to think well and develop understanding of any subject, topic, or trade. We will model these tools allowing you to experience them yourself!

## Reading Problem? Let's Fix It! – Sylladot Reading Program

Is your child experiencing reading difficulties? This workshop uses a question/answer format to tailor the content for your child's specific needs. After 42 years of experience, I have seen and fixed almost every reading problem imaginable. Come prepared with your questions. I want to help your child become a successful reader.

## So, You Think You Want to Write a Book – Daughter of the Wilds

Have you ever had a story rolling around in your head that won't go away? Have you ever dreamed of seeing that story on paper? Let me go through the process with you! Get creative and don't be afraid to learn more about writing, publishing and more.

## SPECIAL EVENT

6:30-7:30PM

### FRIDAY EVENING KEYNOTE *(Open to the Public)*

## Why I'm Glad I Was Homeschooled (and Why Your Kids Will Be Too) – Daniel Craig

Parents considering homeschooling often worry about whether or not their children will turn out "normal". They wonder if their children will emerge from homeschool truly prepared for success in life, or if they'll emerge socially inept and uneducated. In this session, Daniel Craig, a homeschool graduate, will share why he is glad he was homeschooled, and why your children will be too. Based on both his personal experience, and the unchanging truths of God's word, Daniel will help you understand what homeschool "success" really is, where it comes from, and the real reason it matters.



## Protecting Our Freedoms

**One of our goals as an organization** is to protect our homeschooling freedom in Iowa. In order to reach that goal, we carefully monitor legislation that would affect homeschooling. Additionally, we provide recommendations to our legislators as they consider laws that would affect homeschooling.

We are thankful for our lobbyist, Jeremy Vos, and our Legislative Advocacy Team who help us with these goals. We also appreciate the many individuals who have signed up for our VoterVoice tool in order to receive updates and communicate with their legislators regarding important legislation. To learn more, visit the Legislative Updates page of our website: [homeschooliowa.org](http://homeschooliowa.org) (under the Iowa Law tab).



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# Friday Conference Schedule

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ROOM	8:30-10:00am		10:30-11:30am	11:30am-1:00pm	1:00-2:00pm	2:30-3:30pm	4:00-5:00pm	5:15-7:30PM
<b>ARENA KEYNOTE ROOM</b>	8:30-9:00 Welcome Home Opening	9:00-10:00 <b>KEYNOTE:</b> Your Home: A Lighthouse Dr. Rob Rienow	The Power of Multi-Generational Faith <b>Dr. Rob Rienow</b>	LUNCH BREAK & SHOPPING	The REAL Reason We Homeschool <b>Daniel Craig</b>	The Power of Family Forgiveness <b>Dr. Rob Rienow</b>	5 Secrets for Aspiring Entrepreneurs <b>Daniel Craig</b>	6:30-7:30pm <b>FRIDAY EVENING KEYNOTE</b> Why I'm Glad I Was Homeschooled <b>Daniel Craig</b>
<b>HARDWOOD COURTS</b>			What Gifted Kids Really Need <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>	11:45am-12:45pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Emmas University	Overcoming Obstacles to Spiritual Life at Home <b>Dr. Rob Rienow</b>	Middle School Madness <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>	Boy-Schooling <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>	5:15-6:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Distinctive Music Studios
<b>INDOOR TURF AREA</b>			<b>EXHIBIT HALL 10:00AM-6:30PM</b>					
<b>COMMUNITY ROOM A/B</b>			<b>STARTING HOMESCHOOL SPECIAL TRACK</b>					5:15-6:15pm
			Where Do I Begin? <b>Nancy Bjorkman</b>	11:45am-12:45pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Master Books	Homeschooling with Confidence: Understanding Iowa's Homeschool Law <b>Scott Woodruff</b>	Exploring Homeschooling Methods <b>Nancy Bjorkman</b>	From Tools to Multi-Tools <b>Kristin Lackie</b>	<b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Classical Conversations
<b>COMMUNITY ROOM C</b>			The Seeing Brain: The Neurology of How Vision Impacts Learning <b>Dr. Joe O'Tool</b>	11:45am-12:45pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> BJU Press	Hope and Help for Dyslexia <b>Tori Wilson</b>	<b>TEEN TRACK</b> Unexpected Impact <b>Brad Keller</b>	Making Learning to Read Interactive and Positive <b>Sonia Strueby</b>	5:15-6:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Sylladot Reading Program
<b>ACTIVITIES ROOM</b>	8:30-9:00 Teacher Credit Course Orientation <b>Julie Naberhaus</b>		Kids' Brains and Screens <b>Mandee Hamann</b>	11:45am-12:45pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> RightStart Mathematics	Relax Your Homeschool for Academic Success <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>	Beyond ADHD Symptoms <b>Becky MacCredle</b>	Executive Function Junction <b>Tori Wilson</b>	5:15-6:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Daughter of the Wilds

