

A close-up photograph of a person's hands tying a black and white sneaker. The person is wearing black pants and a black long-sleeved shirt. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly asphalt. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **ORUef Kentucky 2023**

## **EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE GUIDE**

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

*Run The Race*

I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO **WIN THE PRIZE** FOR WHICH GOD HAS CALLED ME  
HEAVENWARD IN **CHRIST JESUS**.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

# **ORUef Kentucky 2023 Educators' Conference**

Welcome

Dear Leaders in Christian Education,

What a privilege it is to welcome you to the 2023 ORUef Kentucky Educators' Conference! It is a humble honor to join together with the people who are on the front lines of the battle for the minds and hearts of this generation. Only eternity will reveal the fruit of your efforts that will be effective for generations to come.

The word that the Lord has given us for this year is, "Run the Race! Win the Prize!" Today, you are surrounded by others who are running alongside you in this marathon called Christian education. I believe with all my heart that there is no other ministry outside of Christian education that can have a more definitive and long-lasting effect on discipling young men and women with the Gospel. You are the hands and feet of Jesus to this generation. The prize for your efforts is both temporal and eternal.

We have been praying for you. Our prayer is that you will be recharged. That in this marathon, today will be a refreshing pause, a reprieve where you can recharge, drink in His presence, and receive tools that will help you run more effectively when you step back into your school and classroom.

I join with the great cloud of witnesses that was spoken of in Hebrews 12, those who have run their race and received their prize. Those heroes of the faith, our parents and grandparents, our mentors and leaders who have had great impact on our lives are watching from the grandstands of heaven. Keep running the race! We're going to win!

Christ's Richest Blessings!

Chris Belyeu

Executive Director

Oral Roberts University Educational Fellowship

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## **SCHEDULE**

**7:30-8:00AM**

**Registration**

**8:00-8:20AM**

**Praise & Worship &  
Announcements**

**(Location: Youth Center)**

**8:20-9:20AM**

**General Session 1**  
**“Battling for the Hearts  
& Minds of a Generation**

**9:20-9:30AM**

**Break**

**9:30-10:20AM**

**Workshop A**

**10:20-10:30AM**

**Break**

**10:30-11:20AM**

**Workshop B**

**11:20AM-12:20PM**

**Lunch**

**12:20-1:10PM**

**Workshop C**

**1:10-1:20PM**

**Break**

**1:20-2:20PM**

**General Session 2**  
**“Transformational  
Teaching”**  
**(Location: Youth Center)**

**2:20-2:30PM**

**Closing**

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**Chris Belyeu**

**Executive Director**

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Chris Belyeu is new to the position of Executive Director for ORUef and ICAA, but he is not new to the organization. Chris previously served from 2002-2016 as the School Administrator at Family of Faith Christian School in Shawnee, OK. During this time, Chris served on ICAA US and International Accreditation External Review Visits, served on the Commission for Accreditation, and served on the ICAA Board of Directors. From 2016-2019, Chris served as the Assistant Secondary Principal and Director of Fine Arts for Cornerstone Christian Schools in San Antonio, TX. In 2019, Chris transitioned to Trinity Christian Academy in San Antonio as the Head of School through May 2022 when he became the Pastor of Christian Education at the school's sponsoring church. More recently, Chris has served as Assistant Director of ORUef and ICAA since January, receiving mentorship from Dr. Peal.

Chris earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1998 in Education – K-12 Music. He earned his Master of Arts degree in Christian School Administration in 2002 from ORU, and he is currently in the doctoral program at ORU, pursuing an Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership.

Chris has been married to his best friend, Chrissie, for 23 years. They have two beautiful children, Grace (17) and Marcus (12). Their daughter Grace plans to attend ORU in the fall. As a family, they love to spend time together hiking, traveling, discovering new local restaurants, worship, and serving the Lord together.



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## Workshop A 9:30-10:20AM

### **2030 Educators: Creating a Student-Centered Profession for the 21st Century**

**Audience:** General

**Room:** D202

**Dr. Boyd** - Assistant to the Provost, Exceptional Teaching and Innovation  
Dean, College of Education @ Oral Roberts University

Our goal as Christian educators is to always keep students at the heart of daily activities and decision-making processes. Join us for this session to look at how we can practically build our profession in this way.

### **Dealing with Difficult Parents**

**Audience:** General

**Room:** LL1

**Dr. Patrick Otto** - Chair of the Graduate School of Education @ Oral Roberts University

This workshop provides the Christian School administrator and teacher with tools to better serve the school family by Dealing with Difficult Parents. We will explore four causes of difficult relationships with school parents and develop subsequent suggestions for addressing these areas of confusion, complaint and consternation.

