

## Keynote, Chris Lenius Coordinator of Gifted Services at Eastern Carver County Schools

Chris Lenius is starting his 18th season in Knowledge Bowl, having been a player and coach at Chaska High School. He taught science and math for ten years, and currently serves as the Coordinator of Gifted Services for Chaska and Chanhassen High Schools. In 2012 he was honored to be recognized by the WEM Foundation as the Minnesota Academic Challenge Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Chaska High School Hall of Fame in 2013.

He is most proud of the profound positive impact that this program has had on the lives of so many young people. Chris lives in Chaska with his wife and three young children.



## **Presenters**

**Liesl Bell-Fleming** has been teaching Spanish in the Shakopee School District for 11 vears. She has six years of Knowledge Bowl coaching experience. Her program has grown from two small teams the first year to nine teams last year. Bell-Fleming's experiences with KB make her a great resource for new coaches!

teaches Physics and coaches Knowledge Bowl at Bemidji High School. He competed in Knowledge Bowl in high school and started his coaching career at Windom High School in 2002. Koester has coached 10 years between Windom and Bemidji and has enjoyed watching students grow and gain confidence in themselves through Knowledge Bowl.

Jason Koester

Peggy Pasche is a retired math teacher from Buffalo. She was the Knowledge Bowl coach in Buffalo for 22 years. In those years, she took her team to state ten times. In 2007, Pasche was awarded the Academic Challenge Coach Award from the WEM Outstanding Educator Awards Program.

Jenny Stone has been head coach of Chaska High School's academic teams for the past six years. A two sport student athlete herself, she tries to take the best of athletic coaching and blend it with academic team coaching.

After volunteering as a parent, Doug Voerding joined Peggy Pasche as the **Buffalo High School** assistant Knowledge Bowl coach in 2004, working with ninth and tenth graders. He is a retired seventh grade English teacher and continues his connection to KB as a region and state reader. As a part-time reporter for the Buffalo newspaper, Voerding promotes KB in the local news.



2014
Statewide
Knowledge Bowl
Coach Clinic

October 23, 2014 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

TIES Event Center 1644 Larpenteur Ave. W. St. Paul, MN 55108

Hosted by Region 11 Success Beyond the Classroom

# Agenda

Welcome & Keynote 10:00-10:40 Chris Lenius "Our Kids"

# **Breakout Session 1** 10:50-11:30

A) Advanced Strategies

B) So, You're a New(er) KB Coach?

Lunch 11:40-12:10

# **Breakout Session 2**

12:20-1:00

A) Advocating for your KB program

B) Expanding your KB Program

# **General Session 3**

1:10-2:00

**Creative Practice Techniques** 

Lead by coaches from across the state, this session will be about different ways to keep things fresh between meets and/or between seasons. This session will also include helpful information about the format and tools for a successful practice.

Wrap-Up 2:10-3:00

Presenter Q & A Panel **Evaluations**; Raffle Winners Announced

### Advanced Strategies Peggy Pasche & **Doug Voerding**

Coaches, have you ever wondered what you can do to help your Knowledge Bowl team reach a higher level? Score more points for a stronger finish to tournament play? Join retired Buffalo High School KB coaches, Peggy Pasche and Doug Voerding, as they describe some of the techniques they used to put together winning teams. Buffalo teams have competed at the State Meet fourteen times in the past sixteen years and were the Class AA champions in 2014.

Advocating for your **KB Program** Jenny Stone KB is a team competition. The players reap countless benefits in many of the your program and same ways as student athletes. As coaches. we can approach KB with the same sporting attitude and harness this to help build and advocate for our teams. We will discuss and share some quick,

easy things that can have a huge impact on your team, on your program, on your school.

#### **Expanding your KB** Program Jason Koester

This session will focus on expanding your program. There are many students in every school that would excel in Knowledge Bowl. This session will provide strategies on how to identify and recruit these students. We will also discuss ways to maintain and grow your Knowledge Bowl budget to provide more opportunities for vour students.

### So, You're a New(er) KB Coach? Liesl Bell-Fleming In this session, you will learn how to identify potential KB participants, market recruit participants, outline the season and how to run a successful practice. All ideas are suggestions, but you will leave with inspiration for where to begin!





# To Register:

https://www.formstack.com/ forms/SBC-statekbccreg2014

\$70/person; lunch is included. Register by October 9, 2014.

There will be a raffle for great KB tools including KB question software, a full set of KB equipment, and more!

Must be present to win!

**Ouestions?** Betsy Narr / 612.638.1536 betsy.narr@metroecsu.org Julie Schaal / 612.638.1540 julie.schaal@metroecsu.org