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**Four Tracks in One Event
November 8 – 12, 2017**



Saturday Evening Event
“Montessori and Complexity”
Presented by Sep Kamvar
Saturday, November 11, 2017
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

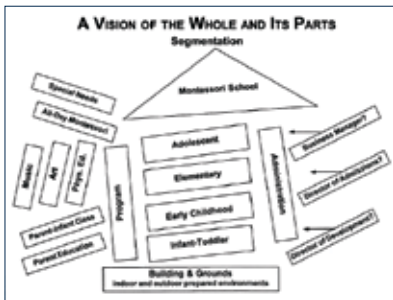
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**Opening Session: “What Every Contemporary Administrator Needs
to Inspire a Montessori Vision” presented by David Kahn**

Experienced Administrators Without a Montessori Teacher Certificate

Track A



Building upon the cumulative skills of the Montessori leader who does not have Montessori teacher training, this workshop will present the foundational Montessori principles of development that are needed to achieve full implementation of the Montessori curriculum. Join your peers in this workshop to strengthen your

tool kit with an exploration of both operational and strategic best practices that are rooted in Montessori philosophy. Participants will have individual time with a facilitator to help develop a unique plan for taking back to their school.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Framing the Whole-School Experience and Getting to Know Each Other (WSM Team)	Goals of Parent Education and Variety of Parent Education Experiences (Peter Davidson)
What Every Contemporary Administrator Needs to Inspire a Montessori Vision (David Kahn)	Meetings and Gatherings as Prepared Environments (Kathy Minardi)
Lunch	Lunch Talk “Montessori Talks to Parents” with NAMTA Media Presentation
Sharing Your Story and Journey in Montessori	The Ribbon Exercise
“Montessori Speak” – a Glossary of Montessori Terminology and Fundamental Concepts	The Outcomes Parents Want: Parent Education Tools Across the Planes of Development
Preparing the First Tools in Your Tool Kit	Tool Kit Work Session
Open Dialogue with Facilitators	Open Dialogue with Facilitators
Social Time and Networking	Social Time and Networking


Montessori Whole-School ManagementSM



Track A co-facilitator **Sue Pritzker** has been head of school at Childpeace Montessori School in Portland, OR for 31 years. She holds a professional certificate in nonprofit administration and is a consultant for AMI. She is a founding member of Montessori Leaders Collaborative and currently is working with AMI on a global school accreditation program. She has been a speaker and workshop presenter for AMI/USA, MAA, Oregon Montessori Association, AMI training centers, and at the 2017 Prague Montessori International Congress. She has been a presenter for WSM Tier I as well as WSM Strategic Planning.



Track A co-facilitator **Julia Brown** has been a Montessori educator for 32 years. She most recently served as associate director of Montessori Development Partnerships (MDP) in Cleveland and assisted with the opening and fundraising for Stonebrook Montessori (Cleveland, OH). Currently, she is continuing her fundraising efforts for the school while working with Higher Ground Education as a program support mentor. Prior to joining MDP, Julia was head of school at Hudson Montessori School in Hudson, OH for 16 years. She holds an M.Ed in curriculum and instruction, an AMI elementary diploma, Executive Coaching Certification from Weatherhead School of Management, and participated in Stanford University's Leadership Program for School Leaders. Julia has trained teachers at the Toronto Montessori Institute and has served on advisory boards and school accreditation teams.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
"What Do I Do Now?" Creating a Nurturing and Supportive Environment for the Young Teacher (Sue Pritzker)	Instructional Leadership (Katy Myers)
Coaching as a Model for Teacher Development (Julia Brown)	Facilitators' Summary, Sharing about Leadership Styles, and Lessons from the Field
Lunch	Closing Ceremony
Observation as an Essential Tool in the School Community	Registration / Wine & Cheese Reception November 8, 2017 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Event "Montessori and Complexity" Presented by Sep Kamvar November 11, 2017 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Closing Ceremony November 12, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Effective Conversations that Lead toward Professional Growth and Deepening Relationships with Your Montessori Trained Staff	
Tool Kit Work - Sharing with Colleagues (4:30 – 6:00 p.m.)	
Tool Kit Sharing Continues	
Social Time and Networking	
"Montessori and Complexity" Presented by Sep Kamvar (see Track D for information)	

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Using Your Montessori Training to Inform Leadership and Growth

Track B

For administrators with Montessori training but little administrative experience or training, Track B will explore the role of the administrator that is congruent with Montessori teaching practice. This section will cover the basics of starting, growing, and governing a school; hiring, evaluating, and collaborating with teachers; attracting, educating, and retaining the



right families; and other topics that the new administrator needs to build and maintain an authentic Montessori program. By combining lectures with demonstrations, activities, reflection, and guided work sessions, each participant will have the opportunity to create a personalized tool kit of strategies.

