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November 7-9, 2012



Georgia School Counselors Association

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Conference at a Glance

Tuesday November 6, 2012	Wednesday November 7, 2012	Thursday November 8, 2012	Friday November 9, 2012
	7:00 am – 5:30 pm Registration in Exhibits Hall	7:30 am – 4:30 pm Registration in Exhibits Hall	7:30 am – 9:00 am Registration in Exhibits Hall
	11:00 am – 6:00 pm Exhibits	7:30 am – 5:00 pm Exhibits	7:30 am – 11:00 am Exhibits
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibits Hall	7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibits Hall	7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibits Hall
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Executive Committee Dinner	8:00 am - 2:45 pm All-day Workshop	8:00 am – 4:30 pm Archives in Exhibits Hall	8:00 am – 10:00 am Archives in Exhibits Hall
	8:00 am – 11:00 am Morning Pre-conference Workshops	8:00 am – 9:15 am Program Session 4	8:00 am – 9:15 am Work Setting Meetings
	11:00 am - 11:45 am Lunch Break	9:30 am – 11:30 am Opening Session Featured Speaker in Theatre	9:30 am – 10:30 am Membership Assembly in Theatre
	11:45 am – 2:45 pm Afternoon Pre-conference Workshops	11:30 am– 12:30 pm Lunch Break	10:45 am – 12:45 pm Closing Session Featured Speaker Roll Call of Regions in Theatre
	3:00 pm - 4:15 pm Graduate Student and New Counselor Session in Exhibits Hall	12:30 pm – 1:45 pm Region Meetings	
	3:00 pm - 4:15 pm Program Session 1	2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Program Session 5	
	4:30 pm – 5:45 pm Program Session 2	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Spotlight on Exhibits	
	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm Program Session 3	4:00 pm – 5:15 pm Program Session 6	
	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting and Dinner in Cypress Room 1	5:30 pm -6:30 pm President’s Reception Awards’ Reception in Theatre Lobby	
	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Past Presidents’ Dinner in Cypress Room 2	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Professional Recognition Ceremony in Theatre	
		8:30 pm – 11:30 pm PROBE Dance in Grand Hall 5	



Welcome to GSCA Annual Conference 2012

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Welcome to the 2012 Georgia School Counselors Annual Conference! The 2012 Conference Team and I are honored to welcome you to the beautiful city of Athens, Georgia and a conference filled with dynamic and inspirational keynote speakers, outstanding opportunities for professional learning, fun, fellowship and opportunities to obtain *“essential pieces for student success.”*

Please take advantage of the pre-conference workshops, outstanding keynote speakers, breakout sessions and workshops designed to help you improve and expand your comprehensive counseling program. There will be times for networking at the many receptions, meals and social events. The conference is a great way to connect with other counselors from across the state, to make new friends or reconnect with old friends. It is a time not only to rejuvenate and gain some valuable knowledge and new ideas for your counseling program, but it will help you learn more about current school counselor initiatives.

This conference would not be possible without the support of our sponsors and exhibitors. Please take the time to visit the exhibit hall to talk with them and thank them for supporting and attending our conference. It is because of their generous donations and support that we are able to keep conference affordable to our membership. I wish to thank not only the many school counselors who have made this conference possible by volunteering for different tasks, presenting or monitoring programs but also our speakers and performers as well. A special note of thanks goes to the Executive Committee and Leadership Team for their tireless work, support and commitment to GSCA and this conference. It is the collaborative efforts of these hundreds of people that make GSCA conferences so powerful.

It is our goal for you to leave refreshed, affirmed and renewed having discovered many new and exciting ways to find the *essential pieces* to your comprehensive counseling program.

