



Colorado Thespians

Leadership Skills Summit

For student leaders looking to enhance leadership skills

Tentative Outline

Subject to Change

Check In - Parsons Theatre Lobby	8:30 - 9:00 am
Welcome and Opening Parsons Theatre	9:00 - 9:45 am CO Thespians Welcome Find Your Team Team Intros Big Group Question #1 <u>Opening Speakers: How Being a Theatre Kid Influenced my Future</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conner Kingsley, Esquire - Attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency- Gabrielle Gionet, MPH Epidemiology & Biostatistics and PhD candidate Review Structure of the Day
Breakout Session 1	10:00 - 14:45 am
Parsons Theatre	<u>Yes And Leadership</u> Jesse Collett, Jeffco Theatre Coordinator



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Rehearsal Studio	Panel Discussion: How Inclusivity Builds Stronger Relationships and Programs Tyrell Rae, Professional Performer Caroline Kerswill, Counselor, DCIS
Community Room 1	What Directing Teaches About Leadership Tami LoSasso, Executive Director Colorado State Thespians
Breakout Session 2	11:00 am - 11:45 am
Parsons Theatre	Yes And Leadership Jesse Collett, Jeffco Theatre Coordinator
Rehearsal Studio	Panel Discussion: How Inclusivity Builds Stronger Relationships and Programs Tyrell Rae, Professional Performer Caroline Kerswill, Counselor, DCIS
Community Room 1	What Directing Teaches About Leadership Tami LoSasso, Executive Director Colorado State Thespians
Lunch Community Room 2	11:45 am - 1:00 pm



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	Conversation lead by State Thespian Officers Big Group Question #2
Breakout Session 3	1:15 - 2:00 pm
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Closing Parsons Theatre	2:15 - 3:00 pm
	Closing Forum Theatre Big Group Question #3 Feedback Form - Please complete

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Workshop Descriptions

Yes And Leadership

Presenter: Jesse Collett, Theatre Coordinator, Jeffco Public Schools

Unlock your leadership potential with our “Yes And Leadership” workshop! Discover how improv techniques can enhance your leadership skills through fun, interactive activities. You’ll learn to embrace collaboration, support your team, and adapt to different situations with confidence. Join us for a session filled with laughter, learning, and leadership growth. Get ready to lead with a “Yes, And” mindset!

Panel Discussion: How Inclusivity Builds Stronger Relationships and Programs

Presenters: Tyrell Rae, Professional Performer
Caroline Kerswill, Counselor, Denver Center for Intl Studies

This workshop will host a lively discussion on why inclusivity matters and how building a diverse community within your program plays to its strengths and makes theatre a more integral part of the larger school community. Presenters will have guiding questions for discussion, but come with plenty of your own!

What Directing Teaches About Leadership

Presenter: Tami LoSasso, Executive Director Colorado State Thespians

Directing requires vision. Communication. A confidence that you have the answers even when you don’t. Explore the commonalities between directing skills and leadership skills and how you can develop both through observation and trial and error. This interactive workshop makes some



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participants the directors, some the performers.

Lunch

Participants should bring a sack lunch. Take advantage of this opportunity to sit with students from other programs and chat about what works (and what doesn't) in your schools.

Discussion facilitated by 2024 Student Thespian Officers

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Presenter Bios

Jesse Collett (he/him) Theatre Coordinator for Jeffco Public Schools
(CO Thespians Board President & Information Technology Coordinator)

Jesse Collett is proud to be working with Colorado Thespians to make the Colorado Thespian Conference better each year for students and teachers alike. He holds degrees in theatre education and musical theatre from the University of Northern Colorado and a Masters in Directing from The Chicago Conservatory of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. Jesse started teaching in 2015 and has been loving every minute of it. He is currently the theatre coordinator for Jeffco Public Schools. Being a part of the Colorado Thespians after attending as a student and working it throughout college is an honor. Thank you to all the troupe directors who have brought their students along to the Colorado Thespian Conference and to all the students for exploring who they are as humans and artists.

Gabrielle Gionet (she/her) PhD Candidate, Computational and Molecular Biology
Member, Thespian Troupe 1697

Caroline Kerswill (she/her) Counselor, Denver Center for International Studies
(CO Thespians Board Secretary & Workshop Coordinator)

Conner Kingsley (he/him) Attorney, Environmental Protection Agency
Member, Thespian Troupe 1697



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Tami LoSasso (she/her) Executive Director for Colorado Thespians
(CO Thespians Chapter Director)

Tyrell Rae (he/she/they) Professional Entertainer
(CO Thespians Board DEIA Coordinator)

Participating Student Thespian Officers (STOs)

Nadia Castillo (she/her), Riverdale Ridge High School - Brighton CO
Maizy Hoffman (she/her), Lakewood High School - Lakewood, CO
Piper Loyd (she/her), Roosevelt High School - Johnstown, CO
Rylie Maestas (she/her), Eagle Ridge Academy - Brighton, CO
Ramsey May (he/him), Regis Jesuit High School - Aurora, CO
Sarah Samal (she/her), Cherokee Trail High School - Aurora, CO

Day Of Event Coordinator

Casey Kesis (she/her) Educator, Harmony Ridge pk-8
(CO Thespians Board Vendors Coordinator)

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