



Missouri AfterSchool Network  

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Partnerships. Policy. Quality.



**CELEBRATION OF  
AFTERSCHOOL**

**November 2024**

# Program

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NAA Top Presenters

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# Legislative Champion



## Senator Rusty Black

Sen. Rusty Black has represented district 12 in Northwest Missouri since he was elected in 2022, having served six years in the Missouri House of Representatives prior to his senate bid. In addition to his legislative career, he spent 33 years as an agriculture educator.

As a policymaker, Sen. Black has earned a reputation as a bridge builder who can bring stakeholders together to find consensus – a benefit to his constituents and the state, as a whole. He has led efforts to improve the lives of veterans, expand the scope of practice for health care professionals and increase access to early childcare and afterschool programing.

During the past two years, Sen. Black has worked closely with afterschool advocates, including his wife, Karie, who was formerly the director of the Power Up afterschool program at the North Missouri Center for Youth and Families in Chillicothe. He has championed policy to increase access to afterschool programs, deftly maneuvering through much-needed legislation and passing it within a single legislative session.

The afterschool community owes Sen. Black a debt of gratitude for listening to our needs and putting them into action.

# Staff Years of Service

## 5 YEARS

Ramona Blair	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Club of the Ozarks</i>
Allyson Bussard	<i>Kearney Kids Club</i>
Candace Cabaniss	<i>Carroll County Area YMCA</i>
Mark Cowsert	<i>Missouri AfterSchool Network</i>
Matthew Gipple	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Jamal Hinton	<i>Gene Slay Girls and Boys Club</i>
Mia Joe	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Springfield</i>
Derek Johnson	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri</i>
Dytisha Jones	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri</i>
River Rentie	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Ethan Sarver	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri</i>
Sydney Smith	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Brittoni Stiffler	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Club of the Ozarks</i>
Deaunte Thomas	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City</i>
Tevion Whytus	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Susan Zacher	<i>Eldon LEAP</i>

## 10 YEARS

Latricia Bradley	<i>LINC</i>
Anna Chandler	<i>Van Buren Bulldogs After 3</i>
Charlotte Clark	<i>Van Buren Bulldogs After 3</i>
Mayra Hernandez	<i>LINC</i>
Jennifer Reed	<i>Van Buren Bulldogs After 3</i>
Emily Schmidt	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri</i>
Katie Smith	<i>Van Buren Bulldogs After 3</i>

## 15 YEARS

Paige Ebbs	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Southwest Missouri</i>
Amy Gaffney	<i>MU Adventure Club</i>
Carla Massie	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Laurie Schirlls	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri</i>
Stephanie Seals	<i>Better Family Life</i>

## 20 YEARS

James Cramer	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of West Central Missouri</i>
Kelley Jones	<i>Webster Groves Adventure Club</i>
James Reed	<i>DESE Afterschool</i>

## 25 YEARS

Michelle Nutter	<i>MU Adventure Club</i>
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# Youth Development Credential

Colton Berry	<i>Northwest Technical School</i>
Chante Crumpton	<i>Van Buren Bulldogs After 3</i>
Eddie Gordon	<i>Unleashing Potential</i>
Daniel Futrell	<i>Unleashing Potential</i>
Rachel Janis	<i>Unleashing Potential</i>
Morgan Joiner	<i>Unleashing Potential</i>
Megan Lightwine	<i>Osage Prairie YMCA</i>
Sandra Milleson	<i>Kids Country</i>
Vincent Russo	<i>Gateway Regional YMCA</i>
Maggie Shull	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Luke Swartwood	<i>Belton Kids Central</i>
Jennifer Wheeldon	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Katie Young	<i>Ozarks Regional YMCA</i>

## Educational Attainment

<b>Jacob Conrad</b> YMCA of Greater Kansas City	<i>Associate of Arts Degree December 2023</i>
<b>Cheyenne Hampton</b> Van Buren Bulldogs After 3	<i>Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education May 2024</i>
<b>Lorenzo Harrison</b> YMCA of Greater Kansas City	<i>Certificate in Human Resource Management October 2024</i>
<b>Erica Schadegg</b> Independence Kid's Safari	<i>Bachelor of Science, Child Development May 2024</i>
<b>Jason Smith</b> North Callaway Partners in Learning	<i>K-12 Administration Certificate April 2024</i>

# Outstanding Professional Award

## Kim Albrecht

Kim Albrecht, now in her 12th year of programming, serves as a Site Leader for Clayton Kid Zone in Clayton, MO, where she has grown from frontline staff to a recognized leader in afterschool education. As the STEM Committee Chair for the Missouri Afterschool Network and a National Afterschool Association Next Generation Leader, she actively advances professional development in OST. Kim's dedication, innovation, and advocacy continue to elevate programming for students and inspire the field of afterschool education.

