

# Junior Master Gardener®

## National Leader Training Conference 2025

### Day 1 General Session

#### 12:00 pm (Central) Opening Session

1 pm Eastern/11 am Mountain/10 am Pacific

##### JMG Program and NLT Overview

Lisa Whittlesey and Randy Seagraves

#### Opening Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Jay Maddock, The Healing Power of Nature**

School of Public Health, Texas A&M University

#### 1:55 pm (Central) Field Trips: School Garden Visits

2:55 pm Eastern/12:55pm Mountain/11:55am Pacific

##### JMG Featured Spotlights

Jackson, Mississippi

Rolando Roman

Zapata, Texas

Sammy Luera

Champlin, Minnesota

Casey Wiedenman

Osh, Kyrgyzstan

Dastan Mamytov

#### 3:15 pm (Central) International JMG Feature

4:15 pm Eastern/2:15 pm Mountain/1:15 pm Pacific

**Dastan Mamytov, JMG in the Kyrgyz Republic**

Kyrgyzstan JMG Coordinator

#### 4:15 pm (Central) Conference Closing Keynote

5:15 pm Eastern/3:15 pm Mountain/2:15 pm Pacific

##### Closing Keynote

**Betti Wiggins, Cultivating the Future**

Senior Executive Director, Nutrition Services,  
Houston Independent School District

**Closing Session: NLT Day 2 Overview**

Lisa Whittlesey

### Day 2 General Session

#### 8:30 am (Central) Opening Session

9:30 am Eastern/7:30 am Mountain/6:30 am Pacific

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### Concurrent Sessions

#### Session A 9:00-10:00 am (Central)

10am Eastern/8am Mountain/7am Pacific

##### 1. JMG Teacher Guide and Youth Handbook

Randy Seagraves

##### 2. Sensational Gardens and Smart Kids: Seeds, Sun and Soil

Amy Smith-Shively

##### 3. There's a Chicken in My Classroom!

Jeff Raska

##### 4. The Living Classroom: Utilizing The Gardens for Educational Programming

Kathryn Grier

#### Session B 10:30-11:30 am (Central)

11:30am Eastern/9:30am Mountain/8:30am Pacific

##### 1. Learn, Grow, Eat & Go!

Randy Seagraves

##### 2. Cultivating Community: Reimagining the Victory Garden Movement

Rose Hayden-Smith

##### 3. Cultivating Curiosity: Nutrition, Journaling, and Summer Success

Emily How

##### 4. Growing Sustainable School Gardens: Cultivating a Support Network

Phyllicia Moore

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### Session C 12:30-1:30 pm (Central)

1:30pm Eastern/11:30am Mountain/10:30am Pacific

- 1. Literature in the Garden/Wildlife Gardener**  
Lisa Whittlesey
- 2. My Garden is Better Than Yours. Can You Dig It?**  
Dr. Joseph Masabni
- 3. Growing Small Gardeners One Hour at a Time**  
Sabine Kuhn/Karen Middendorf
- 4. Grow and Lead Together: Cultivating Agricultural Literacy and Leadership**  
Sarbjee Kaur

### Session D 2:00-3:00 pm (Central)

3:00pm Eastern/1:00pm Mountain/12:00pm Pacific

- 1. JMG Level Two with Operation Thistle & Operation W.A.T.E.R.**  
Lisa Whittlesey
- 2. Roots and Shoots: Growing Curious Eaters from the Ground Up**  
Liz Driscoll
- 3. Hosting A JMG Summer Camp/Junior Master Gardener Day Camp Series**  
Courtney Cheers/Shannon Goodwin & Kelly Noack
- 4. Engaging the School Community for School Garden Sustainability**  
Nicole Hansen

*All session times are listed according to Central Time Zone. If you are watching from a different part of the country please adjust session times to your time zone accordingly.*

### Session E 3:30-5:00 pm (Central)

4:30pm Eastern/2:30pm Mountain/1:30pm Pacific

- 1. Early Childhood Learn, Grow, Eat & Go**  
Julie Hamilton/Randy Seagraves
- 2. Want Free Veggies? Why School Gardens Should Be Part of School Culture!**  
Rolando Roman
- 3. Water-Wise Wonders: Empowering Youth Through Sustainable Gardening**  
Em Shipman & Sarah Pounders
- 4. Oregon Farm-to-School Collaborative**  
Rick Sherman, Melina Barker, Michelle Markesteyn, Kelly Noack & Jade Davidson



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