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FEATURED SPEAKERS

JULIE SMITH | Julie Smith has been on the faculty of the School of Communications at Webster University in St Louis for over 20 years and is the author of "Master the Media: How Teaching Media Literacy Will Save Our Plugged-In World". She's also written books on ways to increase engagement in the university classroom because lectures don't work anymore.

She has preached media literacy and critical thinking everywhere from church basements in California to ballrooms in Uzbekistan and will talk about media issues to anyone who will listen.



WILLIE SPEARS | Willie Spears has a diverse background in sports, education, and entertainment, making him a dynamic and relatable speaker. With over 20 years in education, he has coached at NCAA levels, served as an athletic director, and turned around schools and communities. His time with Disney Cruise Line as a comedian gave him unique business insights, which he now uses to tailor presentations for companies. Willie's gift for storytelling and life experiences allows him to connect with and inspire any audience, leaving them empowered to create positive change.

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Annual Conference

8:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Opens Located in the "Warehouse"
9:00-9:15 AM	Opening Session Auditorium Welcome Caleb Smith, AISA Director of Member Services Invocation Libby Pearce, Morgan Academy, SGA Chaplain National Anthem Michele Lott, Macon East Academy Greetings Michael McLendon, AISA Executive Director
9:15-9:45 AM	Student Government Association Report Cooper Kilgore, Monroe Academy, State SGA President
9:45-10:00 AM	Break
10:00 - 11:15 AM	Julie Smith, Connecting Hearts and Screens: The Connection Between Media Use, AI and SEL
11:15 - 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 - 12:25 PM	Willie Spears, You Matter
12:30 PM	Closing Remarks & Door Prizes