## National Honors

Kim Albrecht	<i>Clayton Kid Zone</i>
Lorenzo Harrison	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Kim Albrecht	<i>Clayton Kid Zone</i>
Clint Darr	<i>MASN</i>
Tyler Kearns	<i>Clayton Kid Zone</i>
Brad Lademann	<i>MASN</i>
Janet Miles-Bartee	<i>LINC</i>
Carl Wade	<i>LINC</i>

# Rising Star Award

## Julie Hendrix

Julie has been the driving force behind Portageville Bulldog Time, expanding the program from elementary to include middle and high school students. She secured grant funding, organized the program from the ground up, and ensured all students receive free supper. Her leadership brings diverse activities like STEM, cooking, and tutoring, creating opportunities students wouldn't otherwise have. Julie's dedication and innovation have transformed our program and make her deserving of the Rising Star Award.

*NAA Next Gen Leader*

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*NAA Top Presenter*

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# 2024 MASN Afterschool Ambassadors

Briana Davis	<i>Unleashing Potential</i>
Michaela Flores	<i>Columbia Housing Authority Moving Ahead Program</i>
Christina LaGrone	<i>ARCHS</i>
Megan McMurray	<i>Camp Fire Heartland</i>
Melanie Oden	<i>YMCA of Greater Kansas City</i>
Dakota Schlechter	<i>Raymore Peculiar School District - BOOST</i>
Leslie Uder	<i>Lebanon School District</i>

## Active Ambassadors Emeritus

Akeem Curns	<i>Camp Fire Heartland</i>
Allyssa Ferguson	<i>Fort Osage School District</i>
Amy McCampbell	<i>Northwestern R-I</i>
Amy King	<i>Blue Springs School District</i>
Crystal Shakur	<i>Grateful Education Foundation</i>
Delah Jones	<i>Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis</i>
Erica Schadegg	<i>Independence School District - Kansas City</i>
Erin Malone	<i>Mission: St. Louis</i>
Ina Montgomery	<i>Urban TEC</i>
Janelle Stanek	<i>Warren County R-III</i>
Jaymes Wapp	<i>Lebanon School District</i>
Ken Crawford	<i>Better Family Life</i>
Kim Palmer	<i>North Central MO Afterschool Cooperative</i>
Laquisha Cooper	<i>ARCHS</i>
LaTonya Williams	<i>Bartlett Center</i>
Lily Wilson	<i>Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City</i>
Maria Bohannon	<i>Neosho Ace Program</i>
Martina Hahn-Baur	<i>Kaleidoscope Discovery Center</i>
Melia Neal	<i>Community Partnership of Southeast MO</i>
Melissa Stone	<i>Morgan Co R-1 BEAT</i>
Prevost Foushee Jr.	<i>Parkway/Rockwood Adventure Club</i>
Samantha Majors	<i>Van Buren Bulldogs After 3</i>
Shawnica Andrews	<i>Unleashing Potential</i>
Stacey Ritter	<i>Doniphan R-I School District</i>
Stephanie Seals	<i>Better Family Life</i>





# Colleen Abbott

Colleen was the director of afterschool programs for the Eldon R-1 School District from 2014-2024, though she recently returned to her first love - agricultural education.



While working in afterschool, Colleen was a strong advocate - not only for the youth in her program but for youth all around the state. As chair of MASN's Policy and Advocacy Committee, Colleen worked around the clock to ensure that the needs of afterschool programs were not forgotten by policy makers. She led policy discussions, organized legislative strategies, and testified before house and senate committees to advance a legislative agenda that made afterschool a priority in Missouri. Because of Colleen's work, more students in Missouri have the opportunity to access low-cost, high-quality afterschool programs. Colleen has been a strong and effective advocate, and we are proud to have worked with her.

## MASN Committee Chairs

### Quality/Professional Development

Chair: Tyler Kearns

Vice-Chair: Rebecca Longenecker

### Public Awareness

Chair: Erica Schadegg

### STEM

Chair: Kim Albrecht

Vice-Chair: Megan McMurray

### Policy and Advocacy

Vice-Chair: Deborah Taylor

*Thank  
you!*

# Program Years of Operation

## 5 YEARS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield - Fremont Unit

## 30 YEARS

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks

# 2024 MASN Program Pitch Challenge Winner

Grateful Education Foundation

# Obtaining Licensure

Thomas Family Enrichment Center

# Voice Of the Youth (VOY)

## Founding Members:

Joel Hampton

Mia Turner

## Volunteer Leader:

Peter Goya

Mission St. Louis, Beyond School

## MASN Staff:

Deborah Taylor



# 2024 MASN Youth Workforce Grantees



Bartlett Center

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City

Boys & Girls Club of the Heartland

Grateful Education Foundation

Operation Breakthrough

Portageville Bulldog Time with Portageville Chamber

Smart Kids Inc. with Maryland Heights Chamber

STEM On The Vines with Hispanic Economic Development Corporation

Urban Ranger Corps

Visions to Life

Warren County R-III

Webster Groves THRIVE Jr. with Webster Groves, Shrewsbury,  
and Rock Hill Chamber

Youth Ambassadors KC

## MO's Million Girls Moonshot Flight Crew Member

11th Grade | St. Louis, Missouri

“Embrace your uniqueness and challenge the norms in STEM. Seek mentorship, connect with online communities, and recognize that your journey contributes a valuable and distinctive perspective to the STEM landscape.”

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# About Us

The Missouri AfterSchool Network builds partnerships and systems across the state that improve, support, and sustain high quality afterschool programs. Our vision is that “All school-age children and youth in Missouri have access to high quality, sustainable afterschool programs.”

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