Best Wishes,

Barbara G. Strickland

GSCA President 2012-2013



Leadership Team



2012-2013 Leadership Team

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2012 Conference Team

The 2012 conference would not have been possible without the many hours of hard work and dedication by these six wonderful and dedicated individuals. The members of the 2012 conference team are Judy Abney, Chair; Demetria Williams, Co-Chair; Tina Daniel-Reasey, Torri Jackson, Sam Hicks and Brent Henderson. These six individuals volunteered many hours of their personal and professional time in long days of travel and planning meetings, endless emails and phone calls, hours of strategizing and problem solving, and making sure all the *essential pieces* were put in place. A special thanks to Lorri Banker, GSCA Executive Office, for her expert knowledge and direction in our planning process.

The 2012 conference team has been the essential piece to this conference success. They have worked very hard to provide you a conference filled with great speakers, informative program sessions and meetings, and exciting time for networking and fellowship. It has been a tremendous honor for me to work with this outstanding group. I am eternally grateful and thank each of them for their hard work, support, enthusiasm and dedication for making LDI and Annual Conference 2012 a huge success. You made it happen and I appreciate and love each of you! When you see the conference team members, please let them know how much you appreciate all their hard work.

Barbara Strickland
GSCA President 2012-2013





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Goals and Etiquette

Conference Goals

One of the stated purposes of the Association is to promote the continuing professional development of school counselors. The Annual GSCA Conference is the primary activity that supports that purpose. The Annual Conference serves the needs of members in professional and personal areas by providing:

- Programs designed to upgrade skills and knowledge
 - Exchange of ideas among professionals
 - Awareness of issues impacting the profession of school counseling
 - Contacts with leading practitioners in school counseling
 - Familiarization and identification of school counselors with the state and national associations
 - Visibility for future professional leaders through presentations
 - Revitalization of the enthusiasm of the membership
 - Development of special interests
 - Renewal of old friendships and the establishment of new ones
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Professional Conference Etiquette

By Ginger Little

1. **BE PATIENT!** With over 800 participants expected in attendance, there will likely be lines and some “foulups.” None of these are intentional, so please show your professionalism by being patient and gracious to all of the **VOLUNTEERS** who are working hard to make sure you have a good conference. Next year you might want to volunteer to help!
2. **BE ON TIME** for all sessions. It is extremely distracting to the presenter(s) and participants (who got there on time) when someone enters the room late.
3. **TAKE ONLY ONE SET OF HANDOUTS!** Please be considerate and take only one set of handouts. We are asking the monitors in each session to assist with dissemination of all handouts. Please do not make them ask you to return extra copies that you have taken for your friends. Attending participants should not leave empty handed.
4. **BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER AND ASSIST A NEWCOMER!** We are all attending the conference for some rejuvenation, relaxation, and recreation. Help all of our new Georgia counselors by exhibiting patience, understanding and enthusiasm.
5. **ADOPT THE “2-2-2” CONFERENCE ATTITUDE.** The late Mary Joe Hannaford once told me her secret for having a successful conference. She said, “To have a successful conference you need to make **TWO** new friends, reacquaint yourself with **TWO** old friends and find **TWO** new ideas to take back with you to implement in your program.” So adopt the 2-2-2 attitude when attending this Annual Conference. If you do so, you will leave feeling professionally and personally rejuvenated and refreshed.

A lot of time and energy has gone into the planning of this conference, so take advantage of this opportunity to grow professionally and have a wonderful time.

CURE

CHILDHOOD CANCER

CURE Childhood Cancer is a non-profit organization, based in Atlanta, dedicated to finding a cure for childhood cancer in our lifetime. Founded in 1975, CURE Childhood Cancer is dedicated to conquering childhood cancer through research, education and support of parents and their families. The founders, parents and a dedicated pediatric oncologist joined forces to support laboratory research that would translate into immediate care for children with cancer. Since that time, CURE Childhood Cancer has raised millions of dollars to fund promising research projects at the AFLAC Cancer Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Washington University. Through innovative programming, CURE also provides support for stricken families, providing them comfort and support during their time of devastating need.