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ROOM	8:00-9:00am	9:30-10:30am	11:00am-12:00pm	12:00-1:30pm	1:30-2:30pm	3:00-4:00pm	4:15-5:15pm
<b>ARENA</b>	The 7 Habits of Joy-Filled Families <b>Daniel Craig</b>	Getting Kids to Work <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>	Teens Don't Have to Rebel <b>Daniel Craig</b>	LUNCH BREAK & SHOPPING	Take Courage: Encouragement for Dads <b>Dr. Rob Rienow</b>	Visionary Marriage <b>Dr. Rob Rienow</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> Never Give Up <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>
<b>HARDWOOD COURTS</b>	Christian & Classical From Math to History <b>Dr. Nathan Oppman</b>	An Introduction to the Charlotte Mason Method <b>Galadriel Miller</b>	Your Marriage & Your Kids <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>	12:15am-1:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Emmaus University	Boys & Media <b>Hal &amp; Melanie Young</b>	The Power of Mentorship <b>Daniel Craig</b>	
<b>INDOOR TURF AREA</b>	<b>EXHIBIT HALL 9:00AM-4:00PM</b>						
<b>OVERLOOK ROOM</b>	Mind's Eye Mastery <b>Sonia Strueby</b>	Engaging Early Learners <b>Nancy Bjorkman</b>	Panel Discussion <b>Homeschool Iowa Regional Reps</b>	12:15am-1:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Enrichment Therapy & Learning Center	A New Organized Attack on Your Homeschool Freedom <b>Scott Woodruff &amp; Jeremy Vos</b>	Teaching Neurodiverse Mini-Me <b>Tori Wilson</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY ROOM A/B</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL &amp; BEYOND SPECIAL TRACK</b>			12:15am-1:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Solidify Your Faith	Panel Discussion <b>Homeschool Graduates</b>	A New Bad Idea: Government Funding for Homeschooling <b>Scott Woodruff</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY ROOM C</b>	<b>TEEN TRACK</b> Financial Freedom for Teens <b>Larry Hanthorn</b>	<b>TEEN TRACK</b> How to Talk to Humans <b>Sherry Fiscella</b>	The Listening Brain: The Neurology of How Communication Impacts Learning <b>Dr. Joe O'Tool</b>	12:15am-1:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Medical Transcription Service	Raising Kids to Love God with a Sound Mind <b>Sherry Fiscella</b>	<b>TEEN TRACK</b> Your Story, Your Future <b>Jose Lopez</b>	
<b>ACTIVITIES ROOM</b>	Dad-Directed Interactive Devos <b>Benjamin Myers</b>	Activate Your Child's Learning Superpowers <b>Becky MacCredie</b>	Homeschool Iowa Advocacy & Legislative Update <b>Jeremy Vos</b>	12:15am-1:15pm <b>EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP</b> Natural Health Improvement Center	Jump Start with CLEP <b>Kristin Lackie</b>	Connected Families: Discipline that Connects with Your Child's Heart <b>Sherry Fiscella</b>	

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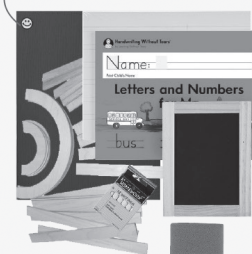
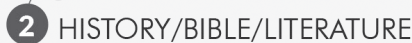




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# SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

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### Session 5

8:00-9:00AM

#### The 7 Habits of Joy-Filled Families – Daniel Craig

"Joy to the world the Lord has come" is a wonderful thing to sing at Christmastime when everything can seem to be joyous. But does this powerful truth set the tone of your home? Is your family characterized by the Gospel-powered joy that flows wherever the Kingdom of God has taken root? If you think you could use a little more joy in your home (like we all can!), take heart: "He comes to make his blessing flow, far as the curse is found"! How does He do that? Come and hear seven habits of joy-filled families that crank the faucet of "joy in the Holy Spirit" wide open!

#### Christian and Classical from Math to History: How to Help Your Kids Love Learning It All – Dr. Nathan Oppman

Join us for an insightful presentation on classical Christian education, where we'll explore the rich tradition of teaching that integrates rigorous academics with a Christ-centered approach to the curriculum. This session will highlight the importance of acquiring knowledge and learning skills as foundational tools for nurturing a love of learning and developing wisdom and virtue in your children. We'll discuss practical strategies for incorporating classical methods into your home, while emphasizing the importance of cultivating virtue and character in the educational journey. Whether you're new to classical education or seeking to deepen your approach, this talk will equip and encourage you in your homeschooling mission.

#### Mind's Eye Mastery – Sonia Strueby

Participate in a workshop presented by Sonia Strueby, a pediatric speech-language pathologist, to learn how to help your child use the power of visualization to boost memory, comprehension, and study skills. This workshop shows homeschool parents how guiding students to create mental images can dramatically improve their ability to recall story details, follow directions, spell irregular words, memorize math facts, and solve word problems. Visualization is a simple but essential tool that strengthens thinking, learning, and retention— especially for students who need more support with focus or processing.

#### HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND SPECIAL TRACK:

##### Homeschool through High School with Confidence – Kristin Lackie

Homeschooling through high school might seem intimidating but be encouraged! These can be the most enjoyable and influential years you have with your teens. This workshop takes the guess work out of what academics you should build into your 7-12th grade plan and helps you explore electives and activities that can customize your students' high school years to meet their graduation goals.

