

Alberta Rural Education Symposium-- A Clear 20-20 Vision for Rural Alberta Schools & Communities

Presented By: Alberta Education, Dr. Greg Wells, Dr. Ken Coates, Dr. Lars K. Hallstrom, Julie Stern., Lacombe Student Presentation, Lee Crockett, Minister's Panel Discussion, Reception with MLA's

Date(s):

Sunday, March 01, 2020
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Monday, March 02, 2020
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, March 03, 2020
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Session Location:

Fantasyland Hotel & Conference Centre
17700 - 87 Avenue, Edmonton, AB

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Registration Fee:

\$400.00

Audience: Administration

Grade Level: K-12

Special Notes:

Early Bird pricing of \$350 in effect until January 31, 2020. After January 31, the price increases to \$400

About the Session:

"A Clear 20-20 Vision for Rural Alberta Schools & Communities" is the theme of ARES 2020. This year's symposium will focus on global and local trends in education, and address some critical questions facing rural school divisions. What will learning look like in the future? How should student health be a priority in our planning? How can we prepare our students for the rural workforce of the future? How will conceptual understanding position our students for greater success? And, how can we re-imagine rural schools of the future? These are just some of the critical topics our delegates will be discussing under the leadership of several nationally and internationally renowned keynote speakers.

We will continue with our tradition of a Sunday evening panel with the Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange, along with two other Ministers, yet to be named, who will be sharing with us their vision for rural Alberta. After the Q&A with the Ministers, participants will have an opportunity to engage in one-on-one conversations with the MLAs during the reception.

We have an exciting and thought provoking program prepared, making this an Alberta Rural Education Symposium you will not want to miss!

Agenda will be posted on the ARES Website: www.albertaruraleducation.ca

If you are booking a hotel room at the Fantasyland Hotel, call 780-444-3000 or toll-free 1-800-737-3783 and please state that you are attending the Alberta Rural Education Symposium to obtain the negotiated rate. Unbooked rooms will be released to the public after January 31, 2020.

About the Presenter(s):

Minister's Panel Discussion

Sunday evening:

Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange, along with two other Ministers yet to be named who will be sharing with us their vision for rural Alberta. After the Q&A with the Ministers, participants will have an opportunity to engage in one-on-one conversations with the MLAs during the reception.

Reception with MLA's

Following the Ministers' Panel, a Reception with MLA's (No Host Bar) will allow participants to engage Ministers and MLAs in attendance in one on one conversations.

Lee Crockett

Monday:

[Lee Watanabe-Crockett](#) is an optimist. He believes in a bright future and our ability to build it together through connection and compassion.

Lee works with governments, education systems, international agencies and corporations to help people and organisations connect to their highest purpose and realise their wish for the Future.

Lee believes in creating balance in the reality of a digital present and future. As such, living in Japan, he studies Buddhism as a member of Tao Sangha Wada Ji Temple, as well as Aikido, and the Shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese bamboo flute.

Joyful curiosity is the foundation of his approach to creating vital learning environments for groups around the world through the two organisations he has founded, the Global Digital Citizen Foundation, and Wabisabi Learning.

His several best-selling books including Growing Global Digital Citizens, Mindful Assessment and Future-Focused Learning, have garnered many awards and are used in schools and universities around the world.

Dr. Lars K. Hallstrom

[Dr. Lars K. Hallstrom](#) is the Director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities, and an award-winning professor in 2 departments at the University of Alberta. Dr. Hallstrom's work focuses on comparative public policy, and particularly on environmental policy, natural resource management (forestry and fisheries), community and rural development, and the social determinants of health. He is the editor or author of 3 different books on environmental health, rural sustainability and boom/bust communities, has written dozens of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on topics ranging from environmental policy to GMOs to the political humour of The Simpsons, has been awarded over 90 research grants, and is currently a McCalla Professor of Teaching and Research at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Greg Wells

In high performance business situations, the human mind and body have to work together for ultimate results. [Dr. Greg Wells](#) is a health and high performance expert who, as a scientist and physiologist, has dedicated his career to making the science of human limits understandable and actionable. In his informative and engaging keynotes, Wells draws parallels between elite athletes and top executives to help business leaders perform at the highest level, even when under the most extreme circumstances.

For more than 25 years, Wells has worked with some of the highest-performing individuals on the planet, including Olympic and World champions, as well as organizations ranging from General Electric to BMO, Deloitte, KPMG, BMW, Audi, Sysco Foods, YPO, and Air Canada. He is also committed to inspiring children and young adults through his close working relationship with several school boards and independent schools.

A veteran endurance athlete himself, Wells has participated in the grueling Nanisivik Marathon 600 miles north of the Arctic Circle; Ironman Canada; and the Tour D'Afrique, an 11,000 km cycling race that is the longest in the world. He is also a travel and expedition adventurer who has journeyed through every imaginable terrain and conditions in more than 50 countries.

Wells is the author of three bestselling books: Superbodies, The Ripple Effect, and The Focus Effect. He also hosted the award-winning Superbodies series, which aired on Olympic broadcasts worldwide in 2010 and 2012. As a speaker, Wells has travelled the world speaking at events such as TEDx and The Titan Summit, and has shared the stage with Robin Sharma, Richard Branson, Steve Wozniak, and Deepak Chopra.

Wells has a PhD in Physiology, served as an Associate Professor of Kinesiology at the University of Toronto, and is currently a senior scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He is also the CEO and founder of Wells Performance, a global consulting firm committed to achieving the moonshot of helping teams, schools, and businesses become places where people get healthy, perform optimally, and reach their potential.

Alberta Education

Julie Stern.

Tuesday:

[Julie Stern](#) is the author of Tools for Teaching Conceptual Understanding. She is a teacher trainer and instructional coach, supporting educators in breaking free of the longstanding industrial model of schooling. Julie is a certified trainer in Visible Learning and Concept-Based Curriculum and Instruction. She is a James Madison Constitutional Scholar and taught social studies for many years. She is a Verified Master Trainer and has Coaching and Change Management Certificates from the Association for Talent Development (ATD). Julie previously served as the director of Curriculum Innovation for a network of schools in Washington, DC.

Lacombe Student Presentation

Ecole Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School's EcoVision is an environmental club where students' dreams become reality. Students have become empowered to become ecological leaders through projects that benefit their environment, enhance their education and encourage community collaboration. The EcoVision students at Lacombe Composite High School have organized projects over the past 15 years that have seen solar panels installed on the school roof, a geodesic energy efficient tropical greenhouse built, a two acre garden developed and a unique urban beekeeping program incorporated into the curriculum. Whether it's feeding compost worms, raising tilapia fish, harvesting honey or building a goat sanctuary — come and discover how EcoVision's projects have left an impact on students, their school and the community. Mr. Steven Schultz is the teacher at Ecole Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School.

Dr. Ken Coates

[Dr. Ken Coates](#) is Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan. His work focuses on the development of strategies to promote 21st century well-being in small town, rural, Indigenous and remote Canada. Ken's major project examines the potential contributions -- and negative impacts -- of emerging technologies on rural and remote communities. He has a long standing interest in rural education and post secondary education.