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What Every Contemporary Administrator Needs to Inspire a Montessori Vision (David Kahn)	Meetings and Gatherings as Prepared Environments (Kathy Minardi)
Lunch	Lunch Talk “Montessori Talks to Parents” with NAMTA Media Presentation
Sharing Your School Story within the Group	The School as the Prepared Environment: Characteristics Linked to Each Stage of Child Development
New Parent Orientation: Using Your School Story to Inspire Parents and Get Parents Invested	Growing Your School: Setting Tuition, Projecting Enrollment, and Planning for Growth
Tool Kit Presentation: Creating Your First Tools (work session)	Planning Next Steps (add another tool to your tool box)
Social Time and Networking	Social Time and Networking

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Track B facilitator **Peter Davidson** was head of school at the Montessori School of Beaverton, OR for 27 years and under his leadership the school achieved remarkable success while building a cohesive community of students, parents, and teachers. He currently works in administration for Montessori in Redlands, CA and served as the interim head of school for the 2016/17 school year. Peter received his AMI primary diploma from Edgecliff College in 1975, is a past member of the board of directors of the Association Montessori Internationale, and was the founding board president of the Montessori Administrators Association (MAA). He consults with schools, speaks on administrative topics, and provides leadership seminars across North America and around the world.



Track B co-facilitator **Michele Shane** has been head of school at The Children's House in Traverse City, MI for 11 years. She holds an AMI primary certificate from Montessori Institute Northwest and an M.Ed from Loyola University in Baltimore, MD. She currently serves as president of the Montessori Administrators Association (MAA) board and has been a board member since 2011.

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Hiring and Evaluating Teachers. Observation as a Tool for Teacher Coaching	Registration / Wine & Cheese Reception November 8, 2017 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Event "Montessori and Complexity" Presented by Sep Kamvar November 11, 2017 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Closing Ceremony November 12, 2017 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Exploring Your Leadership Style: What Style of Leadership Fits Best in a Montessori School?	
Designing Your Plan of Individual Teacher Support (work session)	
Social Time and Networking	
"Montessori and Complexity" Presented by Sep Kamvar (see Track D for information)	



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Strategic Leadership: Experienced Administrators with Montessori Training

Track C

This section enhances the experienced Montessori administrator's understanding of how to analyze their school's current position and how to strategically envision, plan, and implement for the school's future. The administrator will deepen their strategic mindset and acquire tools that inspire and help to generate congruency




among the school's direction and the Montessori principles that are foundational to the school's mission and values. Track C explores the dance between daily operational thinking and the strategic mindset that propels the school through positive change toward its maturity. Each day provides a balance of lecture, study, reflection, discussion, and activities. Each participant will return home with a tool kit plan for professional action and practical strategies that can be put to immediate use.

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Lunch	Lunch Talk "Montessori Talks to Parents" with NAMTA Media Presentation
Activity: Creating Trust and Understanding	The Strategic Planning Cycle: Using Strategic Analysis for Gaining Perspective & Strategic Thinking
Introduction to Strategic Leadership	Leading Change in Today's World with Courage and Clarity
Sharing Our Timelines & Presentation of Tool Kit for Strategic Leadership	Creating an Effective Vision Tool Kit: Vision Setting and Planning
Open Dialogue with Facilitators	Working on Vision Preparation
Social Time and Networking	Social Time and Networking

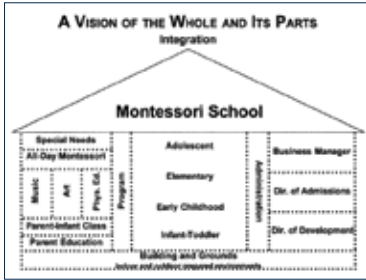


Track C facilitator **Kathy Minardi** has been an educator for 48 years, 40 of which have been as a school leader. She recently retired from Aidan Montessori School in Washington, DC and is now a consultant and facilitator for schools and leaders. She holds a BA from St. Olaf College, an MA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and holds transformational leadership credentials from Georgetown University, Harvard University, and M.I.T. Her focus throughout her career has been on creating healthy school communities where adult interactions are congruent with Montessori principles and the school's mission and values.