#### TEEN TRACK:

##### Financial Freedom for Teens – Larry Hanthorn

Unlock the wisdom to manage your finances with this workshop tailored to teens – parents are encouraged to attend with their teens. In this fun, hands-on workshop you will better understand Biblical stewardship, the importance of earning interest, and practical tips for saving money. Learn how to differentiate between needs and wants, create a spending plan, and prioritize your financial goals. Discover the power of multiplying money and the rules for using credit cards responsibly. Embrace a faith-based approach to managing your finances, with principles rooted in biblical teachings. Join us on this journey to financial freedom and take control of your financial future today!

##### Dad-Directed Interactive Devos – Benjamin Myers

Learn why family discipleship is important and how to easily incorporate role-play into your family Bible time to engage your whole family dramatically. Part testimony and part interactive presentation, Benjamin will walk participants through a creative yet simple process of role playing the scriptures using just their Bibles. Participants leave encouraged and prepared to be a "Director Dad!"

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# Session 6

# 9:30-10:30AM

## Getting Kids to Work – Hal & Melanie Young

People complain all the time that their children are lazy and unmotivated, but only 28% of American families give their children any chores at all. At all. We teach our children right from wrong, we teach our children to read and write but forget to teach them how to work. God gave us no choice. With eight bedrest pregnancies and then a full-time ministry and business, we had to get the kids on board or drown. Come get practical strategies for teaching your children to be diligent – to get their schoolwork done, to do chores, to take initiative, and to be confident in their abilities – at all ages. Help your kids to get out of the wagon and start pulling it, cheerfully. Really, you can do it!

## An Introduction to the Charlotte Mason Method: 20 Principles – Galadriel Miller

Do you have a philosophy of education? Yes, whether you realize it or not, you do. But what is it? And do your methods line up with your philosophy? We will take a look at Charlotte Mason's philosophy of education and how her methods and practices all jive together.

## Engaging Early Learners – Nancy Bjorkman

What should "school" look like for early learners? What things are developmentally appropriate for the younger ages? How do we keep our "Littles" appropriately occupied while homeschooling their siblings? This fun and informative session will provide a plethora of ideas specifically geared to engage your pre- and elementary-aged children. Nancy will share resources, fun games, toddler tips, and easy activities, all designed to help parents think outside the box when it comes to "doing school."

## HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND SPECIAL TRACK:

### Simple Transcripts and Record Keeping – Kristin Lackie

Transcripts are not just for college – every student needs one. How should you begin? What should you include? Understand the essentials of record keeping, the important records to keep, how to grade, evaluate credits, and prepare a professional looking high school transcript.

## TEEN TRACK:

### Communication that Connects or "How to Talk to Humans" – Sherry Fiscella

Sometimes, starting a conversation in person can make you feel awkward or anxious. . . and we all know that texts and DMs don't always work well for pouring out your heart or resolving conflict. Learn some practical ways to more confidently hold face-to-face conversations and learn tips that really work for building better friendships.

### Activate Your Child's Learning Superpowers – Becky MacCredie

Have you always wanted to improve your child's ability to follow multi-step instructions, read more fluently, or grasp those tricky math word problems? Have you wondered if there are things you can do as the teacher to improve your child's progress? The field of neuroscience has provided us an immense amount of information on how the brain learns offering a roadmap on how to teach with brain function to optimize learning. Join us to take away easy-to-implement actionable steps that are quick, affordable, and can make a huge impact in your homeschool classroom.



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## Teens Don't Have to Rebel: Building Enduring Relationships with Your Children – Daniel Craig

Many parents begin the Homeschool Journey motivated by a strong desire to nurture deep and enduring relationships with their children. Over time, they realize that winning and keeping their children's hearts requires something more than simply schooling them at home. . . especially during the teenage years. But how do you keep your child's heart without controlling it? How do you pass on your deepest convictions while at the same time avoiding the traps of legalism on the one hand, and permissiveness on the other? How do you foster healthy communication with your older children, maintaining the proper balance of love and respect?

## Your Marriage and Your Kids – Hal & Melanie Young

Does your marriage affect your kids? You bet. It affects them profoundly. It impacts their security, their identity, and their sense of worth. Beyond that, our marriage toolkit will be the one our kids reach for in their own marriages. Come take a look at your own marriage toolbox, pick up a few new tools, and learn five ways to tune up your marriage to make it even better for you and your children. Give them a legacy that will help them build a good marriage.

## Panel Discussion: Homeschool Iowa Regional Reps

Our Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives, seasoned homeschooling moms with lots of experience, will give the "real-life" version of how to home educate. Insider tips and helpful resources will be included. Your questions will determine the exact path of this session!

## HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND SPECIAL TRACK:

### From Freshman to Future: Essential Resources for Every High School Stage – Jose Lopez

Helping your homeschool student navigate high school doesn't have to be overwhelming! This workshop will introduce you to key resources—local, statewide, and virtual—that can support your teen's academic and career journey. We'll break down opportunities by grade level, from career exploration in freshman year to internships, dual enrollment, and scholarships for upperclassmen. Whether you're looking for hands-on experiences, flexible learning options, or statewide initiatives, you'll leave with a clear roadmap to help your teen take their next steps with confidence.