In the United States, cancer is the #1 disease killer of children, claiming the lives of more children and young people under the age of 20 than any other disease. Currently, more than 40,000 infants, children, adolescents and young adults are receiving treatment for cancer. Approximately 90% of CURE Childhood Cancer funding goes directly to research, fellowship support and patient and family support programs aimed at their critical and urgent needs.

Your generous support and backing of this wonderful program will help support the medicine of tomorrow and all it has to offer kids with childhood cancer – a cure! Until there is a solution for every child diagnosed with cancer, CURE Childhood Cancer, will be there. Please visit the CURE Childhood Cancer table in the exhibit hall. Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated!

ELECTIONS

Meet the 2013-2014 candidates at the Membership Assembly on Friday, November 9, 2012.

You may vote online by visiting the GSCA website at: www.gaschoolcounselors.com.
You will only be allowed to cast one ballot. Let your voice be heard!

GSCA Elections Timeline

Elections Open: November 9, 2012

Elections Close: December 1, 2012

Archives

GSCA has a rich and fascinating history dating back to its organization in 1949. Be sure to visit the display of historical documents in the Exhibit Hall and reflect on the proud history and progress of GSCA.

Thursday, November 8

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday, November 9

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Be part of GSCA history and earn your place in the archives by participating in our **photo contest!** Throughout conference, post pictures of you and fellow counselors on our Facebook page, Tweet us @SchoolCounselGA, or email us at info@gaschoolcounselors.com. As a thank you, we'll enter you into a drawing to **win a free 2013 conference registration!**

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 Exhibits

Exhibits are located in the Grand Hall. Show your appreciation by visiting during the following hall hours:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Friday: 7:30 am – 11:00 am

Remember to attend the Spotlight on Exhibits on Thursday from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
Refreshments and light snacks are included.

Throughout conference, our exhibitors will be giving out puzzle pieces at random to attendees. Collect your puzzle pieces and place them in the treasure chest at registration for a chance to win various prizes that will be awarded throughout conference.

Thank you to our exhibitors:

21st Century Leaders	Grand Canyon University
ACT, Inc.	GUIDE, Inc. & the Georgia Teen Institutes
American Character Builders	Jacksonville State University
Argosy University Atlanta	Jay's HOPE Foundation, 4 Kids With Cancer
Armstrong Atlantic State University	Kennesaw State University
Ashworth College/James Madison High School	Lasting Impressions Jewelers
Brenau University	Life University - College of Undergraduate Studies
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DeVry University	Ridgeview Institute
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Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc.	Shorter University
Georgia Army National Guard	SkillsUSA Georgia
Gainesville State College	The Advanced Academy of Georgia
Georgia Apply to College	The University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education
Georgia Career Information Center (GCIC)	Universal Technical Institute
Georgia Center for Humane Education	University of West Georgia
Georgia Gwinnett College	U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Atlanta
Georgia Southern University	U.S. Marine Corps
Georgia Southwestern State University	Valdosta State University Tour
Georgia State University	Walden University
Georgia Student Finance Commission	Wesleyan College
Georgia Virtual School	Young Harris College
Go Build Georgia	Youth Challenge Academy
	YouthLight

 **Wednesday Agenda****Wednesday, November 7, 2012
The Classic Center**

7:00 am – 5:30 pm	Registration in Exhibits Hall
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast in Exhibits Hall
8:00 am - 2:45 pm	Pre-conference All-day Workshop
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Morning Pre-conference Workshops
11:00 am – 6:00 pm	Exhibits
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Lunch Break
11:45 am – 2:45 pm	Afternoon Pre-conference Workshops
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Program Session 1
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Program Session 2
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Program Session 3
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting and Dinner
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Past Presidents' Dinner

Name Badge Requirements

All Conference attendees, exhibitors and guests must wear a name badge to all events. These will be checked for admittance to these events. If you wish to purchase a guest/spouse badge for meal events (President/Awards Reception, Continental Breakfasts) and PROBE Party, you may do so at the on-site registration table. Only registered conference attendees with name badge are allowed in breakout and general sessions.



