



# Pre-Conference 2018

## April 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

### Tropicana Resort & Casino

Atlantic City, NJ

Association for Equality and Excellence in Education, Inc.

## Pre-Conference Opportunities

Cost Per Person: \$200 for 1 or \$300 for All Workshops (Limited Seats Available)



### Cheryl Wills

#### Special Pre-Conference Keynote

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (9:00-10:30am)

Cheryl Wills is a nationally recognized award-winning journalist for NY1 News with 25 years experience as a television journalist. She is the author of the acclaimed *Die Free: A Heroic Family Tale*. On March 25, 2011, Cheryl made history as the first journalist to speak from the iconic stage of the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations for the UN's International Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Atlantic Slave Trade.

\*Limited Number of Free Autographed Books for TRIO Professionals in Attendance

#### Workshop 1: Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (12:00-4:00pm)

**Build your students' leadership skills and STEM knowledge through an accessible, interactive activity: *The World Climate simulation***

##### Session Abstract:

This workshop will enable you to bring leadership development skills and STEM-rich content to your students through the *World Climate* simulation. In *World Climate*, students take on the roles of negotiators charged with creating a sustainable future, while getting immediate scientific feedback on their decisions through an interactive computer model.

#### Workshop 2: Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (1:00-5:00pm)

##### *Understand Yourself*

##### Session Abstract:

This workshop is for those of us who are lifelong learners, seeking to improve a little bit each day. Jess Cisco will guide us through models, activities, and questions to enhance our self-awareness. We will learn from and with each other. And we will likely hear and see a glimpse of the deep humanity available inside each of us.

##### Session outcomes:

Discover, explore, and/or refine your understanding of what you need and value most in life.  
Accept yourself, as you are today, a *little more*.  
Decide what 1 - 2 changes you will focus on to improve your life.

#### Workshop 3: Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-12:00pm)

##### *Understand Others*

##### Session Abstract:

We'll explore how to build better relationships through listening. We'll learn from and with each other. And we'll practice being present and being curious about the human beings around us. Jess Cisco hopes to reveal how all of these concepts build trust in our relationships and enable better outcomes--in our relationships and our projects.

##### Session outcomes:

Learn models that will help us understand other individuals--and even ourselves.  
Enhance your ability to build future (or rebuild existing) relationships.  
Decide what 1 - 2 behaviors you will focus on to improve your relationships.

#### Workshop 4: Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (12:30-3:30pm)

##### *Key Steps in Preparing for the Upcoming Student Support Services Competition*

##### Session Abstract:

The Student Support Services competition will take place as early as October 2019. Though a little over a year away, it is important for institutions to begin creating a writing team and collecting necessary data that will assist the institution in forming a story that your institution needs these services on your campus. This pre-conference session discusses different models institutions have used in their writing teams to give participants options of how to create a team that will fit their environment. Also, learn how to intertwine your "institution's story" with the necessary data collection to make the compelling argument that your institution needs these services for the eligible population.