

Register NOW for the IOSS (Iowa Organization for Student Success) Fall 2023 Conference

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- * Find out more about IOSS, our mission, and our annual conference at the [IOSS Website](#)
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Conference Information

Date: November 2 – 3, 2023

Location: Des Moines Area Community College, Urban Campus
1100 7th St.
Des Moines, IA 50314

Hotel Information: The closest hotel to DMACC Urban Campus is the Holiday Inn Des Moines Downtown – Mercy Area. Hotel Website: [Holiday Inn Dtwm](#).
(No host hotel or group rate offered this year.)

Registration Website & Costs:

Conference registration found here: [Iowa 2023 Chapter Conference \(IOSS\)](#)

- Conference fee is \$100. Includes all meals at conference.
- This fee also includes one-year IOSS membership (\$10 value)

*If you cannot attend the conference, but wish to renew or join IOSS, please visit this site: [Iowa Chapter \(IOSS\) Membership](#)

- Yearly IOSS membership fee is \$10.

2023 Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 2nd

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Check-In or On-site Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee & pastries provided
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Welcome
9:45 am – 11:00 am	Keynote speaker - Brenda Clark Hamilton - <i>“Who Are You Impacting?”</i>
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session I
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch & IOSS annual chapter meeting
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Concurrent Session II
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Iowa Department of Education Updates, Kelly Friesleben - Includes Guided Pathways & Developmental Education, and other statewide initiatives relevant to community college student success - Question & answer session to follow
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Afternoon snack, wrap-up, and awarding of raffle prizes
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	IOSS Executive Board Meeting - Including special guest, NOSS president, Meredith Sides

Friday, November 3rd

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Check-in <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee & pastries provided
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Welcome and announcements
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Keynote Speaker - Meredith Sides, NOSS President 2022-2024
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Concurrent Session III
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Roundtable discussion I
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Roundtable discussion II
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm	Wrap-up and awarding of raffle prizes

Thursday, November 2nd

Keynote Address

Thursday: 9:45 am – 11:00 am

“The Mentally Strong Educator (or Student): Strategies for Facing Challenges with Grit, Steadiness, and a Can-Do Attitude”

Presenter: Brenda Clark Hamilton, MA Ed.

Description: Without a doubt, today’s educators must have the ability to keep moving forth with an upbeat, can-do attitude, despite the myriad of challenges thrown their way. This engaging, interactive session will present user-friendly strategies for keeping yourself mentally strong, with a calm understanding that you can face whatever comes your way with wisdom, creativity, and common sense. Many educators find these strategies to be helpful to share with their students, to increase their resilience.

Concurrent Session I

Thursday: 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

“Keynote Address Follow-Up Discussion”

Presenter: Brenda Clark Hamilton, MA Ed.

Description: This is an open follow-up discussion regarding the strategies presented during the Thursday keynote presentation.

“How Writing Prompts Boost Engagement and Critical Thinking in Any Subject Area!”

Presenters: Dr. Laurie Ann Schmidt and Jennifer Peterson, Iowa Lakes Community College

Description: This hands-on interactive session will show you how writing prompts can boost student engagement and critical thinking in any subject area by recognizing and tuning into students' social intelligence, understanding the unique perspectives of students, building connections with students, and empowering students to make responsible decisions with critical thinking.

IOSS Chapter Meeting**Thursday: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

During this lunch meeting, IOSS members and conference attendees will learn more about the successes and challenges IOSS has experienced in the past year. An open conversation regarding the future of the organization and the benefits of being a member will take place. This meeting will also include the awards ceremony – awards include the student scholarship, the IOSS president award, and the outstanding service to students award.

Concurrent Session II**Thursday: 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm****“Too Many Tabs Open: Understanding Neurodiversity in the College Classroom”**

Presenter: Janelle Thornton, Des Moines Area Community College

Description: Based on the personal experience of being a neurodivergent student and educator, interactions with neurodivergent students, and research on neurodiversity in education, this presentation explores what neurodiversity is and how this knowledge can be applied to better support all students in higher education.

“Marian the Librarian... Don’t Shhh Me!”

