

**EDUFEST 2025**

**KICK-OFF**

**INFORMATIONAL**

**WEBINAR**



**EDUFEST**

**THE NORTHWEST'S PREMIER  
CONFERENCE  
FOR ADVANCED LEARNING**



# **WHAT IS EDUFEST?**

**Edufest has been the largest provider of professional learning in education since 1998 in the state of Idaho and the Northwest.**

**It was established to provide educators with research-based teaching strategies for engagement and enrichment learning for all students as well as meeting the needs of students identified for gifted education services.**

**Every summer, educators converge on the campus of Boise State University and Online to interact with national and international speakers who specialize in a variety of educational fields to acquire teaching strategies that support the development of skills in youth.**

**Edufest has recently moved to a new state of the art and technologically innovative facility on campus. The Interactive Learning Center (ILC) seems to be designed with Edufest in mind. From wired classrooms with cameras and mics, to meeting spaces and large areas for keynotes, gathering and conversation, the ILC is exactly the home that Edufest needs.**



# **WHY EDUFEST?**

- **Internationally Recognized Experts in every discipline and field of study**
- **Gifted and Advanced Learning Pedagogy is Pedagogy for all**
- **In depth understandings, conversations, and consultations**
- **30 Hours In Person and over 120 hours available in the archive**
- **Access to materials and handouts for 3 months after**
- **2 check-in webinars over the course of the school year**
- **Clock / PD Hours available through your state**
- **Connect, communicate, and network with other professionals**
- **There truly is nothing like it**



# **DATES/DAILY SCHEDULE/LOCATION**

- **8am Monday, July 21st through Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at Noon**
- **4-5 strands per day including late afternoon activities**
- **Boise State University's Interactive Learning Center**
- **Simulcast broadcast of all sessions**





# SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

- 3 hours of **Keynotes**
- 20 hours of in-depth **Strands**
- 3 hours & 40 minutes of **special evening sessions**

That means **27 total face-to-face learning hours** if attending in person!

PLUS everyone, whether in-person or virtual, will have access to all recorded sessions, so it comes to around

**125 total hours of content!**

Have a safe trip home!  
See you in late July, 2025!

Edufest 2024 At-a-Glance				
Interactive Learning Center, Boise State University, Boise, ID				
Time	Monday, July 22	Tuesday, July 23	Wednesday, July 24	Thursday, July 25
7:30 to 8:00	Check-In Atrium/Lobby			
8:00 to 9:40	Keynote	Strand A: Pick one to attend 8:00 - 9:40 on T, W, and Th		
		Strands		
9:40 - 9:55	Break	Break	Break	Break
9:55 to 11:35	Strand B: Pick one to attend 9:55 - 11:35 M, T, W			Keynote
	Strands			
11:35 to 12:40	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:40 to 2:20	Strand C: Pick one to attend 12:40 - 2:20 M, T, W			Have a safe trip home! See you in late July, 2025!
	Strands			
2:20 - 2:35	Break	Break	Break	
2:35 to 4:15	Strand D: Pick one to attend 2:35 - 4:15 M, T, W			
	Strands			
4:15 - 4:30	Break	Break	Dinner	
4:30 to 5:30	Special Topics	Student Panel		
5:30 to 6:45	Dinner	Dinner	Parent Night	

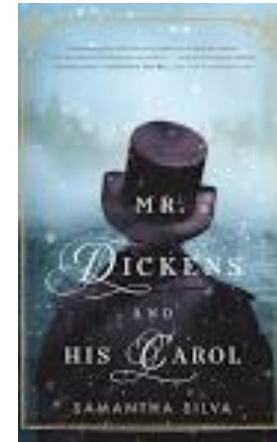


# KEYNOTES

**Opening Keynote**  
**Matt Fugate**



**Closing Keynote & Book Signing**  
***Samantha Silva***



# Incredible Presenters



**Mark Hess**

- **Understanding and Nurturing Nonverbal Expressions of Brilliance from STEM to Literacy**
- **Stretching Gifted Math Minds with Interactive Projects and Simulations**



**Susan Baum**

- **Developing Creative Kids: It's Easy, Fun, and Critical**
- **Creating 2e Friendly Environments: It's the little things that count!**