Pre-Conference Sessions

Full Day Session – 8:00 am – 2:45 pm

(Total of 6 Contact Hours Earned)



1. Technology for Counselors

Audience: All

Room: Athens Technical College

(Please meet at 7:30 am at the Classic Center main entrance for transportation)

Counselors are often last to get on the technology bandwagon but there are many tools that will help us reach our students as well as save us some precious time. Come join us for a day of hands-on building of your blog or WIKI and all the great tools you can post there. Depending on your skill level, we will also learn "keyboard shortcuts" and Mail Merge that can help with your day-to-day items. We will be working in a computer lab so you can actually create something you can use the following week! Come join us for some technology fun!

This session is sponsored by the University of Georgia and Athens Technical College. Please note that this session will be held at the Athens Technical College campus computer lab (computers will be provided). Athens Technical College will provide breakfast and the University of Georgia will provide lunch. Transportation from the Classic Center to Athens Technical College will be provided for the first 30 registered participants.

Presenter: Molly Ream, School Counselor, Allatoona High School, Cobb County, GSCA Information Technology Co-Chair; Tinisha Parker, School Counselor, Gwinnett County, GSCA Information Technology Co-Chair

Morning Session – 8:00 am – 11:00 am



2. Resiliency

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 1

I love conducting groups with students, both for what can be accomplished by the students and for the meaningful relationships established in the process. For years I searched for a way to deliver non-thematic groups. A group that focuses on the development of resiliency provides a non-thematic, strengths-based small group counseling approach, which consolidates the research into a potentially important intervention. Come learn about resiliency, the research behind it, and a practical and fun way to teach the skills to students.

Presenter: Karen Griffith, Ph.D., School Counselor



3. Book-A-Holics Anonymous: Using Children's Literature in School Counseling Programs

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 2

Calling all BOOK-A-HOLICS! Book lovers, it's that time again, and this is year FIFTEEN of sharing the fantastic children's literature we can use in school counseling programs. The self-proclaimed President of Book-A-Holics Anonymous is back to bring you dozens of children's books as well as ideas for using them in your counseling program in this practical and fast-paced workshop! We will review "Book-A-Holics Logistics," such as how to mark, categorize, and keep track of your book collection, as well as the foundations for bringing ANY book to life with "the four Ps of Book-A-Holics: Props, Puppets, Play, and Party



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Favors.” As always, participants will receive a complete bibliography of books arranged by subject, an opportunity to create a make-and-take, and a chance to win some door prizes. Come join the ranks and become an official Book-A-Holic!

Presenter: Nancy Pittard-Jones, Wesleyan School, Gwinnett County



4. A Look into Cyberbullying, Sexting, and Other Technology Trends: What is Happening and the Impact on Schools

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 4

Do you really know what kids can access online? How prepared are you when confronted with situations students bring? Every generation has its doubts about the younger generation. Referred to variously as technopanic, predator panic, cyberbullying panic, etc., a lot of fear and anxiety has developed around the intersection of youth and the Internet. This session will highlight myths and general risks and misuses regarding the use of technology by youth. The main focus of our training will be cyberbullying and sexting. We will also discuss the impact on school policies, procedures and discipline. Finally, learn about Georgia’s new school staff training that will prepare you for much of the issues you may face.

Presenter: Sue Dowling, Georgia Bureau of Investigation



5. The ArtReach Model®: Expressive Arts Interventions for Counselor Self Care and Building Resilience in Students

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 5

This workshop will introduce The ArtReach Model®, an intervention to build resilience in students who have experienced trauma from displacement, violence, disaster, war, and other losses. The expressive arts therapies create safe space, tap imagination, and connect participants to others. Counselors will participate in art, movement, music, drama, and writing interventions for self-care, and discuss applications with traumatized students. The Model allows participants to work within their own metaphors while protecting others in the group from secondary traumatization. This internal and relational work encourages risk-taking within small groups, while introducing creative and expressive tools to cope with past trauma, present stress, and future risks.