Presenter: Kathrine Rogers, Iowa Lakes Community College

Description: Tap into an inspired collaboration with a Librarian excited to share a plethora of resources to enhance your program, assist student research, and check off course audit Library component requirements! Explore and gather a variety of online treasures to easily implement at your campus.

“Back to the Future of College Reading”

Presenters: Dan Nelson & Heather Tisdale, Des Moines Area Community College

Description: Recognizing the many challenges students face related to reading skills, DMACC faculty formed a committee to examine opportunities to support and integrate reading strategies throughout the institution. This presentation will review the results of a faculty survey regarding literacy obstacles in their disciplines, and our committee will discuss opportunities to encourage the integration of reading supports across the curriculum.

Iowa Department of Education Updates

Thursday: 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Presenter: Kelly Friesleben

Description: This large group session will include updates regarding statewide work on guided pathways and developmental education will be provided, and an overview of recent data findings.

IOSS Executive Board Meeting

Thursday: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

IOSS is looking for dedicated and driven faculty and staff who are interested in joining our board. This meeting will provide information about the IOSS organization and functions of the board but will also include a discussion related to some of the challenges we are facing in sustaining this organization at the state level. Meredith Sides, current NOSS president, will be in attendance to participate in this discussion and offer suggestions and experiences from the national level.

**This is an open (optional) meeting for anyone interested in joining the board or learning more about opportunities within IOSS.*

**Attendance is required for all current IOSS board members.*

What's happening in Des Moines on **Thursday night? Lots of things!**

We welcome IOSS conference members to participate in any of these events, either with a group or individually. Enjoy your time connecting with others!

* **Trivia Night** options at either Paws and Pints [Paws & Pints Trivia](#) or Coa Cantina [Coa Cantina DSM](#)

* **Iowa Wild vs. Milwaukee Admirals hockey game** - [Catch Des Moines - Iowa Wild Hockey Game](#)

* **Open Mic Night** at Comedy DSM - [Comedy DSM Open Mic](#)

Friday, November 3rd

Keynote Address

Friday: 9:00 am – 9:45 am

“Changing the Course of the Future”: Exploring Our Everyday Impact

Presenter: Meredith Sides, Calhoun Community College, NOSS President 2022-204

Description: This presentation will remind us all about the profound everyday impact we can have on those around us, no matter our job titles, and will offer practical suggestions for maximizing our opportunities to make a positive impact on others.

Concurrent Session III

Friday: 10:00 am – 10:45 am

“Determining a student's place”

Presenter: Molly Struve, Iowa Lakes Community College

Description: Many colleges have moved to a multiple measures approach to placement in math and English courses. Is this working for students? What are the best types of multiple measures? Although these answers can be quite varied based on institution, and the data still leaves lots to be desired, using a multiple measures approach seems to be helpful for students. Come find out more about multiple measures around the state and nation, and learn how Iowa Lakes Community College has implemented a unique approach to using math and English GPA for placement.

“The Math Remediation Model at WITCC”

Presenter: Mike Cagley, Western Iowa Tech Community College

Description: Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) has adopted a math remediation model intended to minimize costs to the students, but its effectiveness is still not clearly or fully evaluated. This presentation situates the math remediation model at WITCC within the broader context of math remediation at community colleges in Iowa overall while considering some key metrics along which the model can be evaluated moving forward.

Roundtable Session I**Friday: 11:00 am – 11:30 am****Roundtable Session II****Friday: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm**

This portion of the conference will include two, thirty minute roundtable sessions. These are collaborative and interactive discussions that allow others to share ideas and discuss challenges. An open dialogue is encouraged, and participants are welcome to jump from table to table to explore different topics. Topics for these sessions may include multiple measures, tutoring, advising, retention, integrating library resources within a class, exploring state and national organizations, best practices in teaching math, writing, and reading and many more.

America Reads

Children's books donated by IOSS conference attendees this year will be sent to [Stowe Elementary School](#), which serves students from kindergarten to 5th grade in the Des Moines Public Schools.



