

GOVERNANCE CAMP

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MARCH 3-6, 2021

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KICKING OFF GOVERNANCE CAMP!

It's time for Governance Camp! Don't worry—you won't need to pitch a tent on the beaches of Galveston, and bug spray and sunscreen won't be necessary. Whether you join us in person or virtually, you will still enjoy the fantastic content focused on student voice, leadership, and governance you've come to expect from this one-of-a-kind annual conference.

In addition to sessions focused on governance issues and best practices, Camp offers the unique opportunity to attend with Texas students, who come ready to share their educational experiences, opinions, and ideas to help guide your work as a trustee.

The idea of Camp is that you will grow as a leader,

leaving the conference refreshed and ready to head home with new ideas and tools, looking forward to coming back again next year to see the familiar faces of trustees from around the state you connected with during your time here.

While we hope to gather in person, we also are making secondary plans to bring Camp directly to you in your own home. We may not be able to swap stories while eating s'mores together in Galveston, but rest assured by the end of the conference, whether we are together in person or online, you'll walk away inspired having fully experienced Governance Camp.

Visit tasb.org/gov-camp for the latest updates!

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Preconference Registration	1-2 p.m.
Preconference Session	2-5 p.m.
Regiception	5-6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Breakfast	7:30-8:30 a.m.
General Session	8:30-9:45 a.m.
Breakout	10-11 a.m.
Breakout	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Lunch	12:30-1:30 p.m.
Breakout	1:45-2:45 p.m.
Breakout	3-4 p.m.
Reception	4-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Breakfast	7:30-8:30 a.m.
General Session	8:30-9:15 a.m.
Breakout	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Students Inspired	10:30-11:15 a.m.
Breakout	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Lunch	12:15-1:15 p.m.
Breakout	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Spotlight Sessions	2:30-3:15 p.m.
General Session	3:30-4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Breakfast by the Bay	7:30-8:30 a.m.
COVID-19: Back to the Future	8:30-11 a.m.

PROFESSIONAL HEAD SHOTS

On Thursday, March 4, 7-7:30 a.m., TASB Media Services will be on hand to take professional head shots free of charge for those interested to use in press releases, campaign literature, and other publications.



GENERAL SESSION SPEAKERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

MAWI ASGEDOM,

award-winning author and expert on social emotional learning (SEL), has inspired millions with his journey as an Ethiopian refugee turned Harvard graduate and pioneering social entrepreneur.



By applying SEL skills to set goals, build relationships, and grow academically, Mawi overcame the odds, as told in his bestselling book *Of Beetles and Angels*.

Mawi's ability to inspire led Oprah Winfrey to call her

interview with him one of her top 20 moments in 20 years.

Since delivering the commencement speech to his graduating class at Harvard, Mawi has spoken to over one million people about the transformational power of SEL.

In 1999, he founded Mawi Learning, which provides online and blended SEL curriculum for K-12 students and educators. Under Mawi's leadership, Mawi Learning won the prestigious CODiE Award for achieving excellence and innovation in educational technology and achieved CASEL-designation for evidence-based SEL. Mawi Learning has trained more than a million students and educators in 12 countries.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

ANINDYA KUNDU, Ph.D., studies the concepts of agency and human potential. He examines the social contexts, educational systems, and opportunity structures that create positive change in people's lives. Anindya's research is rooted in amplifying student voice to create more equitable systems of opportunity.

Anindya is a senior fellow at the City University of New York, Graduate Center. He received a school-wide Outstanding Teaching Award while at New York University, where he also received his Ph.D. He taught storytelling to high school students through The Moth non-profit for a brief time.

Anindya has frequently contributed to public discourse on education. His work has appeared on NPR Education

and his two TED Talks each have more than one million views. As he puts it, "There is intellectual talent going uncultivated in our communities. If we treat education as our greatest public responsibility, more students can be capable of great things and we can better tackle the social problems that lie ahead, together."

His debut book, *The Power of Student Agency*, was released in 2020.



KEY SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

PRECONFERENCE *(included in registration fee)*

COULD YOU LAST A MONTH IN POVERTY?