Presenter: Christiane O’Hara, Ph.D., Training Co-Director, The ArtReach Foundation, Inc.; Karimah Dillard, MA RDT Training Co-Director, The ArtReach Foundation, Inc.; Beverly Fetter, LISW, Counselor, Atlanta International School, Trainer, The ArtReach Foundation, Inc.

Afternoon Session – 11:45 am – 2:45 pm

6. ADVOCACY: BE THE CHANGE!

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 1



School counselors are often faced with the difficult task of justifying and defending their school counseling programs. In this session, you will learn strategies for effectively advocating for your program and the profession. Participants will receive talking points for communicating with decision makers and tips for meeting with legislators, board members, and administrators. Decision makers and



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other stakeholders will be on hand to offer suggestions and answer questions about impacting change in their respective fields.

Presenter: Julie Hartline, School Counselor, Campbell High School, Cobb County, GSCA Advocacy Chair; Gail Smith, School Counseling Supervisor, Cobb County, GSCA Immediate Past President



7. Structure for Understanding Students of Poverty

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 2

Did you know that students of poverty do not understand the hidden rules of the middle class, and did you know that schools function from the middle class set of rules? To understand students and adults from poverty, a working definition must be established. Poverty produces an environment that destabilizes home life, creates stressful conditions, and creates despair. Schools must recognize this as a factor, but not as an excuse, for academic achievement and growth to occur. During this session, the presenter will define poverty, share instructional strategies to use in the counseling environment and in classrooms, discuss the framework for understanding the structure of poverty, and assist participants to identify the middle class set of rules. In order to drive success for all learners, schools must develop the belief in the faculty, students, and community that all students can learn if held to a set of high standards. Once this understanding is established, schools are recultured into a community of learning. This session will focus on the important elements in building the internal capacity to understanding the structure of poverty.

Presenter: Janet DeLoach, Principal, Bleckley Elementary School, Bleckley County



8. Legal and Ethical Challenges for School Counselors

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 4

This workshop will address legal (e.g., NCLB, FERPA) and ethical issues (e.g., confidentiality, privacy) that school counselors have identified as current concerns including the use of social media and mandated reporting. Particular emphasis will be placed on the role of school counselors as advocates in making schools a safe place for all children.

Presenter: Dr. Kristen Varjas, Associate Professor Director of the Center for Research on School Safety, School Climate, and Classroom Management, Georgia State University



9. Bridging the Gap to School Counseling Program Development

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 5

In an economy of budget cuts at the national, state and local levels, it is imperative that we as school counselors produce empirical data to show results of what we as professional school counselors do to impact student achievement in our schools. We are the agents of change to increase the number of school counselors in our schools to serve the academic, career development, and emotional/personal/social needs of our students. We are the agents of change to show that we need to be able to be used in the correct way in schools for the children. The counselor's role in RTI will be discussed. Learn how to collect data, implement programs and counseling activities based on data and show results to stakeholders that we, professional school counselors, are bridge builders in the success of student's futures. Participants will leave this half day workshop with a plan to implement data projects and advocate for their jobs.

Presenter: Brian Law, School Counselor, Valdosta High School, Lowndes County, GSCA Mentoring Chair

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Program Session 1- 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

1. Ownership, Cooperation and Self-Advocacy: Empowering Students with ADHD to Succeed

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 4

Mike Perkins engages his audience from the professional perspective of an elementary school principal as well as the emotional perspective of a parent of a 13 year old son diagnosed with ADHD, Tourette's, and a learning disability. He uses his experiences to help others understand how to motivate children, teens, and the professionals who support them to invest in strategies that address executive function difficulties, reduce stress and conflict, increase self-esteem, and promote independence.

Presenter: Mike Perkins, Principal, Birney Elementary School, Cobb County School District

2. Expanding the Role of the School Counselor in the Behavior Support Process

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 5

As the role of the school counselor continues to evolve, shift and expand, the tools and resources available to school counselors also need to evolve, shift and expand. This presentation will preview the use of several free and time-efficient online resources that can be incorporated into the school counselor's daily practice to aid in daily referrals, in intervention planning and in more comprehensive functional behavior assessments.

