

RISE UP 26 *Summit*

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GUIDEBOOK

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Behind the Curtain

Welcome to Rise Up 2026



Back in 2019, I sat down with our friends at Christian Educators, and by the end of that meeting, we knew we were going to build a summit together. God guided every step from there.

The vision was simple: give Christian teachers a place to be encouraged and equipped. Many teachers never get to attend a conference, and public school teachers rarely have access to one built on faith. Rise Up became that place, full of practical tools, biblical truth, and the reminder that you're not alone in your calling.

For seven wonderful years, we hosted Rise Up together. This year, Christian Educators graciously passed the torch, and Teach 4 the Heart is carrying that same vision forward on our own. Welcome to year eight!

You'll also notice a narrower focus this year. We're going deep on three topics that matter most to teachers: **reducing classroom chaos, avoiding burnout, and reaching today's students.**

Use this guidebook as your companion for the week. Plan your sessions, capture ideas worth keeping, and explore the resources from our generous sponsors, who help keep Rise Up free.

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." (Psalm 31:24)

Let's rise up together,

Linda Kardamis

Founder, Rise Up Summit and Teach 4 the Heart



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Conference Schedule

Release Monday, Oct 19

Early Access: Sessions From Our Sponsors



How a Para Can Become a Teacher Without Leaving Their Role (or Breaking the Bank)

sponsored by **Gracelyn University**

Earning a teaching degree shouldn't require leaving your supportive school community or facing heavy financial stress. Gain actionable strategies in this session as we explore accessible, affordable paths that can guide you or your paraprofessional colleagues into a classroom of your own.



Bringing Christ-Centered Teaching to Any School Setting

sponsored by **Dordt University**

Christ's lordship extends to every area of life, including education. Whether you teach in a public or private school, you will discover how a faith-centered perspective can shape the way you serve your students, engage your curriculum, and live out your calling as an educator.



How to Grow as a Leader

sponsored by **Liberty University**

Discover your leadership strengths—and where you're ready to grow—with the Shepherd's Mirror Reflection online survey. Join us as we explore how to gain insight into your leadership, receive valuable feedback, and identify where Christ may be calling you to grow.

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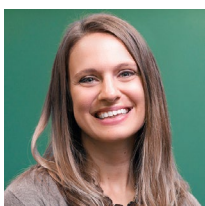
Teaching through the Overflowing Living Water of Jesus

sponsored by **Christian Educators**

The woman at the well willing gave Jesus the most vulnerable parts of her story. Inside this session from the Awake Conference, we'll dive into what she (and we) receive from Christ when we're willing to live unashamed.

Monday: LIVE Kickoff

LIVE Monday, Nov 2



Be Strong & Take Heart (Even When Teaching is Tough) with host **Linda Kardamis, LIVE at 8 pm EST**

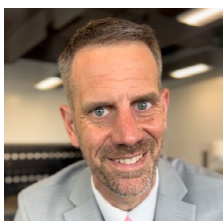
This exciting kick-off event will be packed full as you connect with fellow Christian teachers, get a sneak peek at this year's sessions and speakers, and maybe even win some fun prizes!

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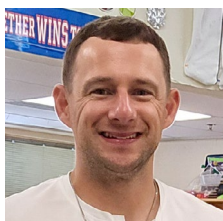


Reducing Classroom Chaos

Release Tuesday, Nov 3



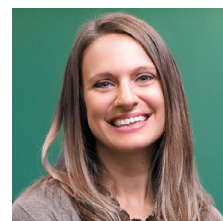
Principal Lamb
Bringing Back Accountability



Dan Shutes
Creating A Respectful Classroom Structure



Michele Holiday
5 Common Classroom Management Mistakes

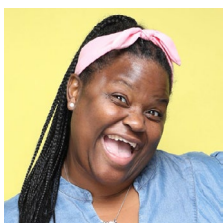


Linda Kardamis
Why Your Students Won't Stop Talking (and How to Fix It)



Avoiding Teacher Burnout

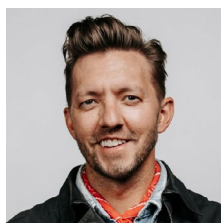
Release Wednesday, Nov 4



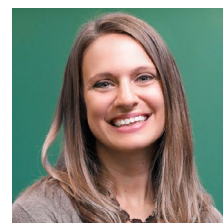
Leslie Rob
Warning Signs of Burnout and How to Escape It



