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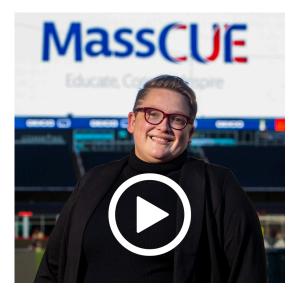
MassCUE News: April 2024

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A Message from the Executive Director

Click on the image for a short video message from Executive Director Savvy Demers.



Registration is open



Join us at Polar Park in Worcester May 31 and June 1 for the MassCUE Spring Conference. Registration is open now for this newly expanded event, which will feature workshops, presentations and interactive spaces all centered around the theme: Leveling the Playing Field.

Read about our all-star line-up of speakers and register today!



Friday Keynote

Saturday Keynote

Special Guest Speaker



Marvin Venay Chief Advocacy Officer Tech Goes Home



Dr. Sawsan Jaber Founder Education Unfiltered



Jimmy Cash Janitor with Stamina Worcester Public Schools

Better Together



MassCUE is joining forces with educational organizations from across the commonwealth to discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with AI in education. Join us for this FREE panel discussion. Learn more.

April Featured Educator

Featured Educator MassCUE



Dawn Steber

Congratulations to our April Featured Educator, Dawn Steber!

From Bee Bots to podcasting, this technology teacher at Orleans Elementary in Orleans creates lessons that teach the DLCS standards, connect to the grade level curriculum & engage students! Learn more about our #MassCUE April Featured Educator. Learn more.

MassCUE Spring Elections



Help shape the MassCUE Board of Directors! MassCUE Members will elect four (4) at-large members to the MassCUE Board this spring. Voting will take place

April 8-12, 2024. <u>Visit our website for candidate bios and information</u> and watch your email for a link to vote on April 8.



Joli Boucher



Megan Bounit



Sarah Boyle



Tina Mahaney



Colleen Terrill

Instructional Technology Specialist Licensure



Did you miss our information sessions about the Instructional Technology Specialist Certificate/Licensure program from MassCUE and **Bridgewater State** <u>University</u>? Click the image above to watch a recording of the session.

Classes start this summer for a special MassCUE cohort. Act now to get a special discounted rate for MassCUE members. <u>Learn more.</u>

Corporate Partner News



MassCUE would like to thank our wonderful Corporate Partners for their support throughout the year. Visit our website to <u>learn more about our Corporate</u>

Partners.

Group Buys: Discounts for MassCUE Members



MassCUE members are eligible for a discount on Adlumin's EDU Cybersecurity Enhancement bundle. Learnhow your district can save on this and other <u>Group Buys on our</u> website.

Influence and Advocacy Committee Update



Support the Affordable Connectivity Program

EducationSuperHighway continues to work to close the digital divide for students across the country. They recently announced the Affordable Connectivity Program will run out of funding at the end of April unless Congress takes action to renew the benefit.

Support of congressional leaders in Massachusetts is needed to make continued funding possible. **368,000 households in Massachusetts rely on the ACP to get and stay online**. Please help by <u>calling your congressional</u> <u>leaders</u>, asking them to co-sponsor the ACP Extension Act (HR 6929/S.3565) and urge leadership to prioritize passing funding before April 30th.

Want to get involved with the Influence and Advocacy Committee? Email **<u>Colleen Terrill</u>** or <u>Karen Winsper</u> for information on how to share your voice in advocacy.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Update



MassCUE SIGs offer educators opportunities to connect and support one another in an area of interest or region. Joining a SIG is a great way to get to know others in your area and learn together.

Al in Schools: Join MassCUE's newest SIG! Learn more.

Makerspace & STEM: Have a great STEM activity you want to share? Join the conversation in the Makerspace & STEM SIG Facebook Group. Request an invitation by emailing <u>Heidi MacGregor</u>.

Southeast, Cape & Islands Technology Team (SCITT): In-person meeting April 12th at 10:00am in Abington.

Technology Integration: Virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00am.

For more information on our active SIGs and how you can join, <u>visit our</u> <u>website</u>.

Have questions or want to start a SIG of your own? Email SIG Coordinator Sarah Boyle.

Leadership Summit



Tech & Learning is hosting a Leadership Summit, taking place at The Connors Center on May **3**, 2024, and district administrators are invited to apply to attend for no charge. This is an intimate, invitationonly event for district leaders that includes interactive workshops and panel discussions designed to support school planning. <u>Register</u> <u>here</u> and attendees will receive a complimentary two night hotel stay.

Tech & Learning will also be hosting the "Innovative Leader" Awards as part of the Summit. All finalists will be invited to the Summit and the winners will be announced at the event. Nominate yourself or a colleague <u>here</u>.



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