



PMEA'S SUMMER EVENT

Monday, July 21 - Tuesday, July 22
State College, PA

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*At least 6 hours of Act 48 credit will be available

Monday, July 21

8 - 10 a.m.

Registration (Hotel Lobby)

10 a.m.

Welcome

10:30 a.m.

Future in the (Music) Making: How Today's Music Education Leaders Influence Tomorrow's Music Schools, *Ann Marie Stanley, Penn State University*

What will the music school of 2035 look like—and what will it take to get us there? I invite PMEA leaders to consider how to strengthen our collective leadership capacity. Together, we can shape music education's future through two powerful levers: cultivating bold, creative K-12 music makers, and providing critical feedback on music teacher preparation.

11:15 a.m.

From Harrisburg to Washington: What's Next for Music Education?,
Mark Despotakis, PMEA and Amanda Karhuse, NAFME

Join us for an essential update on the current political landscape impacting music education at both the state and federal levels. We'll explore key advocacy efforts from PMEA and NAFME, unpack emerging policy developments, and discuss what they mean for music educators and students. The session will include a candid conversation on practical actions members can take to support advocacy efforts—and we'll wrap up with time for questions and ideas.

12:30 -1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

The Master Key: How to Build Teams That Thrive,
Cameron Jenkins, Full Potential Leadership

In a world full of pressure, performance, and burnout, joy is often overlooked as a leadership advantage. In this energizing keynote, Dr. Cameron W. Jenkins will challenge leaders to shift from simply managing people to deeply connecting with them. Attendees will learn how to unlock the power of joy-driven leadership and fuel resilience, fosters unity, and transforms good teams into great ones. Attendees will walk away inspired to lead with clarity, connection, and contagious energy that sets the tone for your campus and beyond.

2:30 - 5 p.m.

PMEA Strategic Planning Discussions

Led by Scott Sheehan, Hollidaysburg Area SD

5 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

7 p.m.

Night of Jazz with Penn State University Faculty

Tuesday, July 22

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

The Collaboration Code: How to Build Trust and Teams That Stick,

Cameron Jenkins, Full Potential Leadership

Great leadership isn't about having all the answers, it's about creating environments where collaboration can thrive. In this session, Dr. Jenkins will introduce The Collaboration Code, a simple but powerful framework for building trust, encouraging shared ownership, and strengthening team dynamics. Through interactive activities and real-time leadership challenges, leaders will explore how to foster psychological safety, manage conflict with emotional intelligence, and create teams that show up for each other when it matters most.

9:45 a.m.

Council Meetings/Breakouts

11:15 a.m.

PMEA Update

12 p.m.

Lunch

1 - 2 p.m.

Say It So They Feel It: Mastering the Art of Emotional Intelligence and Communication,

Cameron Jenkins, Full Potential Leadership

Leadership rises and falls on communication but it's not just what you say, it's how your message makes people feel.

This session will equip leaders with practical tools to communicate with greater empathy, clarity, and influence.

Whether you're navigating tough conversations, motivating your peers, or speaking up in a meeting, emotionally intelligent communication helps you lead with authenticity and impact. Expect a highly interactive experience where participants practice reading the room, managing their own emotional signals, and crafting messages that stick.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Day of Service (off-site)