

# Pre-Conference Keynote

**6:30-8 pm**

Kelly Inn Ballroom

## **Why So Unserious? Choosing Chaos, Inside the Classroom and Out**

Dillon White

Ever noticed those suspiciously cheerful preschool teachers? Here's their secret: they've learned to dance with the delightful chaos of little learners rather than fight it!

### **What You'll Discover:**

- Why your most chaotic moments can become your favorite memories
- How finding joy in "little disasters" can keep burnout at bay
- Simple ways to turn "everyone's crying" into moments of connection
- The magic that happens when you follow the children's unexpected curiosity

Through entertaining stories of glitter explosions and impromptu puddle-jumping adventures, we'll try to help spot the precious moments hiding within the everyday classroom mayhem.

Leave with practical techniques from a former teacher-turned-lawyer-turned-dad-of-4 to rediscover the wonder and joy that drew you to early childhood education—and finally understand why those seemingly unflappable colleagues still giggle when tiny humans say hilariously honest things!

### **About the Speaker:**

*Dillon White (@dadchats on TikTok) is a content creator who has built a community around the authentic experiences of fatherhood. Through his relatable TikTok videos, he shares the joys, challenges, and everyday moments of being a dad. His engaging personality and genuine approach to parenting resonates with parents and non-parents alike, offering both humor and heartfelt perspectives on family life.*

