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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023



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BETH BRANDON
ICSS PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Indiana Council for the Social Studies annual conference!



We are so excited to be back in person for the first time since the fall of 2019!

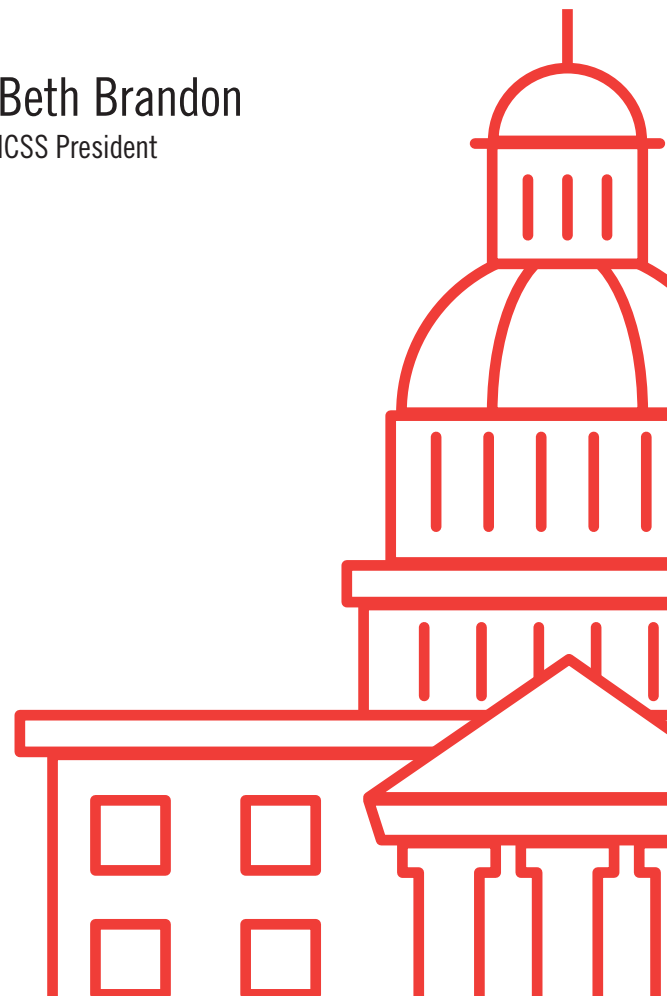
A lot has changed in and out of our classrooms since then.

One item that has been hot on the minds of many educators has been 'how to we prepare our students to engage in the world around them?' The new curriculum and standards aim to help students better understand how government works and how to increase their engagement in issues on local, state, and national levels. This goes far beyond focusing on the foundations and functions of government as we traditionally think of civics.

How do we define Civics? As an elementary teacher I did not consider myself a civics educator. In my years assisting with National History Day or facilitating learning on Indiana's History, I never considered myself a civics educator- but that was not true. In every role I have had, I have been a civics educator. Civics is embedded into every aspect of our lives. It is the role we take as people, as citizens, that impacts all. When thinking about the ways to best support educators in 2023 we wanted to take another look at how we define civics as we explore the ways we can prepare our students to be informed citizens of the world around them.

So, how do we teach our students to communicate, plan, and execute the change they desire in the world? The NCSS defines Social Studies as the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence. It is part of a well-rounded education that teaches critical thinking, speaking and listening skills, how to collaborate and to advocate. As you participate in today's sessions, I hope that you find inspiration in new ways to look at how we do civics and feel empowered to take new ideas back to your classrooms.