**Liz Fogarty**

- **Teachers as Rocket Scientists? The Science of Reading + Differentiated Reading Instruction**
- **Fostering Critical Thinking Through Discussion: Engaging Students in Literary Analysis**



**Christen Rose**

- **Portraits of Gifted Students in a Challenging Class**
- **Teaching Students to Write Nonfiction**

# Incredible Presenters



## Jann Leppien & Marcia Imbeau

- **Teaching to Big Ideas: Curricular Design Strategies for Promoting Deeper Learning**
- **Creating a Culture of Thinking and Enhancing Academic Discourse in the Classroom**



## Susan Solomon

- **Empowering Gifted Learners Through AI: A Culturally Responsive Approach**
- **Igniting Creativity and Curiosity: Tech-Enhanced Strategies for Educators**



# Let's Hear From a Few



**Estee Aiken**

- **What Do You Do When Students are Already Proficient?**
- **Differentiation: What It Is, What It Isn't, and How You Can Grow Your Practice**



**Scott Hunsaker**

- **Classroom Management for Differentiation: Principles and Practices**
- **What's the Big Idea? Focusing Curriculum on Over-arching Concepts and Principles**



**Matt Fugate**

- **Culturally Responsive Practices to Meet the Needs of Diverse Gifted Populations**
- **Social and Affective Development of Gifted, Creative, and Talented Students**



**Jeb Puryear**

- **Gifted Education and MTSS**
- **Assessing and Developing Creativity in the Classroom**



## **CONFERENCE EXTRAS**

- **Parent / Teacher Evening Lecture**
- **5 in-depth Special Topics**
- **An Evening of STEAM**
- **Lesson Sharing**
- **Lunch Discussions**
- **Access to all Presenters and times to communicate with them and with each other**
- **Nestled in the heart of the campus and close to the downtown area and Boise river.**



# WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION

# Registration Open NOW

# Cost for both in-person and virtual is \$399.00.

<https://www.edufest.org>

## Edufest 2025



Mon, Jul 21, 8am - Jul 24, 12pm MDT  
[Add to calendar](#)



Boise State University, Interactive  
Learning Center

[Get tickets](#)



Edufest, Inc.  
[Contact host](#)

### Event description

Edufest is the Northwest's Premiere Summer Conference for Advanced Learning.

Edufest 2025 will take place on the campus of Boise State University in Boise, Idaho and virtually on AirMeet, July 21st - July 24th, 2025!

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# HOUSING / FOOD PLANS

A Variety of Dining Plans Available  
Choose Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner  
or any combination of each per day.  
Not the food we had at college!

**Edufest 2025**

Mon, Jul 21, 8am - Jul 24, 12pm MDT • [Event info](#)

**HUMANITIX**

[Virtual](#)   [In-Person NO Housing](#)   [In-Person with Housing](#)   [Parent Night Only](#)



Completely Updated Dorm Suites Available for  
a fraction of a Hotel Room, and you are within  
walking distance to the conference center.  
**Sunday Evening – Thursday Morning**

## In-Person NO Housing

The collection of tickets for those attending Edufest at Boise State, but that don't need on-campus housing.



### In-Person Edufest and NO meals

Attend Edufest on the campus of Boise State University. Registration includes entrance to the conference as well as snacks provided throughout the week. This option does not include any meals This option does NOT include [...See more](#)

\$399.00  
+ \$16.85 fee

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### In-Person Edufest and lunch only

Attend Edufest on the campus of Boise State University. Registration includes entrance to the conference as well as snacks provided throughout the week. This option includes lunch (Mon-Thurs). [...See more](#)

\$464.00  
+ \$19.39 fee

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### In-Person Edufest and breakfast/lunch

Attend Edufest on the campus of Boise State University. Registration includes entrance to the conference as well as snacks provided throughout the week. This option includes breakfast (Mon-Thurs) and lunch (Mon-Thurs) [...See more](#)

\$519.00  
+ \$21.53 fee

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### In-Person Edufest and breakfast/lunch/dinner

Attend Edufest on the campus of Boise State University. Registration includes entrance to the conference as well as snacks provided throughout the week. This option includes breakfast (Mon-Thurs), lunch (Mon-Thurs), [...See more](#)

\$579.00  
+ \$23.87 fee

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## In-Person with Housing

The collection of tickets for those attending Edufest at Boise State, and will be staying in on-campus housing.

