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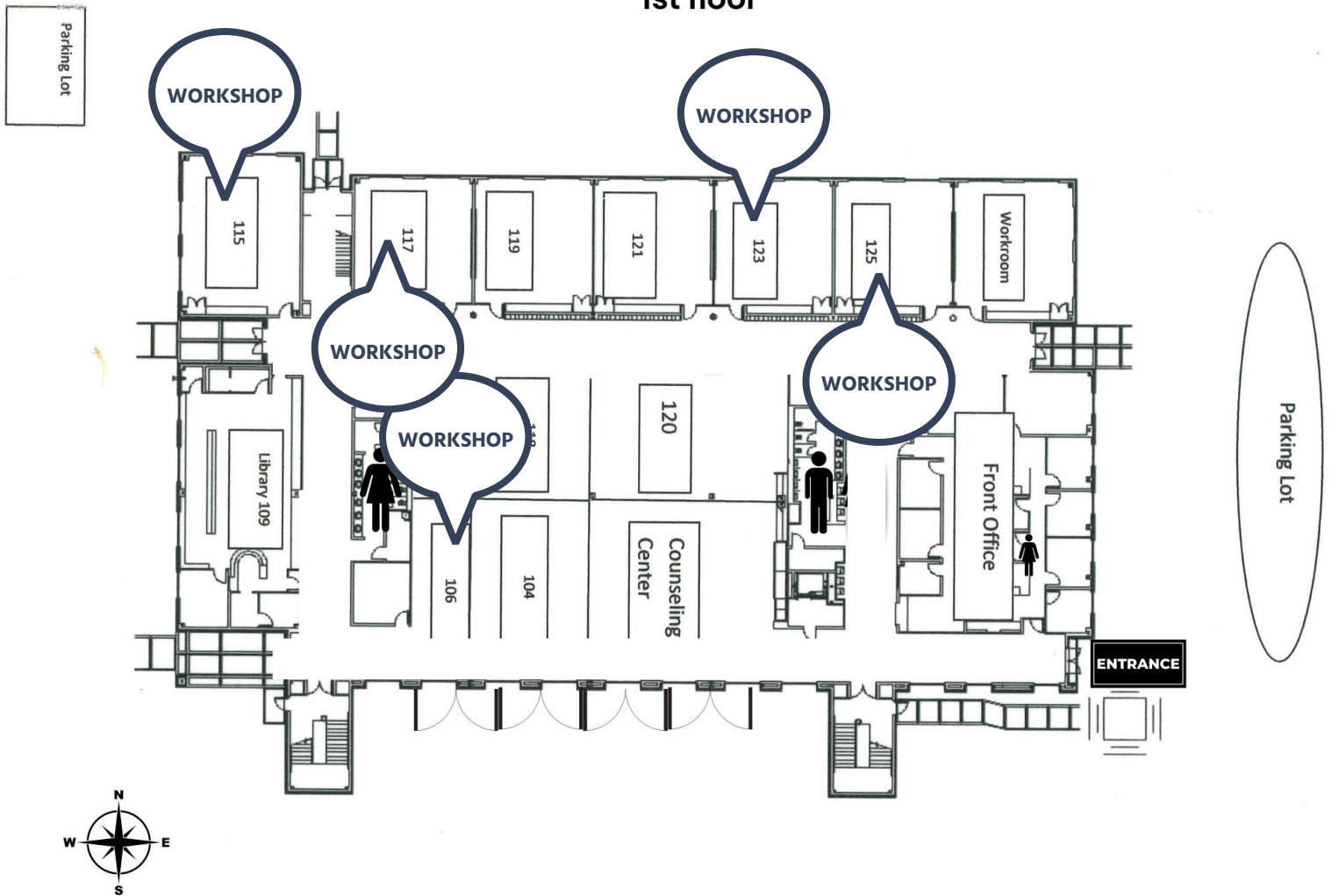