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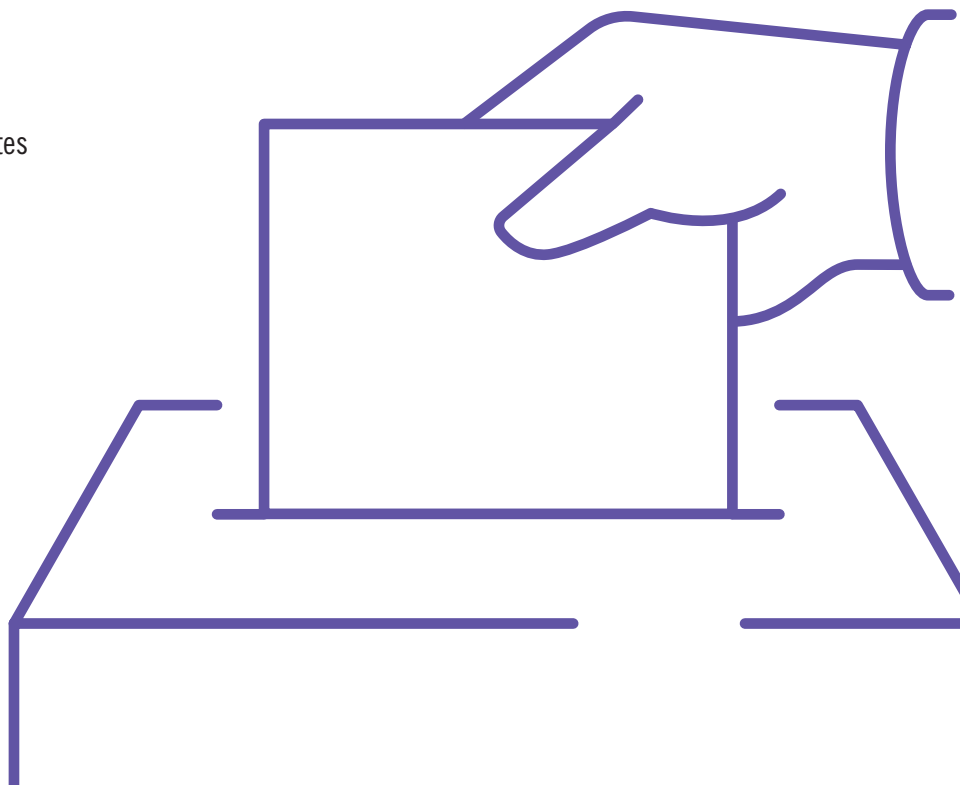
OUR MISSION



The Indiana Council for the Social Studies (ICSS) actively collaborates with local and state organizations to promote and improve the teaching of social studies in Indiana. The means for achieving this include providing a forum for professional discussion; providing materials designed to aid in social studies teaching; establishing linkage with institutions and members who have similar professional purposes; webinars and ongoing professional development opportunities for improving the use of primary source documents in Indiana classrooms, and an annual conference.

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- Organizational connections
- Professional networking at local, state, regional, and national levels
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- Professional certification opportunities
- Website – dissemination of social studies and education resources
- Connect with vendors and resource centers
- State awards and honors
- Seed grants for special projects
- Networking opportunities
- Professional development and PGP certificates
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills
- Regular professional development



KEYNOTE

VIVEK VELLANKI
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 • 9:15AM

Vivek Vellanki is an Assistant Professor in Counseling and Educational Psychology and Curriculum & Instruction at Indiana University. His scholarly and artistic works explore how photography is adopted as method, theory, and practice within the field of education.

His most recent collaborative work, *The Passport Photo Project*, examines the contradictions between state-imposed restrictions on migrant identity and the plurality of their lives.

He has worked with teachers and youth in India and the U.S. in exploring the role of the arts and the possibilities for envisioning the classroom as a site for exploration, play, and imagining socially just futures. Vivek was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society here at IU and earned his Ph.D. in Curriculum, Instruction, and Teacher Education from Michigan State University.



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Stan Harris Citizen's Award

Indiana Bar Foundation

SCHEDULE

Time	Theater	Breakout Large	Breakout Small
9:00 – 9:15am	Welcome Center		
9:15 – 10:10 am	Keynote Dr. Vivek Vellanki <i>Do you have anything to declare?: Explorations of migrant lives through passport photos</i>		
10:15 – 11:05 am	IDOE Civics Standards and Course Update Adam McMickle • Social Studies Specialist, Indiana Department Education		
11:05 – 11:55 am		Get Ready for the Middle School Civics Class The new 6 th grade civics class requirement will be here before you know it – so let’s get ready! Attendees will learn the brief history of the establishment of the new middle school civics class. Learn the supports that the Indiana Bar Foundation is ready to offer new 6th grade civics teachers, including content professional development and teaching strategies. A version of the We the People program will be taught to help teachers learn the content resources of the We the People book as well as the inquiry-based authentic assessment model used. Help your students have a deeper understanding of the content and showcase that knowledge by more than just filling in the bubbles. Tim Kalgreen • Indiana Bar Foundation	Emancipatory Education: The Becoming Frederick Douglass Documentary as a Transformative Teaching Tool Join Tasha Gibson, community engagement specialist for the education reporting team at WFYI Public Media, for a special preview of two new documentaries airing on PBS this month: “Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom” and “Becoming Frederick Douglass”. Tasha will share a synopsis of each film, supporting resources, and other PBS Learning Media resources just for educators. Tasha Gibson • WFYI

