



MAAP STARS

Fall Conference
October 8-9
Lake Beauty Bible Camp

DCALS Main

Staff: Tim Davis

Erin Mahnke

Students: Spencer M - 11th Grade

Linnk S - 11th Grade

Trent L - 11th Grade

Genevieve S - 11th Grade

Lauren P - 12th Grade



DCALS North

Staff: Jon Mulville

Students: Sincere Turner

Harmony Jackson

Emily-Ona Hernandez

Kat Gillson

Diana Lopez



Guest Speakers

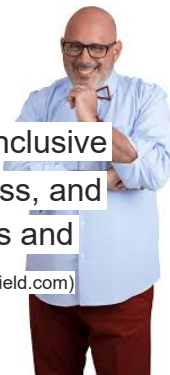
Joe Beckman - Keynote



Combining humor, authenticity, heart, and soul, international speaker Joe Beckman shares five specific phrases he believes all kids (and adults) need to hear. The result is a refreshing, authentic, and down-to-earth approach to finding **self-worth** (*Love YOU*), **resilience** (*Push Through*), **confidence** (*Fail On*), **joy** (*Yeah Toast!*), and maybe most importantly, **human connection** (*Just Look Up*). (From joebeckman.com)

Dr. Derek Greenfield - Breakout

Dr. Derek Greenfield is a visionary speaker, consultant, educator, and thought leader dedicated to inclusive excellence and positive change. With his dynamic and interactive approach, creative ideas, track record of success, and sense of humor, Dr. Greenfield has become a highly requested presenter across the globe. His powerful keynotes and workshops on issues such as diversity and inclusion, motivation, team building, student development. (From derekgreenfield.com)



Activities





Events

MN Legislative Day - Wednesday Feb 25, 2026

MAAP STARS Spring Conference May 7-8 Mankato

- Competitive event that encourages the development of personal and vocational competencies (similar to CTE's Skills USA)
- Individual and team events



Takeaways

Students are energized about being a “chain” or “link” as leaders.

Some students are considering running for MAAP STARS Officer.

Students are excited to be a part of student advisory board.

Students are motivated to start planning for spring conference.

Students met other students from around the state that they relate to - sense of community