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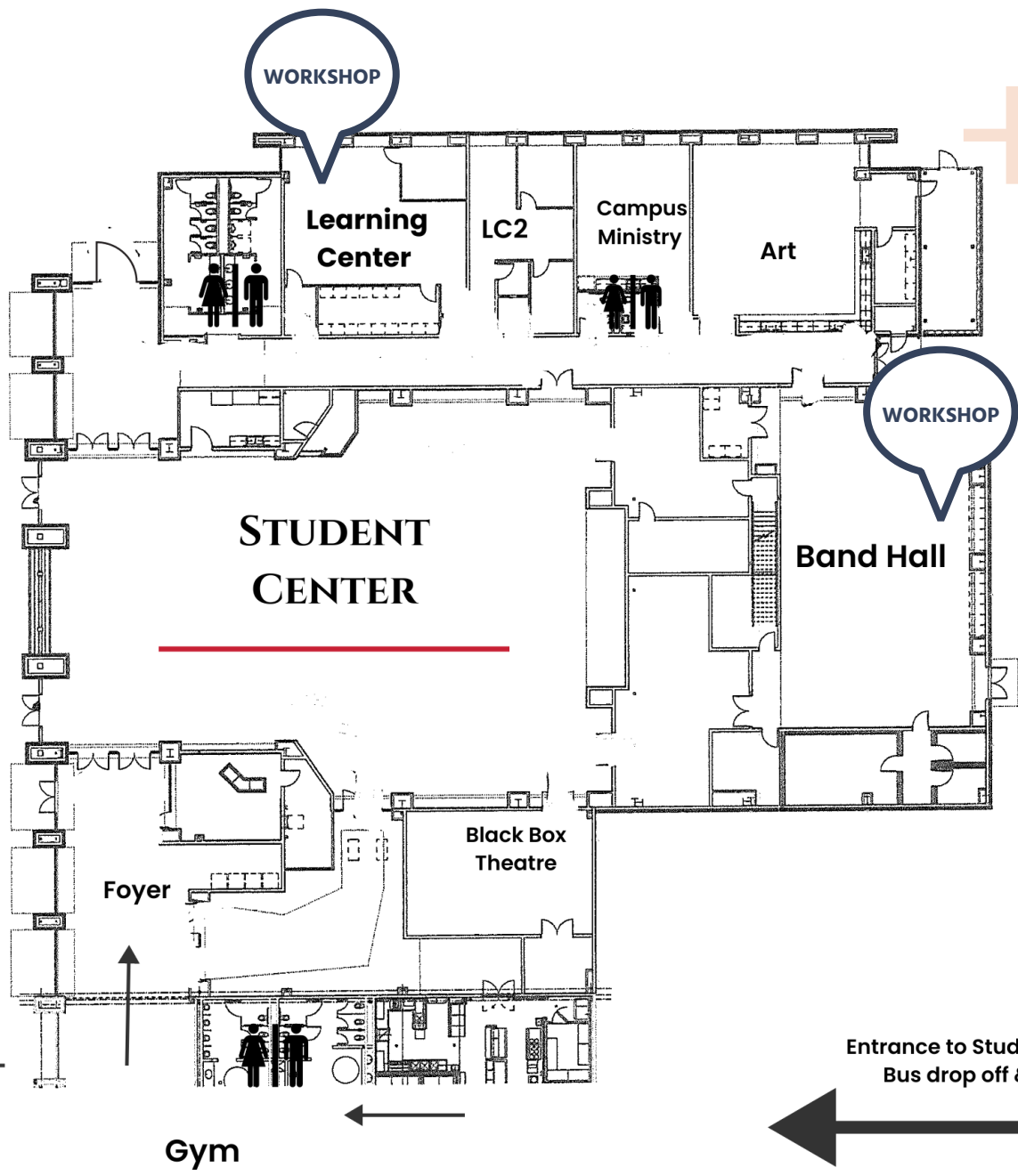
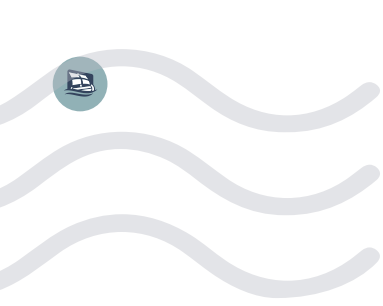