## The Listening Brain: The Neurology of How Communication Impacts Learning – Dr. Joe O'Tool

Ever wonder why your child mimics your tone—or your sighs—before you even realize you're doing it? Welcome to the world of the listening brain—where words, emotions, and even facial expressions are absorbed like sponges. In this interactive and energizing session, we'll dive into the fascinating neuroscience behind how children learn through both what they hear and what they see. You'll discover:

- How the brain processes positive vs. negative language—and why it matters
- What happens in the brain when kids observe and imitate adult behavior
- The role of mirror neurons, the amygdala, and the prefrontal cortex in learning and emotional safety
- How everyday moments of language and tone can literally shape your child's brain
- Simple ways to reframe your language for better focus, connection, and cooperation

Through hands-on brain demos, storytelling, and real homeschool-life examples, you'll leave with practical strategies to use the power of presence and communication—all backed by brain science. Expect laughter, lightbulbs, and some "Wait . . . my brain does that too?" moments. Perfect for parents who want to harness the full potential of their children's incredible listening minds.

## Homeschool Iowa Advocacy & Legislative Update – Jeremy Vos

Learn about legislative changes that have occurred in 2025 and about legislative changes coming down the road. Also learn about Jeremy's role as the Homeschool Iowa lobbyist and why that role is important to homeschool families.



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# Exhibitor Workshops

## 12:15-1:15PM

### What Will the Transition to College Be Like for the Student and the Parents? – Emmaus University

Our homeschool families are blessed with a rich and nurturing home culture, which can actually make the transition to college a bit intimidating. How will life change for both the student and the family? Come hear encouraging, comforting, and helpful advice from an Academic Dean about what to expect as this huge transition approaches for you and your family.

### Cracking the Social Code: Boosting Social Skills Through Emotional Understanding – Enrichment Therapy & Learning Center

Help your child thrive socially by strengthening their understanding of emotions and body language. This interactive workshop equips homeschool parents with fun, practical strategies to teach children how to read social cues, recognize unspoken rules, and navigate everyday social situations with confidence.

### Errors in Textbooks and a Theory that Destroys the Big Bang – Solidify Your Faith

View blatant errors in ©2024 science books, and learn about the Hydroplate Theory that makes astoundingly accurate predictions and is validated by surprising NASA discoveries.

### Work at Home as a Medical Transcriptionist – The Medical Transcription Service

There's a huge demand for good medical transcriptionists. It's a great job for teens or adults, part- or full-time. Discover a step-by-step guide to what medical transcription is, medical transcription versus medical billing & coding, earning potential, equipment needed, the reports that are transcribed, and more. Your instructor, Debra Burns, has been a medical transcriptionist for more than 30 years, operates a large medical transcription business, and has been a homeschool mom. You'll enjoy her warmth, humor, and practical advice.

### Empowering Parents: At-Home Healthcare Tips – Natural Health Improvement Center of Des Moines

A journey to uncover how the medical system is falling short and how our kids are among the sickest in the world. It's time to empower ourselves as parents with the knowledge and tools to make a difference! We'll dive into the world of herbs, homeopathy, and plant peptides. Learn how these natural methods can bolster your child's health in ways mainstream medicine often can't. We'll explore practical ways to teach your kids how to forage for herbs and utilize remedies found right in your kitchen!

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# Session 8

1:30-2:30PM

SATURDAY

## Take Courage: Encouragement for Dads – Dr. Rob Rienow

God calls fathers to build “heart connected” relationships with their kids, in order to help them build “heart connected” relationships with God. But fathers face unique spiritual attacks and discouragement! Discover key biblical principles to grow in your strength and vision as a dad.

## Boys and Media – Hal & Melanie Young

How do you teach a young man to keep his way pure when the red-light district is riding around in his shirt pocket – or his friend’s? How can you help a boy think about the future when all he wants to do is game all day? Media addiction and porn are derailing young men at a rate that is hard to even believe. Learn how to teach your sons a healthy, Biblical attitude toward entertainment and sexuality. Prepare them to make it a matter of honor to practice self-control, do what’s right, and have healthy relationships with girls. Get them in the fight because there are no bystanders in this battle, and we don’t want our sons to lose. The stakes are too high

## A New Organized Attack on Your Homeschool Freedom – Scott Woodruff and Jeremy Vos

A group of adults embittered by their homeschool experience, and friends who sympathize with them, have coalesced into the most serious threat to homeschool freedom nationwide in decades. They are smart, articulate, and media savvy. If you believe it’s your job to rear and educate your kids, they have a name for you: “parental rights extremist.” Come find out who they are, what they have done, what they are planning on doing, and how to respond to their arguments.

## Panel Discussion: Homeschool Graduates

Have you wondered what students themselves think about their homeschooling journey? What challenges & benefits did they experience? What did they like best or least? Were they prepared for the “real world”? Join this panel of young adult, homeschool graduates for an insightful Q&A discussion. They will share their unique perspectives, discuss common myths and reflect on their homeschool experiences. Your questions will determine the exact path of this session!

