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## MassCUE News: October 2023

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# A Message from the Executive Director



Hello valued MassCUE Members!

Our annual MassCUE Fall Conference is just weeks away! We hope you will join us for this incredible event, which will feature **hundreds of workshops** and **exhibitors** from innovators in the digital learning space. This year, we have a variety of presentations from thought leaders across Massachusetts focused on the topics that matter most to educators today. Some such topics include:

- **AI**
- **ESports**
- **VR**
- **Assistive technology**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Digital citizenship**
- **Creativity and curation tools**
- **Equity and inclusion**
- **Personalized learning**
- **Instructional design**
- **Project-based learning**
- **STEM/STEAM**
- **Student agency**
- **UDL**

It's not only sessions you can attend, but other valuable experiences as well! You'll be able to engage in other activities, such as:

- **Networking** with thousands of educators and leaders from pre-K to higher ed
- Learning about and trying out new ideas and technology in our **interactive spaces**
- Talking to thought leaders in our **Meet the Author** area
- Getting hands-on experience with over **150 exhibitors**
- **Earning PDPs** and/or **graduate credit** from Bridgewater State University

Early bird pricing ends October 13th. **[Register Today!](#)**

We can't wait to see all of your smiling faces, as we return, yet again, to our home base at Gillette Stadium.

See you soon!

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Executive Director

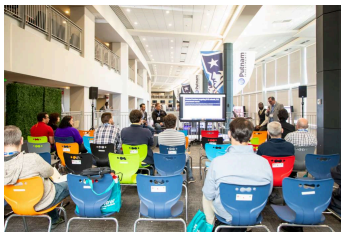
Register for The MassCUE Fall Conference



# MassCUE Fall Conference

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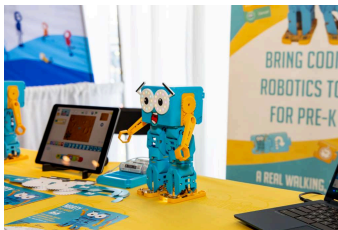
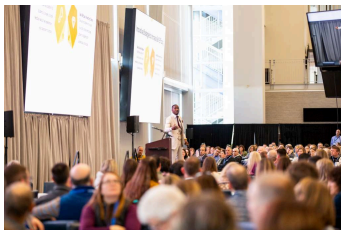
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[Register now](#)

Early-bird pricing ends soon! Don't miss your opportunity to network with educators from across the region and make new discoveries in the changing world of digital learning.

[Visit our website](#) for details on our incredible line-up of [workshops](#), [interactive spaces](#), [Keynote and Featured Speakers](#), [exhibitors](#) and so much more.



## MassCUE Evening Events



**MassCUE Fall Conference  
fun doesn't stop when the sun  
goes down!**

Join us Wednesday, October 18 for evening events, generously sponsored by our Corporate Partners.

**Ockers Company After Party**

6:00-9:00pm  
Six String  
Patriot Place

**Get Hoppy with Gaggle, Imagine Learning & Infinite Campus**

4:00-7:00pm  
Wormtown Brewery  
Patriot Place

[Learn more](#)

October Featured Educator



**Featured  
Educator | MassCUE**



Congratulations to our October Featured Educator, Dr. Rayna Freedman!

Fifth graders in her class at Jordan-Jackson Elementary School in Mansfield aren't just students, they are secret agents. Read about how this early adopter of ed tech is opening doors for her students.

[Learn more.](#)

**Dr. Rayna Freedman**

## Join the Strategic Planning Committee

MassCUE is seeking members to join our Strategic Planning Committee. This is a great opportunity to help shape the goals and priorities of your favorite ed tech non-profit! This group will meet montly with some asynchronous work required. [Learn more.](#)

## Save the Date

**Save the date for MassCUE CUE Camp!** Stay tuned for more information on this in-person PD opportunity coming to a location near you in November.

## Corporate Partner News



**TECHMD** understands the importance of adapting to new technologies to provide the best possible education to students.

They provide advanced network management, operations, and cybersecurity solutions at an affordable rate to ensure maximum protection for your data.

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**CDW-G**, as a provider of information technology solutions to education, brings together the services and technologies. Their products and services range from hardware and software to integrated IT solutions such as security, cloud, hybrid infrastructure and digital experience.

[Learn more.](#)

## Group Buys: Discounts for MassCUE Members



Lightspeed™

MassCUE members are eligible for a discount on products from Lightspeed. Lightspeed Technologies is passionate about improving the listening and learning environment for every child. Learn how your district can save on this and other [Group Buys on our website.](#)

## Influence and Advocacy Committee Update



Influence and Advocacy  
Committee | MassCUE

Last month the US office of Ed Tech published this new policy report, [\*\*Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Insights and Recommendations.\*\*](#) According to the US Department of Ed Tech, the report describes AI as a rapidly-advancing set of technologies for recognizing patterns in data

and automating actions, and guides educators in understanding what these emerging technologies can do to advance educational goals—while evaluating and limiting key risks. [\*\*Download the report to learn more.\*\*](#)

The MassCUE Influence and Advocacy Committee educates and collaborates with policy makers to achieve funding and legislation to support the appropriate use of technology in teaching, learning and administration.

Want to get involved with the Influence and Advocacy Committee? Email [Colleen Terrill](#) or [Karen Winsper](#) for information on how to share your voice in advocacy.

## Special Interest Group (SIG) Update



MassCUE SIGs are putting together their schedules for the school year, be sure to check our website for updates. SIGs offer educators opportunities to connect and support one another in an area of interest or region.

**Makerspace & STEM:** New this year! The Makerspace & STEM SIG has a Facebook Group for sharing resources, ideas and community support. Request an invitation by emailing [Heidi MacGregor](#).

**Technology Integration:** Virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00am

For more information on our active SIGs and how you can join, [visit our website](#).

Have questions or want to start a SIG of your own? [Email SIG Coordinator Sarah Boyle](#).

## Educator Resources



Receive PDPs and fulfill MA re-certification requirements for **FREE** with your MassCUE Membership using Infobase Learning Cloud.

This online professional learning system is designed to meet the needs of today's schools with short videos as well as self-paced workshops.

[Learn more](#)



MassCUE partners with Big Deal Media to bring you the Big Deal Book of Technology Newsletter, featuring contests, resources, and information designed to bring the power of the web to your classroom.

The Big Deal Book newsletter will give you great ideas for your classroom.

[Read the newsletter](#)



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