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SXSW EDU® Announces More Than 40 New Sessions for 2023 Lineup

The conference welcomes leading arts, literary, education, advocacy, and student voices to discuss how we can leverage community, activism, storytelling, and more to address ongoing challenges

November 16, 2022, Austin, Texas – As it gears up for the 2023 conference and festival in March, SXSW EDU® is adding an array of new sessions to its lineup, including Featured conversations with two National Teachers of the Year; **Joy Harjo**, the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States; *New York Times* best-selling artist **Michaela Goade**; and **Michelle Kang**, CEO of NAEYC; and more. Building on the 187 sessions already announced, these sessions will shed new light on the key issues that arose during the pandemic and how as a community we have built stronger, more sustainable models to support recovery for educators and students.

With a keen focus on amplifying student agency, impactful communication, community support, and teacher retention, the content rolling out not only reflects the breadth of ideas and perspectives to be presented at SXSW EDU 2023, but also offers innovative ways to address the unique and ongoing challenges that impact education at large. Hosted by some of the foremost leaders in art, literature, teaching, policy, and research, the newly added **Featured Sessions** include:

- **FINDING IDENTITY THROUGH POETRY, ART, & NATURE** - Poetry, art, and place have the power to transcend generations and reinforce one's sense of self and connection with others. Join an original author, an award-winning artist, and an educator in conversation as they discuss adapting a poem into a picture book, the connections between poetry and art, and their power to impact readers of any age.

Speakers:

Joy Harjo, 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States and internationally renowned performer and writer of the Mvskoke Nation

Michaela Goade, Caldecott Medalist and a #1 *New York Times* best-selling artist and illustrator of a number of award-winning books such as *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom

- **BUILDING SUSTAINABLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** - Skyrocketing care costs, educator shortages, and a fast-changing pandemic left families and employers in limbo. Emerging is a newfound, long-deserved public interest in fostering innovation and bettering current systems to build sustainable early childhood education in the U.S. Join us for a discussion about how we can translate that chatter into action.

Speakers:

Michelle Kang, CEO of National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Chris Bennett, Co-Founder & CEO of Wonderschool
Natalie Renew, Executive Director of Home Grown
Emily Tate Sullivan, Senior Reporter at EdSurge

● **REAL TALK WITH TWO NATIONAL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR** - As the nation works to support students in academic recovery, how are we tending to teachers? Join two National Teachers of the Year in an insightful conversation about how schools and districts can support educator agency, diversity in materials, and student-centered learning.

Speakers:

Rodney Robinson, 2019 National Teacher of the Year
Kurt Russell, 2022 National Teacher of the Year

Along with these Featured Sessions, 41 additional sessions have been selected for the 2023 program. Attendees will hear from community and student voice advocates, as well as 2022 Launch startup competition winners on topics such as:

● **ELEVATING LATINO PARENTS IN EDUCATION** - Data shows that students perform better when their caregivers participate in their education, but Latino parents are often excluded from school decision-making processes. Now, Latino families are challenging the status quo in Houston, where Latino students represent 62% of the population, by presenting a unified vision for the change they want to see. This session will highlight advocacy work underway and how other school systems can create more welcoming environments for Latino families.

Speakers:

Millard House II, Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District
Mitzi Ordoñez, Mother and inaugural fellow of Familias Latinas por la Educación
Sandra Rodríguez, Advocacy Director for Greater Houston at Latinos for Education

● **CENTERING STUDENT VOICE IN EDUCATION** - Youth should be the centerpiece of education since they are the key stakeholder. It's time to ensure that youth feel included, represented, and invited to engage in curriculum and conferences as well as the classroom. Hear from a student who attended a low-ranked public school and then went on to Harvard as to how she thinks education can best catalyze changemakers.

Speaker:

Angela Zhong, Sophomore student at Harvard University and member of Council of Student Sustainability Leaders

● **XR, AI, & THE FUTURE OF LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION** - Today, over 3,000 languages are in danger of becoming extinct. Their loss would be profound: entire world-views are encoded into the nuances of language: their wisdom and perspectives can provide important perspectives for understanding our shared humanity. This panel, led by 2022 Launch winner OurWorlds, explores

cutting-edge technologies by Native American technologists and linguistics experts using AI and XR to create contextualized, place-based, immersive linguistic soundscapes and visual environments available worldwide.

Speakers:

Catherine Eng, Co-Founder of OurWorlds

Michael RunningWolf, Clinical Instructor at Northeastern University

Dr. Stanley Rodríguez, Professor at Kumeyaay Community College

Keolu Fox, Co-Director, Co-Founder, & Professor at the UC San Diego Indigenous Futures Institute

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About SXSW EDU:

The SXSW EDU® Conference & Festival is a reflection of the world's most critical social issues as seen through the lens of education. This year's event will bring together the learner, the practitioner, the entrepreneur, and the visionary to share their groundbreaking stories, tackle complex issues, and build reimagined paths forward. As a community of diverse people who are united around a like-minded vision for the future, SXSW EDU serves as a place for attendees to renew their purpose in practice from both a personal and professional perspective. It is a place to reinforce the core principles of teaching and learning as well as an opportunity to express your creativity and passion for education. SXSW EDU is a component of the South by Southwest® family of conferences and festivals that has grown from 800 to over 8,000 registrants in the last decade. Join the passionate and innovative community at SXSW EDU, March 6-9, 2023.

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