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## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

- 01:30 PM** Career & Networking Fair  
University of St. Thomas - Houston Scanlan Room in the Jerabek Activity Center
- 03:00 PM** Conference check in  
University of St. Thomas - Houston Center for Science and Health Professions (CSHP) West Entrance
- 04:00 PM** Mass  
Chapel of St. Basil, University of St. Thomas - Houston
- 04:45 PM** Reception with DIA Strategic Partners  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Atrium
- 05:45 PM** Green Room with Keynote Jackie Angel (DIA Member HOS Event)  
University of St. Thomas - Houston
- 06:30 PM** Dinner  
University of St. Thomas - Houston Scanlan Room in the Jerabek Activity Center
- 07:10 PM** Welcome, President Richard Ludwick  
Keynote  
University of St. Thomas - Houston Scanlan Room in the Jerabek Activity Center
- 07:30 PM** Opening Keynote, Jackie Angel  
Keynote  
University of St. Thomas - Houston Scanlan Room in the Jerabek Activity Center
- 08:30 PM** Transfers to conference hotel

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

Please note: morning events are held at University of St. Thomas; afternoon and evening events are held at DIA Member School, St. John XXIII Preparatory in Katy, TX. Transportation provided.

- 07:00 AM** Reconciliation  
Chapel of St. Basil, University of St. Thomas - Houston
- 07:30 AM** Bus 1 departs Hyatt Place/Hyatt House Hotel to UST
- 08:00 AM** Green Room with Keynote Brett Salkeld (DIA Member Event)
- 08:00 AM** Bus 2 departs Hyatt House/Hyatt Place Hotel to UST

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| <b>08:45 AM</b><br>Keynote         | <b>Making Every Class Catholic: Foundation, Imagination, Process</b><br>University of St. Thomas - Houston Jones Hall                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>10:00 AM</b>                    | <b>Mass</b><br>Chapel of St. Basil, University of St. Thomas - Houston                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>11:00 AM</b>                    | <b>Eucharistic Procession, Veneration of Relics, Adoration &amp; Benediction</b><br>University of St. Thomas - Houston, Academic Mall, Chapel of St. Basil                                                                       |  |
| <b>11:20 AM</b>                    | <b>Reconciliation</b><br>Chapel of St. Basil, University of St. Thomas - Houston                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>12:00 PM</b>                    | <b>Lunch with strategic partners</b><br>University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Atrium                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>01:00 PM</b>                    | <b>Transfers to St. John XXIII Preparatory School</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>01:45 PM</b><br>Board           | <b>Get the Board on Fire for the Mission</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 125                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>01:45 PM</b><br>Leadership      | <b>The Holy Eucharist and the Renewal of Catholic Education: Encouraging and Supporting Parents as Primary Educators in Light of Eucharistic Doctrine</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Learning Center (Student Center) |  |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>01:45 PM</b><br>Leadership      | <b>Creative Faculty/Staff Recruiting and Retention Strategies Panel Discussion</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 115                                                                              |  |
| <b>01:45 PM</b><br>Campus Minister | <b>Guardians: Forming Boys in Prayer, Study, and Fraternity</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 123                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>01:45 PM</b><br>Campus Minister | <b>Making Counseling Catholic: Faith and Science in Mental Health</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Band Hall, Student Center                                                                                            |  |
| <b>01:45 PM</b><br>Teacher         | <b>Integrating Faith and Science in the Science Classroom</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 117                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>01:45 PM</b><br>Teacher         | <b>Faithfully Catholic Approaches to Questions of Sexuality and Gender</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 106                                                                                      |  |
| <b>03:00 PM</b>                    | <b>Where Tech Meets Tradition with DIA Partner, Hallow</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 115                                                                                                      |  |