Help support this book drive by purchasing a book or two from the [Stowe's Amazon Wish List!](#) *(Click on link to be taken to the list in Amazon.)*

**If you do not wish to purchase on the larger package of books, each book can also be bought individually.*

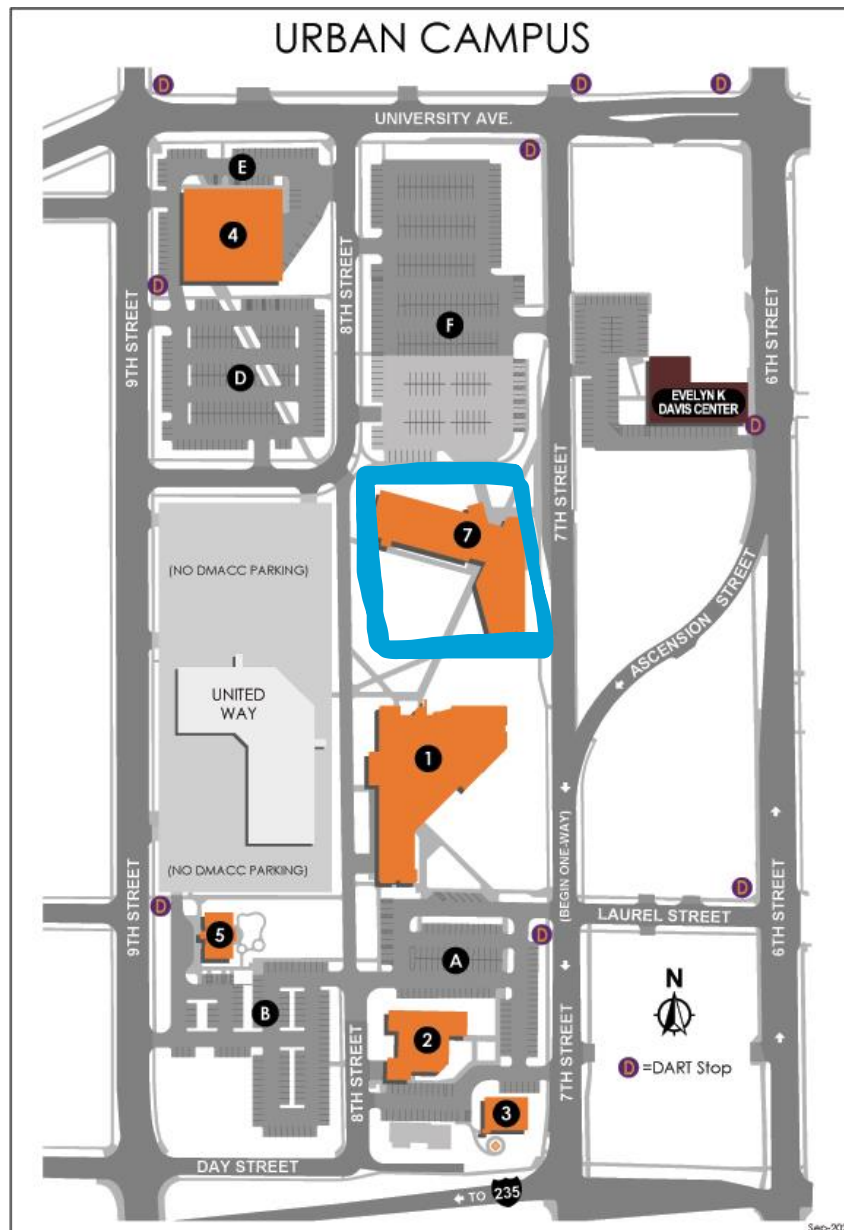
SHIPPING OPTIONS:

- 1.) When checking out, choose the Stowe Elementary School option (this should autofill).
 - a. If not, please type in the address below for books to be sent directly to the school:

Stowe Elementary School
Attn: Claudia Gonzalez
1411 East 33rd Street
Des Moines, IA 50317

- 2.) Send books to yourself and bring them to the conference. A member of IOSS will deliver the books to the school for you.

Des Moines Area Community College Urban Campus Map



The conference will be held in **Building #7**, which is the Urban Student Life Building.

Parking: Please park in the college parking lot, next to the Urban Student Life Building. No parking pass necessary for attendees.