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Time	Theater	Breakout Large	Breakout Small
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch & Awards		
1:05 – 1:55 pm		<p>Citizen Superheroes</p> <p>Be the first group of teachers to experience our new (free) civics interactive learning tool: Action Citizen. You will have the opportunity to tackle environmental challenges, and citizen action through a mini game, learn connections between citizen action and government’s response with a short video, and analyze a related primary source build content knowledge and critical thinking skills.</p> <p>This educational tool uses topics related to the environment to teach how citizens can influence legislation and hold government accountable. It builds content knowledge and critical thinking skills in a fun and meaningful way. Armed with these skills, classes have the tools to develop an action plan to tackle a problem they’ve identified and become citizen superheroes. The project website will provide materials to help teachers guide this follow-on activity. Fun giveaways for all attendees.</p> <p>Dr. Elizabeth Osborn • IU Center on Representative Government</p>	<p>Empowering Students to Overcome Obstacles and Become Leaders in Their Communities</p> <p>Today’s students are not just the leaders of tomorrow, they are the leaders of today. It is our responsibility to help them develop the skills they need to lead, as well as remove as many obstacles as possible. This includes educating them on our country’s history to help them learn from past mistakes and successes. It includes educating them on personal finance, technology, and communication so they have the resources to effect change. It includes helping students cope with emotional and mental hardships so they can advocate for themselves and others. In this session, we’ll examine free online lessons that address all of these needs in a self-paced, interactive format, allowing students to engage with content in a personal, meaningful way and develop the skills they’ll need to effectively participate in a global community. Everything discussed in the session is free and ready to use as soon as tomorrow.</p> <p>Kaley Esselborn • EVERFI</p>

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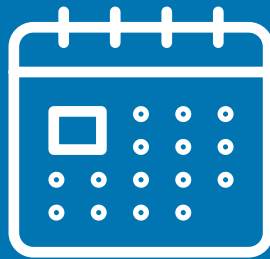
Time	Theater	Breakout Large	Breakout Small
2:00 – 2:50 pm		<p>YMCA In Youth and Government</p> <p>Indiana YMCA Youth and Government is a student-led (with teacher support) program that helps teens learn about our Indiana government, fill peer roles of leadership across our state, and write Bills on topics they care about. There are also opportunities to learn about the Supreme Court, Legislative Oversight, and the Media. They learn democracy and skills like, leadership, problem-solving, critical thinking, advocacy, public speaking, and social skills. They also get to serve in community service opportunities. This session will share more details on what the Indiana YMCA Youth and Government Program is, the benefits, and how this is a great opportunity for students in grades 6th-12th. Attendees will learn what it takes to lead the program as a club, as well as participate in statewide conferences and national opportunities as a school.</p> <p>Ilesha Grove • Director of Civic Engagement</p>	<p>Social Studies Methods Educators Roundtable</p> <p>This session provides social studies methods professors and instructors the opportunity to discuss current issues, research, opportunities, and concerns related to P-16 social studies education.</p> <p>Dr. Emily Miller and Dr. Chris McGrew, Moderators</p>
3:00 pm	Prizes		
3:15 pm	ICSS Board Meeting		



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INDIANA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE FOR 2023