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| <b>03:00 PM</b><br>Strategic Partners                                             | <b>Classic Learning Test: Assessments That Strengthen a Catholic Education</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Band Hall, Student Center                                           |
| <b>03:00 PM</b><br>Strategic Partners                                             | <b>Empowering Catholic Schools in the Digital Age:<br/>Utilizing Shalom World's Media Resources for Faith Education</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 115 |
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>03:00 PM</b><br>Strategic Partners                                             | <b>Mission-Driven Admissions: Aligning Enrollment with Catholic Values with DIA Partner, Finalsite</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 106                  |
| <b>03:00 PM</b>                                                                   | <b>DIA Membership: Is It Right for Your School or Diocese?</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Learning Center (Student Center)                                                    |
| <b>03:30 PM</b>                                                                   | <b>Snack</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School Student Center Foyer                                                                                                                   |
| <b>04:00 PM</b><br>Board                                                          | <b>Clarifying the Board's Role in Strategic Planning</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 125                                                                |
| <b>04:00 PM</b><br>Leadership                                                     | <b>The Spiritual Leader of Catholic Schools</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Band Hall, Student Center                                                                          |
| <b>04:00 PM</b><br>Leadership                                                     | <b>Introducing Performance-based Compensation for Recruiting, Retaining and Rewarding Faculty</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Learning Center (Student Center)                 |
| <b>04:00 PM</b><br>Campus Minister                                                | <b>Let's Not Manage Decline, Let's Take Massive, Prudent Action</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 123                                                     |
| <b>04:00 PM</b><br>Leadership;<br>Campus Minister                                 | <b>Leading Athletics into Mission</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 115                                                                                   |
| <b>04:00 PM</b><br>Leadership; Teacher                                            | <b>The Counselor Fellowship</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 106                                                                                         |
| <b>04:00 PM</b><br>Campus Minister;<br>Teacher                                    | <b>The Ministry of Catechesis for Students with Disabilities</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Academic Building Room 117                                                        |
| <b>05:00 PM</b>                                                                   | <b>Campus Tours</b><br>Meet in front of Competition Gym                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>05:00 PM</b>                                                                   | <b>Hear about SJ23's Campus Ministry Programs and share best practices</b><br>St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Learning Center (Student Center)                                        |

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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

- 05:00 PM** House System Q/A  
St. John XXIII Preparatory School, Band Hall, Student Center
- 05:00 PM** Prayer Service  
St. John XXIII Preparatory School Chapel, Academic Bldg, 2nd Floor
- 05:45 PM** Reception  
St. John XXIII Preparatory School Student Center Foyer
- 06:45 PM** Dinner - a Taste of Houston!  
St. John XXIII Preparatory School Student Center
- 08:15 PM** Transfers to Hyatt Place/Hyatt House or UST



## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

- 07:00 AM** Buses depart Hyatt Place/Hyatt House Hotel to UST
- 07:30 AM** Mass  
Chapel of St. Basil, University of St. Thomas - Houston
- 08:15 AM** Breakfast with Strategic Partners  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Atrium
- 08:15 AM** Eucharistic Adoration (All Day)  
University of St. Thomas - Houston, Chapel of St. Basil
- 09:30 AM** Catholic AI Tools to Supercharge Education  
Keynote  
University of St. Thomas - Houston Jones Hall
- 10:45 AM** AI at the Service of the Church and the World (virtual presentation)  
Leadership  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Room 146
- 10:45 AM** Practical Wisdom for Agile Leadership  
Leadership  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Room 147
- 10:45 AM** Sharing the Gift of Jesus: Developing Faith in Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities  
Campus Minister;  
Teacher  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Room 246