Walk a mile in the shoes of your students in this unique, interactive poverty simulation that enables you to live for a “month” in poverty. This session, back again this year by popular demand, promises to be impactful and will include group discussion about the challenges your students and their families face and how that can factor into your board’s work.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

10TH ANNUAL STUDENT PANEL AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Always the highlight of the conference, come meet and listen to the recipients of the statewide Student Voice scholarships as they share their educational experiences. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from Texas public school students, and you will no doubt be inspired and encouraged by these young minds.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

POSTCONFERENCE *(included in registration fee)*

COVID-19: BACK TO THE FUTURE

Saturday’s interactive workshop will focus on the challenges of educating our students through the unique circumstances of COVID-19, innovative solutions from school leaders, and future forecasts from various industry experts. TASB’s Governmental Relations will provide an update on the legislative session.

This information will be presented whether we meet in person or virtually.

“ The poverty simulation exercise facilitated by TASB caused an emotional response to the obstacles to instruction for students who experience a life constantly on the edge of crisis. You cannot shake the powerful feeling of this experience; nor should you. ”

—JAMES HOPPER, SUPERINTENDENT, VENUS ISD

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QUESTIONS?

Visit tasb.org/gov-camp for details, or contact TASB at **800.580.8272**.

- Housing—email mandy.begley@tasb.org
- Registration—email registrar@tasb.org
- Additional questions—email kathy.dundee@tasb.org

SPECIAL NEEDS?

Would you like us to address any special needs? If so, let us know by February 19, to allow time to make needed arrangements. Call us at 800.580.8272, extension 2461, or send an email to mandy.begley@tasb.org.

STUDENT VOICE

A CONVERSATION ABOUT EDUCATION

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Research shows that dropout rates, student achievement, and workforce readiness will improve due to increased integration of student voice in the classroom and community. Student congresses and student-led education reform movements are popping up all over the country as students actively work to influence positive change in their education experience.

In 2011, a Student Voice panel was added to the Governance Camp program, allowing attendees to hear directly from students about their experiences in Texas public schools. 2017 saw the expansion of Student Voice through the addition of student-led sessions about initiatives, projects, and other school activities to promote improved learning and showcase their educational experiences.

In increasing the presence of Student Voice, board members hear from today's students so they can better understand the students' wants and needs when making important decisions. We are pleased to continue Student Voice at our conference again this year, including:

STUDENT VOICE PANEL AND SCHOLARSHIP

Currently enrolled high school seniors are invited to participate on the Student Voice panel to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, plus a travel stipend for their participation.

The application deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2021.

ALL SUBMISSIONS FORMS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE STUDENT VOICES LINK AT [TASB.ORG/GOV-CAMP](https://tasb.org/gov-camp).



STUDENT VOICE SESSIONS

We are seeking sessions for Friday, March 5, presented or copresented by students. Each session is one hour in length. Students can focus on:

- Student-led initiatives that have transformed their school
- Projects that have had an impact on school culture and climate
- Technology development and findings
- And more!

Submissions are due Wednesday, December 9.

Depending on travel distance, hotel cost may be picked up by TASB. Students are invited to join attendees for breakfast and lunch Friday.

STUDENTS INSPIRED BOOTHS AND SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

We are calling on students—individuals or groups—to lead both hands-on interactive experiences or demonstrations as well as presenting a 15-minute spotlight session in an “exhibition” style setting. We’re looking for a variety of exhibits—from demos of student-designed video games, to health studies, to visual arts and music and crafts like carpentry and welding. Students should provide attendees an engaged learning experience and share how this activity has helped them improve their personal K-12 learning journeys. **Submissions are due Friday, January 15, 2021.**

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"My fellow CISD trustees and I attend Governance Camp each year to learn more about what is going on in other districts and how to move forward with problem-solving. But the most exciting part of Camp is watching and listening to the students. Seeing their eyes glow while expressing their interest in different things and hearing how some of them cope with the difficulties in life—it is truly an amazing experience. All board members, both new and tenured, should experience this. I look forward to learning more from other trustees and the students we serve and as always leaving with a renewed sense of hope."

Alex Ybarra, Trustee, Channelview ISD



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