## Raising Kids to Love God with a Sound Mind – Sherry Fiscella

Research shows that even kids from strong Christian homes can struggle with issues related to mental health. Learn four essentials for raising kids to love God with a sound mind and learn about behavioral yellow and red flags that may indicate a need for targeted attention or help... for your own kids or for their friends.

## Jump Start College with CLEP – Kristin Lackie

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# Session 9

3:00-4:00PM

SATURDAY

## **Visionary Marriage – Dr. Rob Rienow**

God has a purpose and mission for your marriage! Discover how God can use you to spiritually encourage and connect with your spouse - and experience a growing oneness in Christ. Every married couple needs help and encouragement. A strong marriage helps our children follow Jesus!

## **The Power of Mentorship: Secrets to a Truly Higher Education – Daniel Craig**

This session is a “must hear” for parents and students alike. Everyone recognizes that there are problems with traditional higher education. Yet for all the press, commentary and money spent to fix the problem, far too few people recognize the amazing benefits of one-on-one mentor-driven education. Even as homeschoolers, we often fail to realize that the need for biblical discipleship in education also applies to the college years. Get ready to adopt a new paradigm for “higher education” as Daniel explains how your student can launch into life NOW, with clear vision, through powerful mentoring relationships and real-life application.

## **Teaching Your Neurodiverse Mini-Me – Tori Wilson**

Homeschooling children with learning difficulties can be challenging for all parents, especially if you also struggle with learning challenges such as dyslexia or ADHD. Many learning disabilities are hereditary, so parents often find themselves teaching children who share their learning difficulties. The great news is that neuroscience has taught us not only how to be better teachers with these issues but also how to change and rewire the brain to overcome learning challenges, regardless of the age of the child or the parent. Come learn about the amazing, malleable brain and how to harness neuroplasticity to help your child learn and reach their full potential.

## **A New Bad Idea: Government Funding for Homeschooling – Scott Woordruff**

We have worked for decades to keep homeschooling as independent as possible from government influence, and for good reasons! But now the idea that the government should fund homeschooling is gaining steam. Several states have already enacted laws, and several others may do it soon. It may be a so-called “education savings account” (which is not a savings account at all!) where government money is put into an account a homeschool family can use. Or it may be a refundable tax credit designed to give many families a “refund” that is greater than the tax they owe. Regardless of the feel-good names attached to these programs, the bitter fact remains that government funding inevitably leads to government strings and the loss of independence. Come to this session to hear an in-depth discussion of these and related issues.

## **TEEN TRACK:**

### **Your Story, Your Future: Crafting Resumes, Interviews & Scholarship Essays – Jose Lopez**

Every homeschool student has a story, and your job is to tell yours in a way that stands out—whether on a resume, in an interview, or in a scholarship essay. In this interactive workshop, we’ll walk through how to build your personal brand by defining who you are, learning to articulate it confidently, and shaping it into a compelling narrative for employers, colleges, and scholarship committees.

### **Connected Families: Discipline that Connects with Your Child’s Heart – Sherry Fiscella**

Do you ever feel like your discipline plan isn’t working? Are you feeling stuck or frustrated in your parenting? Sherry Fiscella will introduce a Bible-based, brain-research backed framework for parenting from Connected Families that includes four easy-to-remember goals for parenting. Leave with practical tips for building a home filled with stronger connections, more peace, more joy... and less stress.

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

4:15-5:15PM

## **Never Give Up – Hal & Melanie Young**

It’s easy to get burned out, tired and overwhelmed as the years pass, but the reasons we are homeschooling become even more important as our children grow up. How can we press on through the challenges of hormones, struggles with learning, and fear of the future and do what we know is right? This funny, hopeful, and encouraging session looks at the importance of finishing what you’ve started and making it all the way to graduation.





# Exhibitors

## **ActorsBible** (Benjamin Myers)

ActorsBible is a family devotions app that presents the entire Bible in enactable scenes. It features a scrolling script teleprompter, 360° visuals of the Holy Lands, epic music and songs, and application questions.

### **CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

## **Beyond Speech Tx LLC**

Beyond Speech Tx LLC provides speech and language therapy for children and adults, targeting speech sound and language disorders, stuttering, autism related language concerns, AAC devices, and deaf/hard of hearing. They provide direct speech therapy, virtual therapy, free consultations, and parent coaching.

## **BJU Press Homeschool/ HomeWorks by Precept**

BJU Press Homeschool provides a complete curriculum for preschool through 12th grade woven with a biblical worldview, critical thinking skills, and hands-on learning with instruction options using traditional parent-led textbooks and professionally taught video courses.

## **Christian Light Education**

Christian Light Education offers books, curriculum, and educational products for grades K-12

## **Classical Conversations**

Classical Conversations equips homeschool parents with the confidence to raise bright, observant students who have a lifelong love of learning. When you homeschool with Classical Conversations, you'll be connected with a local community of like-minded families who not only learn together, but do life together.