### **Teacher Burnout; AI/Technology is Your New Best Friend**

**Audience:** General

**Room:** LL2

**Julie May** - Secondary Principal @ Covenant Christian School

What if new possibilities were just on the other side of your burnout? Let's backtrack for a minute, shall we? Remember that first day you showed up in your classroom? You came with a full heart and dedication to inspire a love of learning in your students. You knew it would be difficult, and wow, was it ever! But somehow in the back of your mind, you knew you'd get the hang of it and somehow figure out a way to do all the things and wear all the hats. And maybe you did... for a time.

### **Identifying Learning Disabilities**

**Audience:** General

**Room:** D102

**Renee' McClanahan** - Guidance Counselor/Teacher @ Community Christian Academy

This will give a generalized overview of the most common types of learning disabilities found within classrooms.

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## Workshop B 10:30-11:20AM

### What is your Worldview?

**Audience:** General

**Room:** LL1

**Dr. Patrick Otto** - *Chair of the Graduate School of Education @ Oral Roberts University*

We are not of this world, but we do live in it. The children of the Age of Aquarius are now the grandparents, parents, leaders, and teachers. We are living in the post-modern era, and we are finding that life truly is much more complicated and that the ancient boundaries have been moved.

### What is AI, and How is it Impacting Your School?

**Audience:** General

**Room:** D202

**Dr. Boyd** - *Assistant to the Provost, Exceptional Teaching and Innovation Dean, College of Education @ Oral Roberts University*

Artificial Intelligence is taking the world by storm. How should Christian educators interact with AI? In this session, we will discuss what AI is and some ways we anticipate AI will impact teaching, learning, and communication in our schools.

### Developing Effective Classroom Procedures

**Audience:** Elementary

**Room:** LL2

**Tabitha Barrow** - *Elementary Principal @ Covenant Christian School*

Creating effective expectations, procedures, and routines for a highly functioning elementary classroom. Explore the benefits of having well-defined routines for transitions, materials, and daily activities to create positive and inclusive expectations that foster a sense of community.



# **SUMMER of 2024**

## **ORUef International Educators' Conference**



**June 26, 2024**

**Tulsa, OK**

**George Barna**

Barna is a Professor at Arizona Christian University and Director of Research at its Cultural Research Center, focusing on worldview assessment and development, and cultural transformation. He is also the Sr. Research Fellow at Family Research Council Center for Biblical Worldview, and a Fellow at the Townsend Institute at Concordia University.

He was the founder The Barna Group (which he sold in 2009), the Barna Institute, the American Culture and Faith Institute, and Metaformation. Through those entities he has conducted groundbreaking research on worldview, cultural transformation, ministry applications, spiritual development, and politics. He has provided research and strategy for several hundred parachurch ministries, thousands of Christian churches, the U.S. military, Fortune 500 companies, and has supplied polling and strategy to four presidential candidates. He has also served on multiple Boards of Directors and Advisory Boards.

To date, Barna has authored or co-authored 60 books addressing social and religious trends, worldview, leadership, spiritual development, church dynamics, and cultural transformation. They include New York Times and amazon bestsellers and several award-winning books. His books have been translated into more than a dozen foreign languages.

He previously taught at several universities and seminaries; served as the Teaching Pastor of a large, multi-ethnic church; pastor of a house church; an elder in four congregations; and has helped to start several churches.

After graduating summa cum laude from Boston College, Barna earned two Master's degrees from Rutgers University and received a doctorate from Dallas Baptist University.

George and his wife Nancy attended high school, college, and grad school together before marrying in 1978. They have three adopted daughters and three grandchildren, and currently live on the central California coast and in Phoenix. In his free time, George likes to watch the Yankees, read novels, play bass and listen to music, enjoy the ocean, hang out with his grandchildren and his blind dog (Ray Charles).

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## Workshop C 12:40-1:30PM

### **Administrators' Roundtable**

**Audience:** Administration

**Room: LL2**

Calling all Administrators! Let's come together and discuss the hot topics that Administrators deal with on a daily basis.

### **PreK & K Roundtable**

**Audience:** PreK & K Teachers

**Room: D201**

Hey there, Early Ed teachers! From classroom management to classroom technology, Early Ed teachers must keep up with so much. Let's gather in this last session to connect with teachers from other schools to collaborate and pray with one another.

### **Grades 1-5 Roundtable**

**Audience:** Elementary Teachers

**Room: D202**

God created us to need each other, and as Elementary teachers we sure know it! We need fresh ideas for projects, biblical integration, and everything else we juggle, and sometimes the best ideas come from our colleagues. So come sit with other Elementary teachers to share ideas, encourage one another, and pray for each other.

### **Middle School/High School Roundtable**

**Audience:** MS/HS Teachers

**Room: LL1**

Middle School & High School teachers - this session was made for you! Gather with colleagues to talk about the unique challenges of MS & HS classrooms, share most helpful teaching resources, and pray together.

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