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Guiding Stages of Staff Development: Tools for Motivation and Insight to Promote Positive Growth and Change	Thursday Morning Speaking Event for All Tracks “What Every Contemporary Administrator Needs to Inspire a Montessori Vision”  David Kahn has been executive director of the North American Montessori Teachers’ Association for more than forty years. Kahn was founding program director of the Hershey Montessori School’s Adolescent Community in Huntsburg, Ohio and is founding executive director emeritus of the Montessori High School at University Circle in Cleveland, Ohio. He is now working on the leadership committee for an adolescent study initiative under the auspices of Great Work Incorporated (CO), AMI, and NAMTA.
Vision Presentations by Participants	
Strategic Board Governance and Head of School’s Role	
Tool Kit Work –Sharing with Colleagues (4:30 -6:00 p.m.)	
Social Time and Networking	
“Montessori and Complexity” Presented by Sep Kamvar (see <i>Track D</i> for information)	

Innovation, Change Management, and Partnership

Track D




Open to all Montessori school administrators who are addressing complexity such as evolving larger or multi-level schools, building an adolescent program, or working within the public sector. Please come prepared to identify and work through a specific challenge.

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Lunch	Lunch Talk “Montessori Talks to Parents” with NAMTA Media Presentation
Imaginary Obstacles and Artificial Limitations: What Is the Real Challenge?	Everyone Is a Potential Partner: Building Networks that Benefit All
Start with the Outcome then Allow the Map to Emerge	The Art of Over Communication – Why Transparency Matters
Preparing the First Tools in Your Tool Kit	Tool Kit Work Session
Social Time and Networking	Social Time and Networking

Track D



Track D facilitator **Katy Myers** is currently the founding principal of Denver Montessori Junior/Senior High School located in Denver, CO and consults with schools throughout the US. Katy was a founding parent of Compass Montessori, a pre-K through 12th grade public Montessori charter school in Golden, CO where she served as the business manager and assistant head of school for 4 years and as head of school for 6 years. Katy's educational background includes elementary Montessori diploma (AMI), adolescent Montessori certification (NAMTA), a B.S. in speech and economics from Northwestern University, and an M.Ed from Arizona State University in education administration and supervision.

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High Functioning Communities as the Foundation for Progress	<p>Saturday Evening Event for All Tracks “Montessori and Complexity”</p>  <p>Utilizing design and scientific method, Dr. Sep Kamvar applies his unique vantage point as an artist and high-tech guru to draw interesting observations of Montessori education as an integrated design.</p> <p>Sep Kamvar is a computer scientist, artist, entrepreneur, and the founder of Wildflower Schools, a decentralized network of teacher-led, shopfront Montessori schools. Sep received his PhD in scientific computing and computational mathematics from Stanford University and holds a BA in chemistry from Princeton. He is the author of 3 books, more than 50 technical publications, and is the creator of a personalized search engine acquired by Google in 2003. His artwork has been exhibited in museums worldwide including the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.</p>
Leader as Guide: A Montessori Approach to Leadership	
Tool Kit Work: Sharing with Colleagues (4:30 – 6:00 p.m.)	
“Montessori and Complexity” Presented by Sep Kamvar	

Registration

NAMTA conference fee: \$800 (\$850 after October 25)

Conference fees include Thursday, Friday, and Saturday luncheons.

Choose one: Non-Vegetarian Vegetarian

Select one track for the event:

- A. Experienced Administrators Without a Montessori Teacher Certificate
- B. Using Your Montessori Training to Inform Leadership and Growth
- C. Strategic Leadership: Experienced Administrators with Montessori Training
- D. Innovation, Change Management, and Partnership

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