
Event Agenda

GSCA 2024 Annual Conference

Wed, Nov 06, 2024

- 7:30 AM - 9:15 AM** **Pre-Conference Session Attendees Check-In (Additional cost to attend a Pre-Conference Session)**
Location: Registration
- 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM** **Pre-Conference Session - Get Up and Move Activities**
Location: Percival & Vernon (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Carol Miller
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **Pre-Conference Session - Burnout**
Location: Verelst (Capacity 50)
Speaker: Dianne Andree
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **Pre-Conference Session - Resiliency**
Location: Sloane (Capacity 50)
Speaker: Barbara Truluck
- 10:15 AM - 5:30 PM** **Registration/Check-in Desk Open For All Attendees**
Location: Registration
- 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM** **Exhibits Open**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM** **T-shirt pick up**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **School Counselor Supervision Matters! Best Practice Strategies for Effective School Counseling Supervision**
Location: Scarbrough 3 (Capacity 100)
Speakers: Lee Grimes, Laura Cohen
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **High School Counselors Navigating Dual Enrollment Accelerated Career Diploma to Enhance Student Success**
Location: Scarbrough 5 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Betsy Alpert
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **Empowering Educators: Practical Approaches for Staff Mental Health.**
Location: Verelst (Capacity 50)
Speakers: Ana Hernandez, Michael Horton, Jade Heard
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **Using a Data Dashboard to Impact Student Achievement**
Location: Sloane (Capacity 50)
Speakers: Julie Floyd, Rachel Capaldi
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Programs: Combining Academics, Social Interaction and Career Development**
Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Neil Duchac
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **Mindfulness practices for emotion regulation in Title 1 elementary**
Location: Scarbrough 4 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Morgan Kiper Riechel
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **Newcomers Session**
Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45)
Speaker: Brent Henderson

- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **Competence Builds Confidence: Fostering Independence in Elementary Students**
Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Suzannah Cordas
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM** **Break With Exhibitors**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **Opening General Session**
Location: Harborside Ballroom
Speaker: Cedric King
- 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM** **President's Reception**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM** **Leadership Team and PPAC Dinner (Invitation Only)**
Location: 9 E River St, Savannah, GA 31401
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Thu, Nov 07, 2024

- 6:45 AM - 7:30 AM** **Yoga**
Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45)
Speaker: Tierney Langdon
- 6:45 AM - 7:30 AM** **Boot Camp**
Location: Harborside Ballroom East (Capacity 265)
- 7:45 AM - 9:00 AM** **Grab & Go Breakfast**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM** **Registration/Check-in Desk Open**
- 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM** **Exhibits Open**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** **Affinity Meeting- Male Counselors**
Location: Verelst (Capacity 50)
- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** **Affinity Meeting- Graduate Students**
Location: Percival & Vernon (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Amiaya Smart
- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** **Affinity Meeting- LBGTQ+**
Location: Sloane (Capacity 50)
Speaker: Brent Henderson
- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** **Affinity Meeting- Latinx & Hispanic Counselors**
Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100)
- 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM** **T-shirt pick up**
Location: Registration
- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** **Empowering Futures: Bridging Education and Opportunity - Army National Guard**
Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Carol Pizza
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Clearing the Air: Initiative for Vaping Prevention**
Location: Harborside East (Capacity 265)
Speaker: Jessica DeBarry
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Give 'em Props**
Location: Verelst (Capacity 50)
Speakers: Mandy Mooney, Keeva Hollinhead