### In-Person Edufest with Housing Plan and NO meals

Attend Edufest on the campus of Boise State University. Registration includes entrance to the conference as well as snacks provided throughout the week. This registration option also includes single-occupancy on-campus housing. [...See more](#)

\$664.00  
+ \$27.19 fee

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### In-Person Edufest with Housing Plan and breakfast/lunch

Attend Edufest on the campus of Boise State University. Registration includes entrance to the conference as well as snacks provided throughout the week. This registration option also includes single-occupancy on-campus housing. [...See more](#)

\$784.00  
+ \$31.87 fee

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### In-Person Edufest with Housing Plan and breakfast/lunch/dinner

Attend Edufest on the campus of Boise State University. Registration includes entrance to the conference as well as snacks provided throughout the week. This registration option also includes single-occupancy on-campus housing. [...See more](#)

\$844.00  
+ \$34.21 fee

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# Airmeeet PLATFORM



User Friendly  
Easy Access

Archived Videos of Sessions

Interact Virtually with Presenters and In-Person Participants

**Sessions**  
Choose from the different types of sessions to add to your event schedule

Day 1 Day 2 Day 3  
Jul 27 Tue Jul 28 Wed Jul 29 Thu

MDT

8:00 AM  
Enhancing Curriculum with Creative Productivity (8:00 am - 9:0 mins)  
How is Peanut Butter like Laughter? Thinking Creatively (8:00 am - 90 mins)

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

12:00 PM

1:00 PM  
Classroom Management for Differentiation (12:35 pm - 75 mins)  
Designing High-Quality Programs and Services (12:35 pm - 75 mins)

2:00 PM

**SCHEDULE**

Jul 27 Tue Jul 28 Wed Jul 29 Thu

10:00 AM

- Enhancing Curriculum with Creative Productivity (90 mins)
- How is Peanut Butter like Laughter? Thinking Creatively (90 mins)  
Susan Baum, Presenter, Bridg...
- I'll Be Here All Week! (90 mins)  
Estee Aiken, Presenter, Unive...
- Social Emotional Learning: The Foundation for Talent Development (90 mins)  
Angela Housand, Presenter, Unive...

11:50 AM

- Cognitive Diversity and Gifted Education (75 mins)  
Susan Baum, Presenter, Bridg...

Meet and greet, while we prepare to go live.  
Take a Seat to join a conversation.

Create discussion topics for people to join  
Enable attendees to drive engagement in your event.

Allow attendees to create tables?

Create new table

1 Join

2 Join

3 Join

Edit Lounge



# Idaho: The Association for the Gifted

**\$25 annual membership fee**

The mission of ITAG is to provide information, resources, connections, and advocacy pertaining to the education of high-achieving and gifted students throughout Idaho.



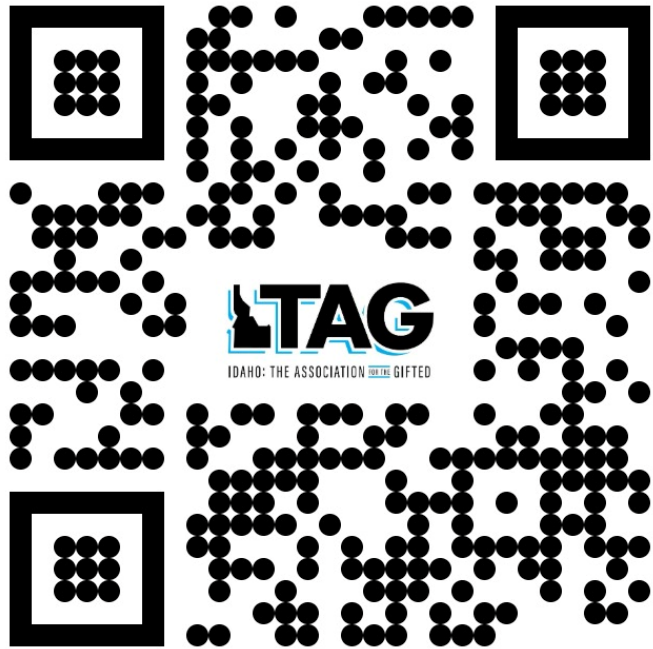
**Join**



**now!**



# Idaho Teacher Grants for Edufest 2025



**Maximum request is \$850**

**Deadline to apply is  
March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**



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