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# LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### November 20, 2025 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

# Deep Kindness

### Houston Kraft

**ABOUT THIS SESSION:** In a world filled with division and anxiety, Houston will talk about practical ways to infuse compassion into the schools we serve and our daily personal routines. From his experience speaking in over 700 schools and working with over 10,000 schools as co-founder of CharacterStrong, he will share powerful insights and exercises to help create more kind communities.

**SPEAKER BIO:** Houston Kraft has spoken at over 700 events internationally. In 2016, he co-founded CharacterStrong which currently serves 10,000 schools across 50 states and 45 countries helping to support the teaching of kindness in education. In 2019, his face was featured on Lays BBQ chip bags as someone who helps "spread smiles." In 2020, his first book *Deep Kindness: A Revolutionary Guide for the Way We Think, Talk, and Act in Kindness* was published by Simon & Schuster. In 2023, the companion guide *Be Kind: A 52-Week Journal for Practicing Kindness* was published. He has been featured on Good Morning America, CNN, Hallmark, Huffpost, and more as an expert on developing a more empathetic, kind world. His mom is his hero and her best life lesson is to "hug like you mean it."

Houston will also present a breakout session.

# CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### November 21, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

## School Counselors Navigating Legal and Ethical Dilemmas in 21st Century Learning Environments

### **Franciene Sabens**

**ABOUT THIS SESSION:** School counselors encounter legal and ethical dilemmas in 21st century learning environments almost every day. The ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors provides an opportunity to have difficult conversations regarding ethical dilemmas, while also providing direction

for navigating the legal and ethical dilemmas encountered through the profession. Participants will develop an ethical decisionmaking framework for analyzing and resolving ethical and legal dilemmas through the application of the ASCA ethical standards, case and statutory law, and the most recent research in counseling. Through the discussion of the purpose of ethical standards, professional responsibilities, ethical concerns for practice, and current research and case law, participants will be given the opportunity to increase their understanding regarding the complexities of respecting a minors' right to confidentiality, sole possession notes, caregiver rights, duty to warn, implementing suicidal ideation response efforts, AI/Chat GPT, and personal conduct.

**SPEAKER BIO:** Franciene Sabens, M.S. Ed., LPC, NCC, is a litigation paralegal turned school counselor with nearly two decades of experience. Franciene serves as a board member for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and is a member of the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Ethics Committee, and the National Council for the Advancement of Educator Ethics (a special NASDTEC Committee). In 2014 Franciene was named Illinois high school counselor of the year and honored by ASCA in 2016 at the White House as the Illinois state representative for the School Counselor of the Year ceremony. She contributed to the current Developmental Counseling Model for Illinois Schools, co-edited the second edition of the School Career Development Advisor Curriculum for the National Career Development Association, and is a frequent ASCA presenter and publication contributor. Franciene is passionate about enhancing the counseling profession by helping school counselors implement ethically aligned comprehensive programs that maintain the highest standards of integrity, leadership and professionalism while supporting students as they strive to reach their greatest potential.her commitment to crafting comprehensive school counseling programs, and enabling staff to make a lasting impact on student lives.

Franciene will also present a breakout session.





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# **Tentative Schedule**

### Wednesday, November 19, 2025

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Registration and Information Center Open for Early Conference Check In

## Thursday, November 20, 2025

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration & Information Center Open
8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Exhibits Open
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Session 1
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Exhibitor Break
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Session 2
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Exhibitor Break
11:30 am – 1:15 pm	Keynote Luncheon – Houston Kraft
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Transition Break
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Session 3
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Exhibitor Break
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Session 4

## Friday, November 21, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	On-Site Conference Registration and Information Desk Open
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Exhibits Open
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Closing Keynote Session – Franciene Sabens
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Transition Break
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Program Session 5
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors – Last Chance!
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Program Session 6
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Closing Awards Luncheon

# REGISTRATION



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the registrations. Otherwise, our normal cancellation policy will be upheld: There will be no refunds after October 20, 2025. All cancellations before October 20, 2025 will be refunded less a \$25 handling fee. There will be no refunds if you register as a non-member and then later become a member. Please become a member or renew your membership before registering for the conference. The association is not responsible for and cannot give refunds due to problems beyond its control, such as weather and school closings. The sponsors of the conference receive registrant contact information.

On social distancing and other health and safety measures, the regulations/guidelines that apply to hotels and conference centers may change. The ISCA Conference will conform to all necessary regulations/guidelines that are in place as of the date of the conference.

# ACCOMMODATIONS

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### To make hotel reservations:

All events of the Conference will be located in the Convention Center. Standard rooms at the hotel may be reserved at the special conference rate of **\$145 per night** (plus tax). Make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at **1-888-236-2427**, or at **317-352-1231**, and reference code "ACNACNA" to receive this rate.

#### **TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

Go to www.ncyionline.org/in-scac and follow the link to the hotel's reservation system.

**Please Note:** This rate is good on reservations made by **October 27, 2025**. Rooms in this block are limited, and may fill up before October 27.

## **Come Learn and Play!**

In the evening, make sure you take time to relax and enjoy the surrounding area.

Go to www.ncyionline.org/in-scac to see the things to do around the beautiful Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel.

Visit the Fashion Mall at Keystone!





We hope this conference will educate and equip you to do your job well, and we also hope you will take advantage of the wonderful ways you can relax and be refreshed!