Dr. John Delony
Building a Non-Anxious Life



Levi Lusko
Trusting God When Teaching is Hard



Linda Kardamis
Avoiding the 4 Traps That Leave You Overwhelmed



Reaching Today's Students

Release Thursday, Nov 5



Dave Stuart, Jr.
How to Get Your Students to Care About Learning



Lisa Dekker
Supporting Students with ADHD, Dyslexia, Autism & More



Laura Kebart
How to Effectively Teach a Wide Range of Ability Levels



Jonathan Holmes
Helping Students Navigate Gender Identity & Anxiety with the Gospel

Conference Schedule (Cont.)

Summit Finale

LIVE Friday, Nov 6



Your Questions Answered

with the Teach 4 the Heart Team, **LIVE at 8 pm EST**

Get your burning questions answered LIVE as we wrap up the Rise Up Summit with an interactive Q&A! Be a part of a live podcast recording, connect with fellow Christian teachers and leave with the clarity, encouragement, and confidence you need for the school year ahead.

Catch Up & Re-Watch

Saturday & Sunday, Nov 7 & 8

Life is busy

Catch up on your can't-miss sessions so you get what you need most.

TOO MUCH FOR ONE WEEKEND? UPGRADE TO KEEP ACCESS

All sessions are free to watch the week of the summit (November 2-8).

But if you upgrade today to the all-access pass, you never lose access and can watch all 18 sessions at your own pace - wherever & whenever you like.



Unlimited Access

Watch all the sessions at your own pace – and revisit your favorites whenever you want.



Certificates of Attendance

Print certificates of attendance to submit for possible PD credit.



Free Resources

Download a plethora of free resources to help you implement what you've learned.



> Upgrade now at riseupchristianeducators.com/upgrade.

Keep the Conversation Going

The best insights often come after the session ends! That's why you're invited to join a special Rise Up Discussion Group on Facebook. Dig deeper into what you're learning with discussion prompts for each session. Simply jump into the conversations that matter most to you, share takeaways, ask questions, and learn from fellow teachers.

Even if you don't normally use Facebook, this is one part of Rise Up you won't want to miss!



Join the Rise Up Community! Group closes November 9.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/riseup26/>

Giveaways!

We're giving away over \$1700 in prizes!

New prizes are awarded every day during Summit.

Go to [Riseupchristianeducators.com/giveaways](https://riseupchristianeducators.com/giveaways) for details to enter!



Summit BINGO!

DIRECTIONS: Print and mark off tasks throughout the summit weekend. Share a selfie of you with your BINGO on social media and use the #riseupchristianeducators. One lucky bingo-winner will receive an exclusive Summit prize! Hint: Many boxes can be completed via links on the Summit Hub page.

Print notes booklet	Request a text reminder (details on Hub)	Join a session LIVE	Leave a comment in the Rise Up Facebook Group	Join the 2026 Rise Up Facebook Group
Watch a session	Invite a friend	Watch a session from our sponsors	Pick your can't miss session category	Watch a session
Download a sponsor freebie	Leave a comment in the Rise Up Facebook Group	RISE UP 26 Summit	Thank a sponsor or guest	Set a reminder to join in on Summit
Reply to someone else's session comment	Follow one of our presenters on social	Leave a comment in the Rise Up Facebook Group	Share a Rise Up post or reel on social	Visit the giveaways page
Purchase All-Access Pass	Download resource from a presenter	Introduce yourself in the Rise Up Facebook Group	Visit the Summit Hub	Watch a session

Equipping teachers to boldly fulfill their God-given calling

- ☐ Sponsor or Live Session
- ☐ Reducing Classroom Chaos
- ☐ Avoiding Teacher Burnout
- ☐ Reaching Today's Students

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Speaker: _____

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To-Do

Use this page to record action items and things you want to do to implement what you've learned.

TO-DO NOW:

TO-DO LATER:

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Thank You!

Thanks for being part of the Christian Educators Virtual Summit.
We pray it has been a blessing.

The summit was put on by Teach 4 the Heart.

We'll be in touch in the coming months and hope to be a continued blessing and support throughout the year.

You can find out more about how we can support you by visiting our website:



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