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EVENTS

Big Picture Learning - an international organization dedicated to putting students at the center of their own learning and in the center of their own communities - puts on two widely attended convenings every year - celebrations really -

Big Bang and the BPL Leadership Conference.

to raise up the values of our network and raise awareness of education practices that truly activate powerful learning and powerful learners, we must -- like so many organizations like ours -- raise money in support. We hope you'll join our efforts to envision a world in which students live lives of their own design, supported by caring mentors and equitable opportunities to achieve their greatest potential.

**UPCOMING
OPPORTUNITIES
TO SPONSOR**



San Diego, December, 2022

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2022



Kansas City, July 2023

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**To not attend Big Bang
would be like to not drink
water in the desert!**

Brenda Diaz, School Leader, Nashville



Big Bang is Big Picture Learning's annual international conference on student-centered learning -- an intergenerational collaboration where over 700 students and educators come together as equals to learn from one another and from the community. We learn together. We build together. We take those practices back to our own communities for more seeds to grow.

- 2023 - Big Bang Kansas City
- 2022 - Big Bang South Florida
- 2021 - Big Bang Virtual
- 2020 - Big Bang Summer Fest
- 2019 - Big Bang Detroit
- 2018 - Big Bang Atlanta
- 2017 - Big Bang St. Louis
- 2016 - Big Bang New Orleans

what sets

BIG BANG

apart?

leaving to learn

being part of any BPL event means making real connections in the real world. There's no better way to get to know our host cities than getting out there. At Big Bang, groups of 20 attendees break out of the conference walls and take to the street to learn directly from the community that has invited us in.



world renowned guests

like director Ava DuVernay, Education Activist Sir Ken Robinson, crusading pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and more!

the unexpected

ask folks what their favorite part of Big Bang was, and they're bound to share the crazy time that they got caught in the rain in St. Louis during and improvised balloon fight, walked the streets of Atlanta behind a local high school drumline or closed down the conference with After Hours Emcee's Naughty By Nature.



student voice

you can't have a student-centered conference without students. Students make up a full third (or more!) of Big Bang attendees and they aren't just there to observe. They're there to teach. To lead. We wouldn't have it any other way.

At Big Bang, you learn as much as you can and it's super interesting to do the whole time!

Sofia Ervin, Student, San Diego



big picture learning's
LEADERSHIP
conference



Being with educators who don't want to do a conference the way a conference is normally done is, to me, the most important part.

Melissa Agudelo, School Leader, San Diego



If Big Bang is about celebration, Big Picture Learning's Leadership Conference -- which usually takes place in December or January -- is about rejuvenation. It's our more intimate convening, giving school, district and organizational leaders the opportunity to break bread with folks who share a common language, and a common dedication to changing education for the better.

2022 - Leadership San Diego
2020 - Virtual Leadership Conference
2019 - Leadership Seattle
2018 - Leadership Reno
2017 - Leadership Providence
2016 - Leadership Sacramento

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Advisory

we practice what we preach. In Big Picture schools, students form tight bonds with a small group of peers. At our conferences, attendees are invited to a similar advisory cohort with whom they can learn, grow, dive deep and navigate the event together in ways that create relationships that last beyond our time together.



mind, body & soul

with the Leadership Conference happening about halfway through the school year, we know folks may need to find their compass.

That's why you'll typically find sessions involving rock-climbing, meditation, hiking, ice skating and more, all meant to feed the body as well as the mind.

School visits

Leadership conferences are typically located in regions of the country in which we have network schools. So we build in a day where we step into those schools, learning from the leaders and students within, so that attendees can build their best practices toolbox to take back and implement in their own communities.



Your Advisory experience starts out with 'What do you want to learn and who can you connect with to get that.? That reframes the conference experience and forces you to be an agent in your own learning.

JuDonn DeSheilds, District Leader, Washington, DC



LEVELS OF SUPPORT

Support one BPL conference (Big Bang or BPL Leadership)

Support both conferences

\$50,000

\$75,000

\$25,000

\$40,000

\$20,000

\$30,000

\$10,000

\$15,000

\$5,000

\$8,000

Is there something you're interested in supporting or some way in which you'd like to receive recognition, but don't see it here? Let's talk!



Supporters of Big Picture Learning Events have the opportunity to share their mission, values and services with the hundreds of passionate educators, school leaders, influencers and decision-makers who attend our events each year. // Moreover, signaling the support of our work -- and, more importantly -- an education paradigm that puts students at the center of their learning, has been illustrated to compel members of our network and beyond that you are as dedicated to addressing systemic inequities as they are.

All funders of our events will be provided one complimentary registration (travel and lodging not included) to the event that they've supported. Any funder that supports at a level beyond \$10,000 will be provided with two complimentary registrations.



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