The AISA 2019 Conference, "Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future," was a celebration of the learning that has taken place through the years. Presented by some of the world’s leading experts, a variety of learning experiences were had from deep dives for in-depth learning to affect change at school, discovery workshops allowing us to dip our toes into something new, innovative practice workshops to explore good practice in AISA schools, learning partner present workshops to see how our associate members can support our work in teaching, learning and leading, and even yoga and mindfulness Classes that focused on health and well-being.

AISA 2019 Conference allowed us to stretch our minds and grow personally and professionally in a very holistic way. Please read some of the ways this conference personally affected some of the participants in the following excerpts.

“I specifically wanted to go for the sessions on Social Entrepreneurship, which I am involved with in the 10th grade during our initial year of Service Learning at this school. We learned much about social entrepreneurship and I have new ideas, templates, and resources to work with in getting students to narrow down their ideas for projects and businesses this year. I feel more confident in leading students during the first year of Service Learning at AISL.”
Eric Freund, HS Economics

“AISA brings in experts in areas we need information on. The learning is active and engaging and all of the presenters provided practical solutions and take away materials to support initiatives. AISA also provides follow up support and a long-term commitment to each of the attendees through the formation of groups who can contact each other throughout the year.”
Darlene Heilman, Middle School Counselor

“I feel that attending the AISA conference allowed me to collaborate with other educators from the different African regions, share all that we know, discuss our challenges, and tap into their expertise.”
Bunmi Adenihun, High School Science and Grade 10 Advisor

“I feel that attending the AISA conference allowed me to think differently, collaborate and make relationships as we learned and shared our imaginations together.”
Priscilla Alumona, Instructional Assistant
"The most valuable session for me was the AISA Blended learning session during the pre conference. It was there that I was able to network and learn so much about how tech is being implemented throughout the continent. I can now refer to this network for ideas and collaboration. It also gave me insights into some of the world’s leading schools which have inspired me to instill those same qualities here."
Robert Cobbs, Technology Coordinator

"The Young Child as a Competent Learner- A Contemporary Image of the Child session reminded me that all children are competent and we need to give them opportunities to grow as learners. Children should be trusted to be more independent and allow students to take risks."
Pam Mewbourn, Preschool Teacher

“I have come to a new realization that for the student agency to be fully actualized, there is a need for a review of Well Accepted Methods of Instruction. Help students discover their dispositions and Habits of Mind. In other words students should be developed to think for themselves rather than remember only what they are taught from books. Learning should be a lifelong and I think that helping students become independent learners is the way forward!”
Elizabeth Ntan, Permanent Substitute Teacher

“The things I found most impactful were being able to share ideas and learn from peers and their experiences, getting validation of some work ethics and being able to clarify personal questions on Understanding by Design.”
Mudi Danmole-Logun, Elementary World Language Teacher

AISA 2019: A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

I had the pleasure of going with our school leadership, faculty and admin staff to the AISA conference in Capetown. Initially I was not keen on the trip because I thought to myself what exactly is the value proposition? After returning from the trip I can now say I’m a convert and a firm believer in professional development. As it turns out I was in classes all day participating in sessions on child protection, how to recruit best talent, governance etc. The highlight was to see faculty, administration and leadership taking part in sessions that included early childhood, role of technology and various other related topics.I got a crash course in the education sector and a better appreciation for members of staff in what it takes to keep a school running efficiently with best practice.

Clyde Dallass, AISL Parent & Board Member