



**2012 Academy for Division Heads**  
**Thursday, February 9 – Friday, February 10, 2012**  
**Featured Speaker Bios**

**Patrick F. Bassett** became the president of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) in August 2001. NAIS is a voluntary membership organization for more than 1,350 independent (private) schools and associations of schools in the U.S. and abroad. Prior to joining NAIS, Bassett was the president of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS). He has served on the board of The Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE) since 1996 and the board and Executive Committee of CAPE, the Council for American Private Education, since 2001, and on the Public Policy Committee of Independent Sector since 2006. In March 2000, Bassett was honored by The Klingenstein Center of Teachers College (Columbia University) with the Educational Leadership Award.

**Holly Elissa Bruno**, MA, JD, author, professor, keynote speaker and radio host describes herself as a "recovering attorney". She served as Assistant Attorney General for the state of Maine and Assistant Dean at the University of Maine School of Law. While working as Associate Professor and Dean of Faculty at the University of Maine-Augusta, Holly Elissa was selected as "Outstanding Professor". She is an alumna of Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management. She teaches leadership and management courses nationwide for Wheelock College. Her ground-breaking textbook, *Leading on purpose: Emotionally intelligent early childhood administration* was published by McGraw-Hill. Holly Elissa's keynotes have received rave reviews from audiences from Reykjavik to Phoenix, and Tulsa to Tampa. Tune in to Holly Elissa's online radio program, *Heart to heart conversations on leadership: Your guide to making a difference* at [BAMradionetwork.com](http://BAMradionetwork.com) or via Holly's website: [www.hollyelissabruno.com](http://www.hollyelissabruno.com)