

INSPIRED

INSPIRED TO TEACH. EMPOWERED TO LEAD. **MARCH 7, 2025**

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE • FULTON, MISSOURI

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. – REGISTRATION & WELCOME

Location: Hunter Activity Center

- Check-in and receive conference materials.
- Light refreshments available.

9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. – OPENING CEREMONY

Location: Champ Auditorium

- Welcome by Ed Rising State Officers
- Keynote: Jennifer Jones, Missouri Teacher of the Year
- "Embracing Individuality: The Teacher Your Students Need"

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. – MORNING COMPETITIONS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Locations: Various campus venues (refer to competition schedule for specific rooms).

Participants compete in events such as Children's Literature, Creative Lecture, Ethical Dilemma, and more.

Breakout Sessions:

- Dr. Troy Hog: Finding Success in Education- Hazel 302
- Bob Martin- AI in Education - Hazel 301
- Victoria Knight- Banned Books- Reeves Library 1st floor
- Colton Goodwin and Bryce Hale- Legislative Issues in Education- Hazel 311
- Nichol Allen- Churchill Museum: Tours every half hour

Additional Options:

- Westminster Admissions - get a WestMO sticker! (located in the basement of Champ Auditorium)
- Westminster Bookstore (located under the Backer Dining Hall)
- Complete your Bingo Card!

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. – LUNCH BREAK:

Location: Backer Dining Hall

Attendees will go to lunch at various times depending on their competition schedule.

- Meet Mo. Teacher of the Year- Jennifer Jones (12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.)
- Sit with an Ed Rising State Officer
- Meet a new friend!
- Complete your Bingo Card!

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. – AFTERNOON COMPETITIONS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Locations: Continuation in various campus venues.

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2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.: Q&A ABOUT TEACHING

Location: Champ Auditorium

- Nathen Bunten shares his story: "Why Teach?"
- Meet with a panel of Westminster Education students to discuss college life and teaching

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. – CLOSING CEREMONY & AWARDS

Location: Champ Auditorium

- Remarks from special guest, Westminster College President Don Lofe Jr.
- Keynote: Maria Walden, Executive Director of Mo. Retired Teachers Association
- Announcement of competition winners and distribution of awards.
- Education Kahoot! Challenge: Ed Rising State Officers

