

# SAIL 2024: Finding Our Purpose; Finding our People (Student Leadership Conference)



## PRESENTED BY

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## SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
May 22, 2024	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
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## Learning Opportunity

# SAIL 2024: Find Our Purpose; Find Our People

This student-driven leadership conference of the Southern Alberta Interscholastic Leadership team is open to students across Southern Alberta particularly targeting students currently in grades 9-11 who are intending to be in leadership classes, leadership groups/teams at their school next year.

The students who will be presenting at breakout sessions have developed sessions to explore and support challenges in personal well-being, development as a leader, developing an inclusive school community, the realities of "team spirit", Sharing leadership initiatives, building unity and connection and so much more.

Students (and their advisors) will experience a full day of learning and activities for students engaged in leadership work at their schools and teachers.

The Keynote and sessions are designed to provide all participants with ideas and directions to take back to their schools as they work to conclude the 2023-24 school year and prepare for leadership activities for 2024-2025.

The Day at a Glance 9:00 - 10:00 Greetings and Keynote: Alison Springer: Recipient of the Women of Inspiration Award

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 Learnings and Invitation to Impact

As mentioned above, besides the Keynote presentation, teams from Lethbridge Public, Livingstone Range, Palliser and Horizon School Division High Schools have worked over the year and created a series of breakouts.

Participants will be assigned to groups and rotate three times to different breakouts. We encourage schools to bring students who will be returning to your high school for 2024-25 so that they can take what they learn and weave it into their work for the next year. As we have far more groups presenting than breakout times, the intent is to have someone from each school attend in mixed groups a diverse # of sessions and share what they learned with their schoolmates to get the broadest exposure to as many presentations as possible.

The organizing team invites high schools not actively involved in the planning and breakout session development to send a group of student leaders and their advisors to join us for this great learning opportunity and day at Lethbridge College.

### **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.

#### 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.

Alison Springer

Alison Springer is the Founder of Young Woman of Power (YWOP) and a Youth Communications Specialist based in Calgary, Alberta. She has co-written curriculum used in Junior High Schools throughout Western Canada, and has developed and facilitated programs used in Calgary's Youth Judicial System.

Alison's passion is helping youth discover leadership and the greatness that lies within. She wants to get them exchanging the status quo for a life of passion and purpose while placing high value on people.

Her MISSION is to build a generation of CONFIDENT youth who will make positive choices that will change and shape their world.

## **Registration Notes**

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

**Schools with Grades 9-12** are welcome to bring their grade 9 leaders to attend in preparation for their role as leaders in the high schools in 2024-25.