## **Cornerstone: Homeschool Diploma**

Cornerstone Homeschool Diploma supplies all your graduations needs, from diplomas and graduation gowns to thank-you cards and announcements. They specialize in customized products.

## **Credits Before College** (Kristin Lackie)

Credits Before College offers practical, but often overlooked, strategies to graduate college debt-free through credit-by-exam options and dual enrollment. They help parents and students learn how to utilize every available opportunity to maximize the middle and high school experience while casting a vision for college and beyond.

### **CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

## **Crown College**

At Crown College, students are inspired to be bold in their faith, purpose, and leadership to impact the world for Christ. Their mission is to provide a biblically based education for Christian leadership.

## **Daughter of the Wilds**

Caitlin Hodnefield, from Daughter of the Wilds, writes clean young adult fantasy fiction. Are you looking for your next story for the young readers in your life? This series is perfect for you.

## **Deaf Missions**

Deaf Missions exists to effectively communicate the Gospel of Jesus with deaf people worldwide.

## **Demme Learning / Math-U-See**

Demme Learning offers a full K-12 Math and English language arts curriculum, through Math-U-See, Spelling You See, Analytical Grammar, and WriteShop. They also sell the Building Faith Families and Stewardship curriculum from Steve Demme.

## **Derby Dash Math**

Derby Dash takes the tedium out of math practice and drill, with just enough competition to make concentrating easier and with rewards for even minimal improvement. The student competes only with their own previous races, so even students who feel "bad at math" can score wins from the start.

## **Developing Great Relationships**

Developing Great Relationships believes a healthy marriage takes effort. Life never seems to slow down, so it's easy to put your marriage on cruise control. That's usually when the bumps happen.

A Developing Great Relationships weekend marriage getaway is a great way to refocus on each other and the marriage God has given you.

## **Discovery Toys**

Discovery Toys has been offering award-winning learning resources for all children of all ages for over 47 years with engaging, hands-on learning products that promote the development of creative problem solving skills, logical thinking skills, engineering mindsets, imaginative play, and so much more.

## **Distinctive Music Studios**

Distinctive Music Studios provides live online music lessons from 17 skilled faculty in numerous instruments including piano, guitar, voice, violin, cello, flute and trumpet. For more than 21 years, they have helped homeschool families move to the next level in their music instruction with live one-on-one lessons accessed from home to help each student progress to their highest potential for the Lord's glory.

## **DuMoore Educational Materials**

DuMoore Educational Materials offers a handbook with 150 activities and other ideas that will help teachers, youth leaders, and missionaries. It is uniquely organized based upon minutes available and materials needed.

## **Emmaus University**

Emmaus University is a private, four-year university located in historic Dubuque. They are dedicated to offering Christ-centered education, uncompromised Biblical teaching, and valuable professional degrees. With one of the region's most affordable tuition rates, Emmaus has over 50 quality program options in a variety of professional and ministry-oriented fields of study.



## **Energematrice6**

Energematrice6 offers young adult science fiction and fantasy books along with other items that complement the books' worlds. The author, Jared Michaud, is a homeschool alumnus and a homeschooling dad to seven kids. His books are clean and implicitly Christian, and homeschool audiences are one of his main target groups.

## **Enrichment Therapy & Learning Center**

**(Sonia Strueby)**

Enrichment Therapy & Learning Center provides individualized support for speech, language, dyslexia, executive functioning, reading, writing, math, feeding and swallowing, orofacial myofunctional disorder, and so much more.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

## **Faith Baptist Bible College**

At over 100 years old, Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny is one of the oldest Bible colleges in America. They are also one of the most affordable! Their emphasis is on discipleship, spiritual growth, and a sincere interest in the lives of our students by their staff and faculty.

## **Generations**

**(Daniel Craig)**

Generations' vision is to pass on the faith to the next generation through the biblical family, discipleship, and education. They equip families and churches around the world through our daily radio programs, discipleship resources, the Christian Curriculum Project, and discipleship events and retreats.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

## **Godstruck Ministries 4 Kids**

Godstruck Ministries 4 Kids' mission is to help children hide God's Word and principles in their hearts through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16). They offer Scripture CDs with companion Bible curricula, sign and movement videos for various Scripture songs and albums, and other miscellaneous products.

## **Gospel App Ministries**

Gospel App Ministries offers Dr. Bill Senyard's collection of inspiring, biblically grounded books, including the award-winning Kingdom Quest fantasy series for ages 10-15 and the 5-star rated Dance: Daughters of the Most High! as well as transformative Bible studies designed for mothers and daughters.

## **Grace & Truth Books**

Grace & Truth Books offers Christian books for the whole family, with an emphasis on biblical worldview, family reading, and homeschool helps.