Friday, November 10, 2023



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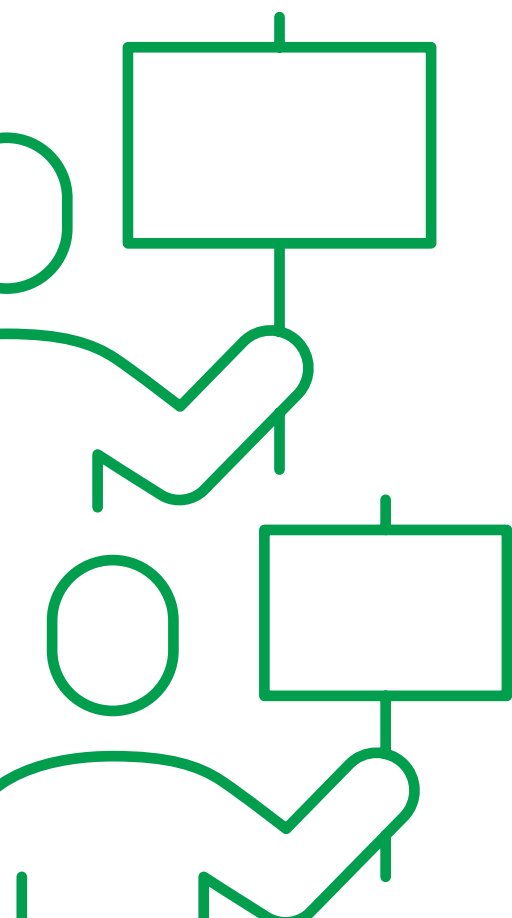


