



Pre-Conference Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Session Descriptions

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

\$125 each

Lunch included

A Friendly Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for School Business Officials

About the session:

Join us for a dynamic three-hour pre-conference session designed specifically for School Business Officials eager to enhance their productivity through AI technology. This single, comprehensive session will guide you through the basics of AI, highlighting how ChatGPT and Bard can become an invaluable part of your daily operations. You'll learn to utilize this cutting-edge AI language model to streamline routine tasks, from fielding inquiries to automating complex Excel/Google Sheet workflows for salary management. This session promises to arm you with practical, time-saving AI applications that can revolutionize your workflow. Tailored for those new to AI, we ensure a smooth and accessible learning experience, making advanced technology approachable for all. Don't miss this chance to elevate your capabilities and bring AI into your professional toolkit.

About the presenter:

Aziz Aghayev brings a unique blend of expertise in school business management and technical acumen to the educational sector. With years dedicated to managing the financial affairs of a few public-school districts in Massachusetts, Aziz has adeptly balanced budgeting, compliance, and operational efficiency, all while fostering advancements through automation. Recognized for a pragmatic and clear approach to complex financial systems, Aziz has also shared this knowledge widely, conducting well-received training sessions on the practical uses of technology in school finance at many ASBO international and local ASBO affiliate conferences, webinar series, and bootcamps. These contributions, coupled with a hands-on role in developing educational programs and tools, underscore a commitment to enhancing the fabric of school administration through innovation and shared learning.





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Do What You Love So You Can Love What You Do

About the session:

This session is designed to provide you with practical insights that can help improve your work-life balance. In addition to the in-person pre-conference session on May 8th, there will be two virtual webinars in March and April. Attendees will benefit from the following:

- Gain relevant takeaways from the two webinars leading up to the in-person workshop.
- Learn productivity hacks.
- Improved communication skills.
- Learn how to get more time back in your day.



Wendy Rimmelspacher, a former Executive Finance Director in K-12 education for thirty years, traded in her calculator for a microphone, becoming a speaker, confidence coach, and blogger. Her journey mirrors the struggles of career stagnancy, burnout, and the pursuit of perfection. Wendy's bold professional shift ignited her passion for guiding others on transformative paths.

With extensive governmental accounting experience, Wendy intimately understands the perils of perfectionism and the fear of failure. Her mission goes beyond survival—it's about cultivating a thriving mindset. She champions personal growth, confidence building, and optimism, urging individuals to actively thrive, not just strive.

Captivating audiences on both virtual and physical stages, Wendy invites audiences to challenge norms, overcome obstacles, and embrace a transformative mindset shift. Her resilience, evident in overcoming challenges like the CPA exam and securing two golf Club Champion titles, embodies her message of tenacity.

Through engaging storytelling and humor, Wendy makes authentic connections with her audience. Her captivating speaking style leaves an indelible mark, guiding others to rediscover their brilliance and create supportive circles that celebrate authenticity and growth. She fosters an environment where thriving isn't an exception but the norm, inspiring individuals to flourish.



Sara Centanni, a CPA and former Executive Finance Director in K-12 education, transitioned from balancing numbers to fostering High-Performance Leadership as a coach, speaker, and International Best-Selling author. Her life appeared flawless: achieving magna cum laude with two bachelor's degrees, conquering the CPA exams while immersed in a full-time career and competitive rowing, and ascending in finance across four government organizations.

However, as her career demands surged, Sara's personal life dwindled. Despite her remarkable achievements, she realized a critical aspect of accounting was amiss—life should balance. Battling severe health issues leading to an ER visit, she recognized the unsustainability of her lifestyle, experiencing burnout that demanded her attention.

Reprioritizing her life, Sara delved into personal development, rediscovering not just balance but harmony. She unearthed her true calling: empowering others to confidently align their lives, coaching high performers on proven success habits to unleash their potential, and eradicating burnout for good.

With relatable anecdotes, active audience participation, and gentle encouragement, Sara consistently captivates her listeners, imparting immediate, actionable wisdom. She advocates that professionalism and fun can coexist, urging alignment with personal truths and emphasizing that while safety and security are crucial for survival, peace of mind is essential for thriving.