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- 10:45 AM**  
Campus Minister  
Tilling the Soil: Creating a Culture of Vocational Discernment in Catholic Schools  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Room 102A
- 10:45 AM**  
Teacher  
Wondrous Joy: Pursuing the Transcendentals through Seminar Discussion  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Room 102B
- 10:45 AM**  
Teacher  
The Catholic Response to Transgender Ideology  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Room 243
- 11:20 AM**  
Reconciliation  
Chapel of St. Basil, University of St. Thomas - Houston
- 12:00 PM**  
Lunch with Strategic Partners  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Atrium
- 01:00 PM**  
General Session  
Closing General Session Panel, "Crusaders for Faithful Catholic Education"  
University of St. Thomas - Houston Jones Hall
- 02:00 PM**  
Closing Prayer and Dismissal  
University of St. Thomas - Houston
- 02:30 PM**  
Founders Forum (DIA Member Event)  
University of St. Thomas - Houston CSHP Meeting Room

## LIVING OUR FAITH AT THE SUMMIT

### Monday, October 21

4:00 pm Opening Mass, Chapel of St. Basil

### Tuesday, October 22 | Feast of St. John Paul II

7-8:30 am Reconciliation, outside Chapel of St. Basil

10:00 am Mass, Chapel of St. Basil

11:00 am Eucharistic Procession, Academic Quad

11:30 am Adoration, Benediction & Veneration of Relics, Chapel of St. Basil

11:20 am - 12:20 pm Reconciliation

### Wednesday, October 23

7:30 am Mass, Chapel of St. Basil

8:30 am - 8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel of St. Basil

11:20 am - 12:20 pm Reconciliation

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## MEET THE CLASS OF 2024 DIA FELLOWS



**Debra Dahrmer**

**Debra Dahrmer, (Formerly) English teacher/Lead Teacher at Marin Catholic High School in Kentfield CA**

Debra's project focuses on increasing the awareness and discussion of saints as well as their roles as our patrons and guides, with two objectives: 1) Develop a unit that introduces patron saints as part of a new senior seminar course, focused on Christianity and literature, and patron saints in general as well as the patron saint for that particular course, St. Therese of Lisieux; and, 2) Work with the English and Theology departments to help them select a patron saint for their respective departments and to develop simple and effective pedagogical access points for the students to learn about the saints, including saint statue installations in classrooms.

Mentor: Shane Rapp



**Sarah Hogan**

**Sarah Hogan, Director of College Counseling and Alumni Engagement, Providence Academy in Plymouth, MN**

The Counselor Fellowship is building a collaborative network of Catholic counseling professionals eager to share best practices. Primarily supporting students approaching their post-secondary planning, the Fellowship provides tools of both natural and supernatural means for understanding their gifts to make appropriate and fulfilling decisions and putting those gifts into actions. An affinity group of like-hearted counselors took part in the first-ever Fellowship in June, 2024. The overall goal of the Counselor Fellowship is to provide professional development (and networking) that more fully aligns with our mission as Catholic educators.

Mentor: Michael Schell



**Nicole O'Connor**

**Nicole O'Connor, Kolbe Academy's Online Elementary Director, Napa, CA**

Nicole's Fellowship follows in the spirit of Kolbe Academy's mission and vision to utilize the tools of the modern age, share the Gospel, and to respond to the needs of today's parents and families. The project, upon completion, will provide a structure for Catholic schools to reframe the ends of Catholic education with their parents and staff.

The overall goal is to streamline onboarding for parents and staff at Catholic institutions in order to aid in more successful and cohesive relationships between the family and the school.

Mentor: Tommy Curtin



**Anna White**

**Anna White, JSerra Catholic High School Theology Department Chair, San Juan Capistrano, CA**

Building in-house professional development resources in Catholic High Schools is the objective of Nicole's project. A common need in professional development is pedagogical formation. Establishing available resources for Catholic schools to use, maximizing professional growth through an in-house, observation-based model was the intended outcome of this project.

The hope of this action plan is to provide promptly accessible, effective pedagogical formation via observation. It utilizes a school's readily available resources to support new and developing teachers in their teaching craft. This framework seeks to be one that Catholic schools across the nation can confidently adapt to meet the needs of their teachers.

Mentor: Tom Cole



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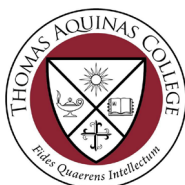
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