

# Building Voices: Impacting Lives - Southern Alberta Interscholastic Leaders (SAIL) Conference



PRESENTED BY

Student Leaders, Jeff Gerber, Dr. Rick Gilson  
& Jason Kupery



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Date	Time
May 10, 2023	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM



LOCATION

Lethbridge Polytechnic - 3000 College Dr S

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## Learning Opportunity

A full day of learning and activities for students engaged in leadership work at their schools and teachers.

Keynote and sessions designed to provide all participants with ideas and directions to take back to their schools as they work to conclude the 2022-23 school year and prepare for leadership activities for 2023-2024.

The Day at a Glance

9:00 - 10:00 Keynote: Jeff Gerber - Building Voices: Impacting Lives

10:15 - 11:00 Breakout One

11:15 - 12:00 Breakout Two

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch Provided at Lethbridge College

1:00 - 1:45 - Breakout Three

2:00 - 2:30 Closing "Keynote" and Invitation to Impact

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## Presenters

### Student Leaders

A collection of awesome student leaders from Livingstone Range, Lethbridge 51, Holy Spirit, Palliser and Horizon School Division High Schools will be leading the breakout sessions.

#### Jeff Gerber

Jeff has a natural way of connecting with people and moving them to action. He was a leader on his high school campus, active in Student Council, won a bronze medal at the Canadian National High School Debating Championships, and was voted by his peers to be Valedictorian of their graduating class.

At the University of Western Ontario he remained active in public speaking, being recognized as an Outstanding Delegate to the prestigious Harvard National Model UN and broadcasting on campus radio. He also played Mustangs Football, earning a varsity athletic letter.

As an educator, Jeff was blessed to serve at his alma mater. As the Student Activities Council Advisor and Leadership Teacher at Waterloo-Oxford DSS, he led one of the largest and most impactful leadership programs in the province of Ontario. The school's inclusive programs to welcome new students were a model for the region. Their school-wide Relay for Life fundraising events for the Canadian Cancer Society raised over \$640,000. He further gave his time coaching several varsity school sports teams, leading teams to league championships in two different sports, and directing two school musicals.

Jeff and his wife Julie and their three children (twin daughters Brookelynn and Katherine and son Jackson) live outside Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario where they are active leaders and volunteers in their schools and community. Jeff has served on numerous local boards, and has coached numerous local travel teams in baseball and hockey. For his efforts and expertise in guiding young people, and their parents, he was recognized as Rep Hockey Coach of the Year for the local New Hamburg Hockey Association.

A member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers and the Canadian Student Leadership Association Speaker Team, Jeff is a genuine motivator, always striving to learn more and do more. He is excited to meet you and work alongside you to better your school, association, conference, or corporate community.

#### Dr. Rick Gilson

After 39 years of full-time work in education, Rick is currently supporting the work as one of our consultant team members.

Rick has experience teaching English and Social Studies (9-12 academic and non-academic streams) with some Computers, CALM, and a touch of IB Theory of Knowledge folded in for fun. Experienced in Educational leadership as a High School Administrator (14 years, the last nine as Principal) with six years at the Central office, the last five as Assistant Superintendent before spending six years as the Director at SAPDC supporting professional learning.

An avid reader and eternal learner, Rick enjoys coaching, teaching, and supporting others in various capacities, including personal and professional development. Co-host of the APLC Podcast and a YouTube enthusiast with his "Read by Grandpa for his Grandchildren and anyone who would like to listen" series on examples elementary teachers (and others) are welcome to check it out. His primary focus areas are literacy, inclusion, social studies, wellness, personal and professional leadership, and growth.

#### Jason Kupery

Jason Kupery has worked in Education for 24 years and counting, first as a teacher, then principal and now in Division Leadership with Palliser School Division. He is driven by helping students find their confidence and purpose through programs like career exploration, student leadership and wellness.

Anyone who has worked with Jason will tell you he gets a lot done in little time. His enthusiasm for helping students discover their passion and potential is contagious. Student success, both in school and beyond, are always at the top of his mind. In his free time he enjoys staying active outdoors, particularly skiing, hiking and golfing with his friends and family.

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## Registration Notes

Teacher leaders - please ensure the dietary restrictions for students are provided when registering.

**Grade 9's** are welcome to attend in preparation for their role as leaders in the high schools in 2023-24.



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