

October 10, 2025 DAFT's 13th Media Teacher Symposium

Motion Picture Institute - 2040 Crooks Rd. Suite B Troy, MI. 48084

v 10-9-25 (subject to change)

Session	Time	Presentation Area	Stage A (smaller set)	Stage B (large set)	Classroom	Conference "War" Room
Opening Keynote Conversation	8:30 - 9:00	Emerging Media for Instructors Matt Firsten <i>University of Michigan</i>				
1	9:00 - 10:15 AM		Teaching Media Through a Learner-Centered Lens Matt Firsten <i>University of Michigan</i>	New LED Lighting Systems Jeremy Schroeder <i>MPI</i>	Local News Production Careers & Skill Sets Laura Moore & Alex Kimbrough <i>Fox2 News</i>	CTE Changes & Perkins 5 Jen Williamson & Bill Wolbrink <i>West Bloomfield & Holland Schools</i>
2	10:30 - 11:45 AM	Latest Cool & Affordable Media Tech Adam Burns <i>Troy Schools</i>	(1st of 2) Student Internships & Career Paths in Digital Media Travis Fletcher <i>HOUR Media</i>		AI and Media Production Bill Wolbrink & Steve Geresy <i>Ottawa & Grosse Pointe Schools</i>	Podcasting Best Practices, Gear & Client Work Jon Gay <i>JAG Podcast Productions</i>
Lunch from Olga's	11:45 - 12:30	MPI Welcome & DAFT Updates/Input-Gathering (Festival, Student Symposium, Focal Point, Trivia Night & More)				
3	12:30 - 1:45		(2nd of 2) Student Internships & Career Paths in Digital Media Travis Fletcher <i>HOUR Media</i>	(1st of 2) Turning Your Class into a film crew Jeremy Schroeder / Tara Plizga <i>MPI</i>	Favorite Media Projects Curric Exchange Rubrics Stephany Harbison <i>Romeo HS</i>	Start a Film Club Barton Bund <i>Director/Actor/Producer</i>
4	2:00 - 3:15		DAFT Media Teacher Support - Implementation Roundtable Kevin Walsh / Kathy Vander DAFT Board Members	(2nd of 2) Turning Your Class into a film crew Jeremy Schroeder / Tara Plizga <i>MPI</i>	PBS News Student Reporting Labs & Storymaker - Amplifying Student Voice Mike Conrad <i>Royal Oak HS</i>	Student Film Storytelling on a Small Budget Curtis Clark <i>MPI & Independent Filmmaker</i>



Session Details



Presenter Info



Trivia Night 2/28/26



Student Symposium Info



DAFT Swag Store