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## MassCUE News: November 2023

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A Message from the  
Executive Director



## Hello MassCUE Community!

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our annual fall conference! It was our best attended event post-pandemic, with 2,400 people in attendance, over 200 presentations from educators across the United States, and over 150 vendors. We also had over a thousand attendees complete our feedback form!

I want to personally thank everyone who filled that out as it will allow us to improve our events moving forward. We take our feedback very seriously and will utilize it in events to come.

A quick reminder, that you can still earn graduate credit from Bridgewater State University, for attending the fall conference! Just follow [the link on our website](#) or social media.

We have even more exciting events coming up in November. We hope to see you at our [CUEUp](#) in Marshfield on November 9th, [CUECamp West](#) in Northampton on November 11th, [CUECamp East](#) in Needham on November 18th. Each of these events are great ways to network with fellow educators! Register using the links above.

We are excited to release our request for proposals for our spring conference soon! So stay tuned, as more information is to come. We will also be offering new presenter office hours, for anyone who's unsure if they're ready to present at a conference. We will walk you through the whole process.

Stay tuned, and we hope to see you soon!

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Executive Director



## Earn Graduate Credit

Did you know you can earn graduate school credit for attending the MassCUE Fall Conference? There is still time to apply and submit a final project. Visit the [Bridgewater State](#)

[University website](#) for more information. Deadline to submit is December 21, 2023.



## Fall CUECamp



**8:30am-1:00pm**  
**Collaborative for Educational Services (CES)**  
**97 Hawley Street**  
**Northampton, MA**

**8:30am-1:00pm**  
**Needham High School**  
**609 Webster Street**  
**Needham, MA**

## Digital Literacy in the Age of AI

Please join us for CUECamp this November, where we will be focusing on insights, strategies and best practices for utilizing AI in the classroom. Participate in collaborative challenges and gain access to ready-to-implement resources in these in-person sessions.

[Learn More](#)

## November CUEup: Join us!



Generously sponsored by **TechMD**, our November CUEup is an opportunity to connect with other edtech educators and share ideas in a casual setting. We hope you will join us at this **FREE** event in Southeastern MA.

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**5:00pm – 7:00pm**

Cask 'n Flagon

804 Plain Street

Marshfield, MA

[Learn more and register.](#)

## November Featured Educator



# Featured

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**Sean Fitzgerald**

Congratulations to our November Featured Educator, Sean Fitzgerald!

Along with his 4th grade students, Boston teacher Sean Fitzgerald lives by the phrase "we not me." Learn how he's using altruism to teach his students how to be leaders.

[Learn more.](#)

## Apply for a Grant



Do you have an innovative idea for your classroom that requires technology? Apply for a MassCUE Classroom Grant and make it happen! Applications open now through December 11, 2023.

[Learn more.](#)

## Congratulations Award Winners



Congratulations to our Shelley Chamberlain Community Service Award winner Brandon Hall and MassCUE Pathfinder Award winners Michael Tinker, Christina Scilingo and Ryan Robidoux. These digital learning superstars were celebrated at the President's Dinner during the 2023 Fall Conference. [Learn more.](#)

## Corporate Partner News







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## Group Buys: Discounts for MassCUE Members



MassCUE members are eligible for a discount on Adlumin’s EDU Cybersecurity Enhancement bundle. Learn how your district can save on this and other [Group Buys on our website.](#)

## Influence and Advocacy Committee Update



Influence and Advocacy  
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The US Office of Educational Technology (OET) is hoping to share information about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) designed to support families in getting access to the internet. They currently have 21 million households that have gained access through ACP but there are 48 million eligible households, so there is still work to be done.

To help to educate families and educational institutes about the program the OET is having a [Back to School Connectivity Challenge](#). OET is hoping this challenge will help get more families internet connection through ACP.

OET would also like to make schools aware of an upcoming competitive grant that will be available the first of the year. The OET believes it is important to make folks aware of the grant now to help them start to plan so schools and nonprofits aren't crunched for time to apply. Start thinking about the grant and what your school needs may be.

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 Thursday, November 9 at 1:00pm

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



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