## **HEPPNER'S LEGACY Homeschool Resources**

**(Nancy Bjorkman)**

Brad & Nancy Bjorkman, of Heppner's Legacy Homeschool Resources, have dedicated nearly four decades to working individually with families, finding methods and resources for all ages and subjects to make home education a success. Brad & Nancy invite you to join them at this year's conference to meet the new owners of Heppner's Legacy, Jamie and Jodi Buchino, who will continue to provide high quality curricula, manipulatives, science supplies, fiction, biographies, audios, maps, timelines, unit studies, games, and much more.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

## **Home School Legal Defense Association [HSLDA]**

**(Scott Woodruff)**

HSLDA passionately advocates for the freedom to homeschool and offers support for every stage of your homeschool journey. If you are considering becoming a member, at a conference is the best time. Stop by their booth to learn more.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

## **Homeschool Iowa**

Why is partnership with Homeschool Iowa through membership a great benefit for you and your family – and for home education in Iowa? Chat with our friendly Homeschool Iowa team members to find out. Check out the special offers available just at the conference!

## **Home Works for Books, LLC**

Home Works for Books provides you with a huge assortment of your favorite curricula, chapter books, supplies, and learning supplements.

## **Imagination Investigation Bookstore**

Imagination Investigation Bookstore offers Christian fiction for toddlers through adults, plus nonfiction pertaining to media and writing.

## **Informed Choice Iowa**

Informed Choice Iowa is a non-profit grassroots organization that advocates for vaccine safety and informed consent, while strongly opposing health mandates. Their group promotes cited, sourced, and accurate information to help Iowans take control of their health decisions, specifically as they relate to vaccines.

## **Iowa Right to Life**

Iowa Right to Life has been on the front lines for decades, working to educate thousands of Iowans and promoting the value of human life. Through grassroots activities, political lobbying, educational efforts, and public awareness programs, they seek to change the existing culture to embrace a culture of life.

## **J. A. Webb**

Genesis award-winning author J. A. Webb is a former atheist and now a devoted follower of Christ, military veteran, husband, father, and business owner writing thrilling Christian fiction from his four acre farmstead on the prairies of the Upper Midwest.

## **Kingdom Comics**

Kingdom Comics is a Christian comic book outreach ministry. Their mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By presenting the Gospel in comic book format, they are able to reach a culture that may otherwise be unreachable.

## **Lifestream Brain + Body Clinic**

**(Dr. Joe O'Tool)**

Lifestream Brain + Body Clinic provides functional neurology and chiropractic care.

They've also launched a new learning, behavior, developmental program for ages 5-15 called NeuroGro. If your child struggles with an official or suspected learning disability; a cognition, focus or processing issue; or an emotional/behavioral challenge, this program can help.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

## **Logos Homeschool Academy**

Logos Homeschool Academy in Story City offers several educational options for families, including a 1-day co-op, a 2-day hybrid, and a 4-day extensive program. They also offer enrichment classes to homeschool families in the surrounding area.

## **Maranatha Baptist University**

Maranatha a Christian liberal arts university in southern Wisconsin. They offer a wide variety of majors, all with a strong Bible core as well as Maranatha Baptist Bible Institute, a two-year program for students not interested in a college degree but wanting a strong Bible foundation before going into the workforce or on to other vocational training.

## **Master Books**

Master Books is a leading publisher of biblical apologetic books and resources, including award-winning, faith-based homeschool curriculum, all designed to inspire learning, foster spiritual growth, and strengthen your family's faith. They also offer access to a supportive community of more than 42,000 homeschool moms and a dedicated customer support team to ensure your homeschooling experience is a success.

## **The Medical Transcription Service**

The Medical Transcription Service offers training, internship, and job opportunities for those interested in pursuing a career in medical transcription. Their course teaches basic and advanced medical terminology, as well as providing 40+ hours of dictated, technical medical reports utilizing a variety of accents and speakers in real world settings to provide realistic training. It is a great job for teens or adults, part- or full-time.

## **Moody Web Design**

Moody Web Design offers web design assistance and social media services.

## **NarrateAR**

NarrateAR provides, Ama AI, a safe, secure, lifelong learning companion designed to help children with special needs gain greater independence. Families can easily scan or upload any curriculum or lesson materials, which Ama AI customizes and adapts to fit each child's unique abilities and learning style. Every child has their own dedicated AI assistant, and families retain full ownership and control of their data.

## **Natural Health Improvement Center of Des Moines**

Natural Health Improvement Center of Des Moines offers holistic Health care services and education. They can help you get to the root cause of symptoms with safe, natural solutions for many health problems.

## **The Nectar Group**

**(Tori Wilson & Becky MacCredie)**

The Nectar Group is an education company dedicated to helping students overcome learning challenges so that they can reach their full potential. With their assessment-driven process, they use scientific tools to evaluate and pinpoint the root causes of learning difficulties. Then, they create custom solutions utilizing cognitive neuroscience to resolve those root issues.

### **CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**

## **PaperPie**

PaperPie (formerly Usborne Books & More), offers books and educational toys to enhance literacy and learning. Megan, who will be representing PaperPie at our conference, is a former teacher turned stay-at-home homeschooling mom of four kids. She loves helping families connect through books.

## **Portals**

Portals is a literature-to-project based program designed to provide resources and support to parents who are seeking a Christ-centered education for their children. Portals provides curriculum selection and design for flexible daily K-12 lesson plans in all subjects, and a 9-5 call-in center with live support. Portals' goal is to save parents time, so they can spend it building character, family, and faith.

