



# 2025 NJASA / L.E.A.D. SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## SECURING THE FUTURE: SAFETY, WELLNESS, & INNOVATION

Monmouth University—Pozyski Hall / July 31, 2025 / 8:00 AM—1:20 PM

### MORNING SCHEDULE

**8:00 AM - CHECK-IN**

**8:45 AM - WELCOME & PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

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**8:50 AM - KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Col. Jack Howard Jacobs, Medal of Honor Recipient  
COURAGE UNDER FIRE, LEADERSHIP, SACRIFICE, & SERVICE**

**Hard-won lessons from the battlefield for today's education leaders.**

### SESSION 1

**Cybersecurity Double PlayP Block Threats & Vet  
App Requests — ClassLink Panel**

**BTAM — From Law to Opportunity, Seeing Threat  
Assessment & Management as an Opportunity to  
Improve School Climate Safety- Dr. Mary Ann Bell**

**The Digital Guardians—Bringing Technology and  
Safety in Modern Schools - NJETA Panel**

**Beyond Panic to Promise: Reimagining Physical &  
Digital Learning Spaced for Today's Students**  
Dr. Kimberley Markus

**A Survivor's Lens to Address Human Trafficking -**  
NJ Coalition Against Human trafficking

### SESSION 2

**Holding it All In: Navigating Grief, Trauma, Urgent  
need for Mental Health Supports in Schools -**  
Nicole A. Hall

**Crisis And Creativity -** Chip Chantry and Jared Scherz

**Building a Positive School Workplace Culture for  
Staff Attendance -** Charity Comella

**Designing a Collaborative, Discussion-Based  
School Administrator Training Program to prepare  
for Emergency Evacuations -**  
Jeff Gale & Dr. Thomas Gambino

**Legal Ramifications—Federal vs. Local Policy**  
David Rubin

### SESSION 3

**Getting a Handle on School Security, Facts,  
Myths and a Proactive Approach -**  
Frank Messineo

**Alert—Your Student Has Experienced a  
Traumatic Event Out of School -** Steve Matusz,  
Tony Trongone, Dr. Carmelo Calleung

**AI in Education: Research, Updates, and a Path  
Forward -** Dr. Derek Tranchina

**Attendance Matters: Districtwide Strategies for  
Tackling Chronic Absenteeism**  
Dr. Faye Saul-Lewis

**Next Generation Leadership—School Safety in a  
Multi-Generational Community -** Dr. Scott Rocco