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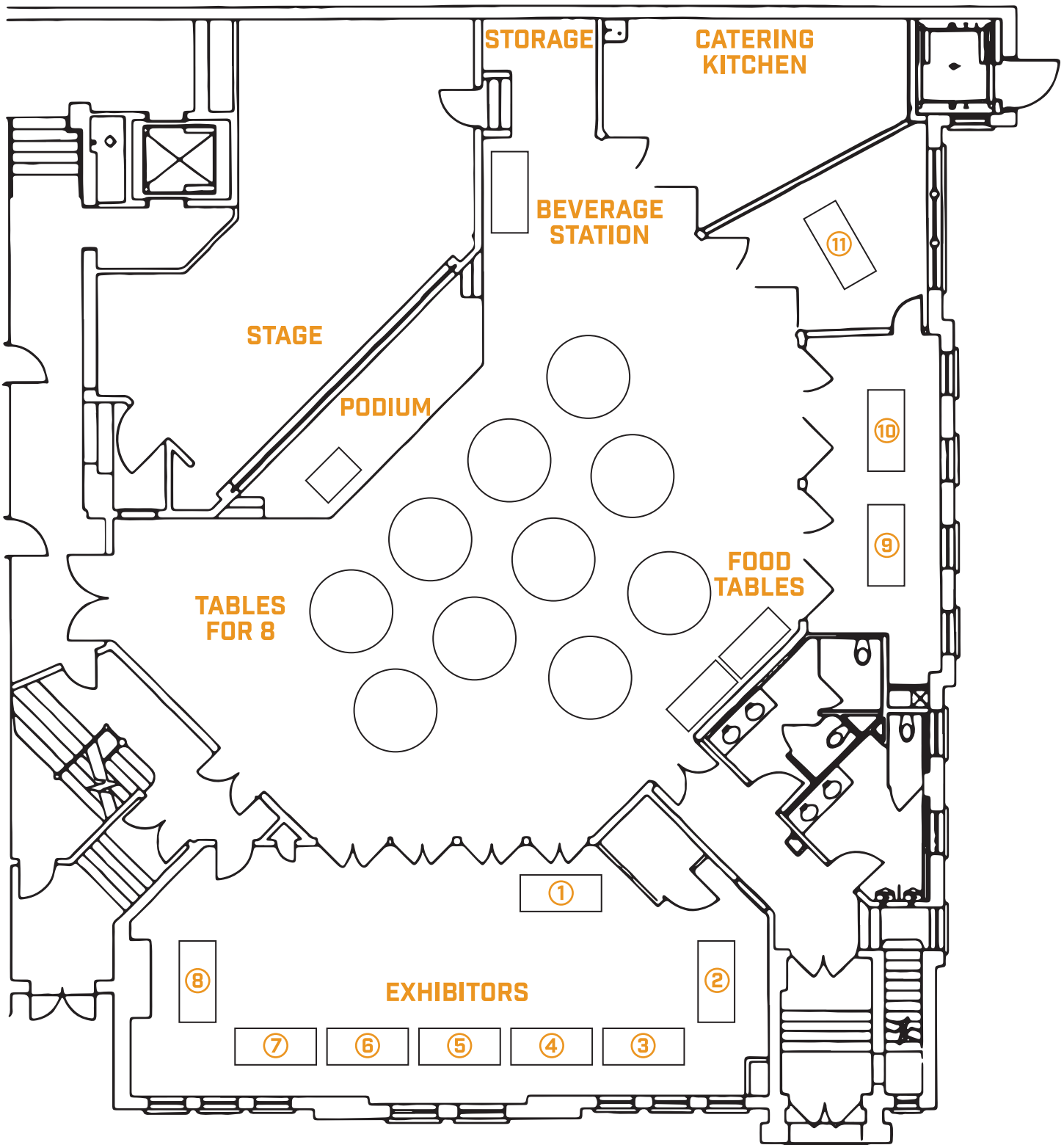
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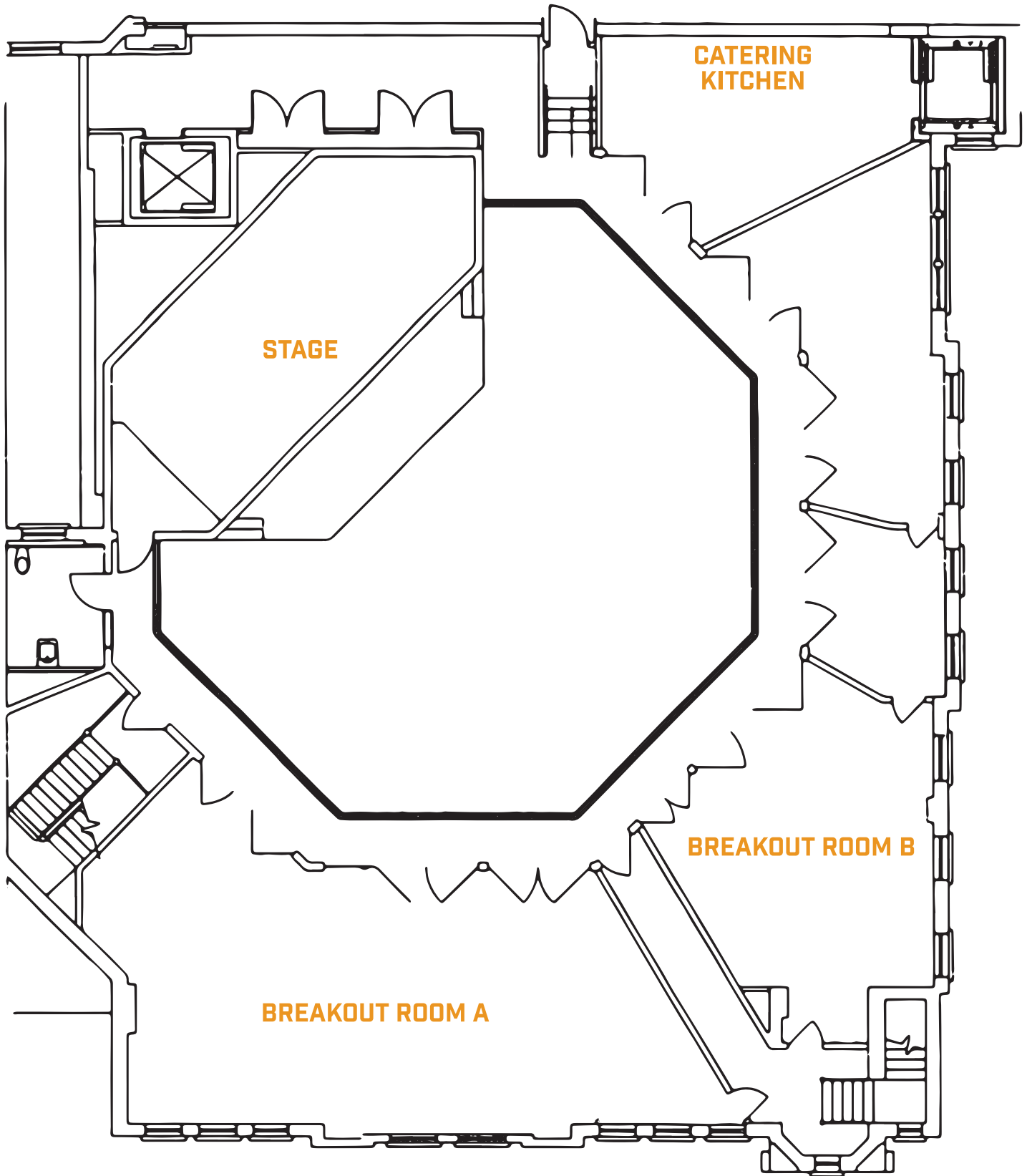


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