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Mental Health: The first line of defense**
Location: Scarbrough 3 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Tracy Clements
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Tapping into the Social and Emotional Learning of students to improve the Graduation Rate: Best Practices to increase Graduation Rate at the Secondary Level from the Principal's Perspective.**
Location: Sloane (Capacity 50)
Speaker: Christopher Martin
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Thinking Outside the Box: Creative Coping Strategies for Students**
Location: Percival & Vernon (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Teshia Stovall Dula, Ed.D.
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **University System of Georgia Resources and Updates 2024**
Location: Scarbrough 4 & 5 (Capacity 200)
Speaker: Sarah Wenham
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Reset, Recharge, Refresh: Creating an Effective Calming Space in High School**
Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Emma Shelnuitt
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **The 26th annual Book-A-Holics Anonymous: Using Children's Literature for Social, Emotional, and Academic Education**
Location: Harborside West (Capacity 445)
Speaker: Dr. Nancy Jones
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Leveraging a Comprehensive School Counseling Program That Matters**
Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45)
Speakers: Dr. Demetria Williams, Heather Alvira, Kimberly Geer
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Counselor Strong from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, Creating impactful School Counseling programs that bridge two schools together to support ALL students**
Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100)
Speakers: Laura Spencer, Lauren Butler, Ashley White, Shena Manning, Tiara Banton, Nathan Shope
- 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM** **Region Meetings - Regions 1 & 2**
Location: Scarbrough 4 & 5 (Capacity 200)
- 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM** **Region Meetings - Region 3**
Location: Harborside Ballroom West (Capacity 445)
- 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM** **Region Meetings - Region 4**
Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100)
- 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM** **Region Meetings - Region 5 & 6**
Location: Harborside Ballroom East (Capacity 265)
- 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM** **Region Meetings - Region 7**
Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100)
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM** **Break with Exhibitors**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Dive into Data: Tools to Support Your Comprehensive School Counseling Program**
Location: Harborside West (Capacity 445)
Speakers: Shanna Mitchell-Jones, Premlata Miller, Ciara Miller, Bridget Kelsey
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Small Groups Matter: Stress Busters**
Location: Harborside East (Capacity 265)
Speaker: Barbara Truluck
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Supporting Neurodivergent Students**
Location: Percival & Vernon (Capacity 100) (Combined Rooms)
Speaker: Kyri Harris

- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Facts of Fentanyl-Know the dangers!**
Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Carolyn McDermott
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Change the Anxiety Conversation: School Counselor-Teacher Collaboration in the Classroom Setting**
Location: Verelst (Capacity 50)
Speakers: Cindy Murphy, LeAnne Hale
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Play Matters to All Students: Counseling Lessons that Utilize Play**
Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100)
Speakers: Ruth Bowen, Amanda Futo
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Cultivating a Pipeline of Talent: Creating Generational Change through the Accelerated Career Diploma**
Location: Sloane (Capacity 50)
Speakers: Ashley Cosby, Michelle Dance, Ndiya Onuoha
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Community vs Restorative Circles- Open and Resilient Classrooms**
Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45)
Speaker: Dionna Polite
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **Promote Your School Counseling Program**
Location: Scarbrough 3 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Fabion Vicks
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **One Hour Career Day**
Location: Scarbrough 4 & 5 (Capacity 200)
Speakers: Amy Crapo, April West, Shelby Gonzalez
- 1:45 PM - 3:30 PM** **High School Worksetting**
Location: Harborside West (Capacity 445)
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Data to Show Your Impact**
Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Ashleigh Dimpflmaier
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **School Counselors Working with Traumatized Students in Elementary Grades**
Location: Scarbrough 3 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Cheryl Haynes
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Attendance Incentives that Matter!**
Location: Scarbrough 4 & 5 (Capacity 200)
Speaker: Myriam Seoane
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Cultivating a Sense of Belonging through Student Leadership**
Location: Percival & Vernon (Capacity 100)
Speakers: Ashleigh Mansfield, Pheoneshia Burke
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Eight Encouraging Es for Effective School Counseling**
Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: John Nwosu
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Bridging the Gap: Educating Middle School Students About HBCU's**
Location: Sloane (Capacity 50)
Speaker: Amiaya Smart
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Engaging Elementary Classroom Lessons**
Location: Harborside East (Capacity 265)
Speaker: Meitra Perry
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Newcomers Matter: Best Practices for Counseling Immigrant Students**
Location: Verelst (Capacity 50)
Speakers: Amari BenLevi, Stefanie McDougald, Reagan Washington

- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Are You Ready to RAMP?**
Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45)
Speaker: John Creger
- 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM** **Exhibit and Engagement, Meet the Candidates**
Location: Regency Ballroom
- 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM** **Membership Assembly**
Location: Harborside West (Capacity 445)
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Using Art and Play Therapy Techniques to Help Students Process Trauma**
Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Matthew Tilley
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **How Can School Counselors support students with cancer, and students who have parents or siblings with cancer.**
Location: Verelst (Capacity 50)
Speaker: Tierney Langdon
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Ethics in the Rural Setting Matter! School Counselor Considerations for Ethical Practice in Rural Communities**
Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100)
Speakers: Lee Grimes, Katrina Steele
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Options Matter! Finding Your Path to Post-Secondary Success**
Location: Percival & Vernon (Capacity 100)
Speakers: Amy Short, Lennox Geiger, Lasean Price, Nichole Bryant
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **School counselors pathway to licensure.**
Location: Sloane (Capacity 50)
Speaker: Ruth Scott
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **The Voice: Using Student Data to Transform School Climate and Culture**
Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45)
Speakers: John Nwosu, Toni Dickerson
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Good Grief! (Charlie Brown): How to Build a Skillset to Best Support Students Who Are Experiencing Loss.**
Location: Scarbrough 4 & 5 (Capacity 200)
Speaker: Nicole Spencer
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **8th Annual Fresh Ideas for School Counselors**
Location: Harborside West (Capacity 445)
Speakers: Jennifer Diaz, Ginny Wages, Merrill Baxley, Laura Spencer, Kimberly McLeod, Lauren Butler
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Engaging Adolescent Boys: Navigating Challenges Teenage Boys Face and Providing Counseling That Matters**
Location: Scarbrough 3 (Capacity 100)
Speaker: Sheila Crossley
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM** **Instructional Design 101 for School Counselors**
Location: Harborside East (Capacity 265)
Speakers: Christina Cotsakis Cordon, Lia Petriccione
- 8:30 PM - 11:00 PM** **Probe Party at Savannah Smiles**
Location: 314 Williamson St

Fri, Nov 08, 2024

- 6:00 AM - 6:45 AM** **Boot Camp**
Location: Harborside Ballroom East (Capacity 265)
- 6:45 AM - 7:30 AM** **Yoga**
Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45) Room
Speaker: Tierney Langdon

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| 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM | Affinity Meeting- Charter & Independent School Counselors Location: Scarbrough 3 (Capacity 100) Speaker: Dr. Nancy Jones |
| 7:45 AM - 9:00 AM | Grab & Go Breakfast Location: Mezzanine / Registration area |
| 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Information Desk Location: Registration |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Comprehensive School Counseling that Matters: Your Road Trip to Student Success Location: Harborside East (Capacity 265) Speakers: Patty DaSilva, Barbara Truluck, Brandy Brady, Ph.D., Elizabeth Hatcher |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Addiction-Proofing Our Students in an Addictive World Location: Harborside West (Capacity 445) Speaker: Kriya Lenzion |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | We've Got Your Six: Creating Positive School Environments for Military-Connected Students Location: Sloane (Capacity 50) Speaker: Ryan Dixon |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Door Dash: Fresh Counseling Ideas to Feed your Program Location: Scarbrough 4 & 5 (Capacity 200) Speakers: Rachael Fogleman, Jennifer Collins, Minh Chiavone |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Building Equitable Practices in a K-12 College & Career Readiness System Location: Scarbrough 2 (Capacity 100) Speakers: Ebony Payno, Melissa Lafayette |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Aware & Autonomous: Integrating Mindfulness & Solution Focused Brief Counseling Location: Verelst (Capacity 50) Speaker: Richard Cleveland |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Care through Chaos: Navigating Complex Collective Trauma Location: Scarbrough 3 (Capacity 100) Speakers: Mónica Quiñones, Ericka Wade, Kizzy Wingfield, Emaleigh Fleeman, Christina Cotsakis Cordón |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Preparing Students for Post-Secondary Success Through Career and Technical Education: Are We Doing Enough? Location: Percival & Vernon (Capacity 100) Speakers: Chauntice Corbin, Cedric Cooks |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Professionalism in School Counseling Supervision Location: Plimsoll (Capacity 45) Speaker: Summer Perry |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Elementary Skills Building Core Counseling Lessons Location: Scarbrough 1 (Capacity 100) Speaker: Nicole Moody |
| 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM | Closing Keynote & Drawings: Igniting Transformation: Leading with Impact Location: Regency Ballroom Speaker: McKenna Reitz |
| 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | Awards Ceremony & Luncheon Location: Scarbrough 2-5 |
| 1:00 PM - 1:00 PM | BONUS PRE-RECORDED SESSION - Channeling Your Inner School Counselor |
| 1:00 PM - 1:00 PM | BONUS PRE-RECORDED SESSION - Now and Later: Strategic Planning with Your Annual Admin Conference Speaker: John Nwosu |

1:00 PM - 1:00 PM

BONUS PRE-RECORDED SESSION - Mentoring the Future

Speaker: Teshia Stovall Dula, Ed.D.

1:00 PM - 1:00 PM

BONUS PRE-RECORDED SESSION - Tried and True Toolbox: Counseling Strategies for Academic and Social Support in Traditional and Virtual Settings

Speaker: Teshia Stovall Dula, Ed.D.