

# 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



## LOCATION

**Lethbridge College - 3000 College Dr S**

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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.

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## 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

Dr. Rick Gilson started his teaching career in the fall of 1985. Over his career, Rick has taught English, Social Studies, Computers, and the International Baccalaureate Theory of Knowledge course. In addition to teaching, Rick has worked in school administration at the high school level for 15 years, the last eight as principal at Grande Prairie Composite High School before moving into Central Office. After one year as District Principal in Grande Prairie, Rick accepted the Assistant Superintendent position, focusing on Inclusive Education with Westwind School District in 2013, retiring five years later to join the southern office of ARPDC as Director. Coaching, both in sports and work, has been a significant focus as Rick has coached over 70 teams, primarily football but basketball and volleyball in the mix. At work, he loves coaching and engaging in mentorship work with teachers and leaders in growing together. An avid reader, Rick shares passages and books frequently in blog and Twitter posts, is one of the co-hosts of the ARPDC Podcast and recently has enjoyed building out a YouTube playlist of pictures books...read by grandpa for his grandchildren and anyone else who

would like to listen.

### **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.

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## **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.



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