## **Rachel Newhouse**

Rachel Newhouse is a homeschool graduate who writes clean Christian sci-fi for middle grade and young adult readers. Her RED RAIN series features no sexual language or content. It has strong Christian characters and themes as well as pro-homeschool and pro-conservative messages.

## **Raising Real Men / Craftsman Crate**

**(Hal & Melanie Young)**

Hal & Melanie Young are the award-winning, best-selling authors of Raising Real Men, No Longer Little and Love, Honor, and Virtue. They offer books, audiobooks, and resources to make Biblical family life practical. These include books and materials on parenting, marriage, and family life; curriculum and resources for special needs students; and adventure gear for active imaginations. Also check out their Craftsman Crate subscription box, teaching artisan arts and crafts with real tools, real materials, and no trips to the store.

### **CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**

## **RightStart Mathematics**

RightStart™ Mathematics is a complete elementary and middle-school program that uses visualization of quantities, de-emphasizes counting, and provides strategies and kinesthetic games for learning the facts.

## **Rod & Staff**

**(Truth & Life Ministry)**

Rod & Staff brings a complete Bible-based curriculum to assist Christian parents in the work of raising their children in the nurture and fear of the Lord. They also have many preschool books and character building story books for the whole family.

## **Rooted In Christ Studio**

Rooted in Christ is a Christian homeschool family offering homeschool-themed apparel, accessories, home decor, and more. Their mother-and-daughter team specializes in custom designs about their passion: representing Christ and homeschooling.

## **ScreenStrong**

**(Mandee Hamann)**

ScreenStrong empowers families to prevent screen problems and reclaim their kids from toxic screens: social media, video games, and pornography. They offer workshops and curriculum based on child development science and medical research to prevent and reverse childhood screen addiction.

### **CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

### **Solidify Your Faith**

Solidify Your Faith helps people solidify their faith in the Bible by looking at science. They offer creation and freedom talks from Minnesota to Florida at churches, schools, colleges, conferences, camps, and clubs.

### **Sylladot Reading Program**

Sylladot is a highly effective open-and-go reading program featuring simple lessons with a multisensory approach. They also offer a variety of free resources, including children's books, a math program, a cursive writing program, and a typing program.

### **Teaching Textbooks**

Teaching Textbooks is the award-winning homeschool math app designed specifically for homeschoolers, Math 3 through Pre-Calculus. Teaching Textbooks requires no lesson plans, allows instant access online and offline, automates grading, offers step-by-step audio-vision solutions for every single problem, and provides a free tutor helpline.

### **Turning Point USA**

Turning Point USA is organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to empower informed civic and cultural engagement grounded in American exceptionalism and a positive spirit of action. They guide citizens through development of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation, so they can meaningfully engage in their communities to restore traditional American values like patriotism, respect for life, liberty, family, and fiscal responsibility.

### **The Tuttle Twins**

The Tuttle Twins offers books and curriculum teaching civics, free market economics, history, sound money, entrepreneurship, and personal responsibility for toddler to teen.

### **Two Rivers Classical Academy**

(Dr. Nathan Oppman)

Two Rivers Classical Academy is a K-12 Christian, classical, and collaborative academy utilizing a college-schedule (hybrid model). They partner with Christian parents to train children to love learning truth, to pursue virtue in all of life, and to glorify God in their callings.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

### **United States Tennis Association**

The United States Tennis Association offers resources to help families have a successful first experience with tennis. Their digital resources to provide you with progression-based skills, activities, and games, as well as the opportunity to receive free equipment. They showcase how tennis can be played in a non-traditional tennis space or with modified equipment to make your early tennis experience a success regardless of skillset, experience, or age.

### **Vero Health Center**

The Vero Team combines the most advanced and researched protocols that include regenerative medicine, neurologically based care, bioidentical hormone replacement therapy, gut health treatments, weight loss protocols, non-surgical spinal decompression and the latest in medical equipment and natural supplementation. Their goal is to provide you with true long-term correction rather than just short-term relief.

### **Visionary Family Ministries**

(Dr. Rob Rienow)

Visionary Family Ministries focuses on equipping parents to be spiritual leaders in their homes.

They encourage families and train church leaders through live conferences, books, video Bible studies, and free online resources.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

### **Waldorf University**

Waldorf is a four-year University located in Forest City. They have both a campus, for a traditional higher education experience, as well as a robust online degree program. Waldorf offers a wide variety of online 3-credit college level courses to high school juniors and seniors at a fraction of the regular tuition rate.

### **YWAM Publishing**

YWAM publishes the best-selling "Christian Heroes: Then & Now" and "Heroes of History" biographies as well as unit studies and other homeschool, missions, and Christian growth materials, including titles by national author/speaker Heidi St John.

## **EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:**

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**10:00am-6:30pm**

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## *Visit Our Vendor & Speaker Displays* **Exhibit Hall Feature Time:**

**Friday:**  
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KEYNOTE  
ROOM

EXHIBIT  
HALL

HARDWOOD  
COURTS

COMMONS

A/B

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MAIN  
ENTRANCE

ACTIVITIES  
ROOM

COMMUNITY ROOMS

