



Keynote Speaker:

Emily Tinsman

Miss Iowa (2019-2021), Arts

Advocate, and Music Educator

Emily Tinsman was born and raised in Davenport, IA. She earned her degree in Music Education from Drake University in 2019. Shortly after graduation, Emily was crowned Miss Iowa 2019-2020, serving Iowa

for two years and competed for the title of Miss America 2020. She is an advocate for arts education through her initiative “Americans for the Arts- Advocate, Educate, Invest”. Every year, arts programs are the first to get cut during economic declines and her initiative focuses on the preservation of arts programs in schools through advocacy, education, and investment. In 2020, she began her teaching career in Des Moines Public Schools, teaching K-5 general music. She plans to pursue her Master’s in School Administration in the near future. She’s thrilled to be here as a Thespian alum and sharing her experiences with you today!

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2021 IOWA THESPIAN LEADERSHIP DAY


South Tama County High School

August 7, 2021

“Act well your part; there all the honor lies.”

-Alexander Pope

Schedule of Events

- 9:30-10:00 AM Arrival and Registration
- 10:00-10:20 AM Keynote Address:
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- Emily Tinsman*
- Miss Iowa 2019-2021, Arts Advocate, and Music Educator
- 10:25-11:05 AM Workshop Session 1
- 11:05-11:10 AM Break
- 11:10-11:50 PM Workshop Session 2
- 11:55-12:45 PM Lunch & Troupe Collaboration Time
- 12:50-1:30 PM Workshop Session 3
Troupe Director Roundtable
- 1:30-1:35 PM Break
- 1:35-2:15 PM Workshop Session 4
- 2:15-2:30 PM Leadership Day Wrap-Up & Group Photo

Interested in running for State Thespian Officer? Make sure to attend the STO Candidate Luncheon in the FCS Room (101).

Troupe Leaders: There will be a roundtable discussion during Session 3 in the FCS Room (101). Please join us for a discussion about many theatre-related topics.

Workshop Sessions

Students will attend each of the following workshop sessions:

“Whistle While You Work: A Lesson in Teamwork” (Choir Room)

with Olivia Mick (#4274) & Luis Avalos (#1038)

When the seven dwarves work together, their differences also unite them. Communication is an essential aspect of team work. When leading a team it is incredibly important to understand and value different forms of leadership, have effective communication, and ultimately, using your differences to achieve the goal. In this workshop, you will learn how to work together as a collective team.

“Be Your Own Knight in Shining Armor: A Guide to Self-Advocacy” (Library)

with Lydia Benesh (#1470) & Gabriella Johnson (#2027)

Self Advocacy is a huge part of leadership. In order to accurately represent others, you have to be able to represent yourself! This workshop focuses on assertive communication and recognizing your self worth, so you can save yourself from the most harrowing situations. You'll never be a damsel in distress again, instead you'll be your own knight in shining armor!

“Leadership is Magical: Understanding Different Styles of Leading” (Room 105)

with Otto Fox (#5150) & Brooke Richardson (#228)

Are you a leader like the Queen of Hearts or Peter Pan? Learning about different types of leaders, and understanding your leadership style. Realize strengths and weaknesses of your style, and ways to bring these tips back to your troupe!

“Mastering the Art of Arts Advocacy” (Little Theatre)

with Emily Tinsman

What does everyone at this conference have in common? Everyone here is a leader! This workshop will focus in honing your skill sets and sharing your stories that make you essential arts advocates for yourselves, your schools and your communities.
