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Featured Speaker Bios

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Jeffrey Cufaude is an architect of ideas, working to build communities of ideas and idealists through his writing, facilitation, consulting, and speaking. His past experience as executive director of two national associations and as a student affairs staff member at two large public universities informs much of his work today. He graduated cum laude with a BA in English and an MA in Communication Theory from Northern Illinois University. He regularly contributes feature articles on a variety of leadership and organizational development issues to national association publications, and writes monthly about enhancing community and learning in workshops and conferences.

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