Presenters: Jason Cavin, Georgia State University; Emily Graybill, Faculty, Georgia State University

3. Implementing the ASCA Model: An Essential Piece to Student Success

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 1

For the past four years our district has worked on implementation of the ASCA National Model. We will share our process, lessons learned and pitfalls to avoid.

Presenters: Dianne Thompson, Director, Office of Advisement and Counseling, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Galen Reavis, Counseling Coordinator, Office of Advisement and Counseling, Gwinnett County Public Schools

4. Got Data?

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 2

Data is a vital and necessary component to any comprehensive school counselor program; however, the process of collecting, analyzing and presenting data can be both intimidating and overwhelming. This



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session will provide a variety of simple tools and suggested practices to make the use of data user friendly. Topics will also include tips and processes for developing your measurement tools, calculating outcome data and creating charts, graphs, and presentations to share your results.

Presenter: Shellie Caplinger, School Counselor, Centennial High School, Fulton County Schools

Program Session 2 – 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

5. **How to Stay Employed, Certified, and Out of Jail: Ethical and Legal Issues Facing Georgia's School Counselors**

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 1

School Counselors face ethical and legal challenges every day. Whether you are new in the field or have been practicing for years, legal and ethical challenges can still throw you for a loop. This workshop will help members understand and meet these legal and ethical challenges. Participants will develop an ethical decision making framework for analyzing and resolving ethical issues through the application of ASCA ethical codes, case and statutory law, school board rules, and community standards.

Presenter: Margaret P. Ciccarelli, Legislative Services Director and Staff Attorney, Professional Association of Georgia Educators

6. **Bullying and Obesity in the School Community**

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 2

Michael Buchanan, co-author and screenwriter for *The Fat Boy Chronicles*, and Dr. Mark Wulkan of CHOA will discuss the most immediate teen crises--bullying and obesity. They will present solutions and also how the book, movie and curriculum guide is used in schools around the nation to help parents, teachers and students.

Presenters: Michael Buchanan, Author/Retired Teacher; Dr. Mark Wulkan, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

7. **Operation Military Kids Coordinator**

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 5

Attendees will be given a variety of resources for their military students to include: free counseling and tutoring services and an overview of additional services available to military members on the installation. Tools will be provided to implement an in-school deployment support group for children who have a family member within the deployment cycle. An overview will be provided on the outcomes of the 2012 Georgia Military Child Education Conference that was held in September 2012.



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Presenters: Marcus Eason, OMK Coordinator, University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Leslie Darley, School Liaison Officer, Robins AFB

8. No Place For Hate

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 4

This workshop will teach participants how to engage their schools in a powerful initiative to address bias and bullying in K-12 schools. No Place for Hate® (offered FREE to schools from the Anti-Defamation League) provides an organizing framework for combating bias, bullying and hatred, leading to long-term solutions to create and maintain a positive school culture. Elementary, middle, and high school counselors from the Lanier Cluster will present implementation tips for each level.

Presenters: Holli Levinson, Education Director, Anti-Defamation League Southeast Region; Jennifer Diaz, Ed.S., LPC, School Counselor, White Oak Elementary, Gwinnett County Schools; Danielle Jones, M.Ed., School Counselor, Lanier Middle School, Gwinnett County Public Schools; William Nelson, Teacher, Lanier High School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Program Session 3 – 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

9. Everything You Wanted to Know About CTAE Programs in Middle and High School

Audience: Middle/Secondary

Room: Grand Hall 5

This session will review questions commonly asked at the GADOE regarding the CTAE Program offerings in middle and high schools. This session will discuss the move to career clusters, CTAE courses earning science credit, articulation agreements, dual enrollment and much more! The program specialists for all CTAE programs will be available for questions and answers from participants.

Presenter: Dwayne Hobbs, CTAE Program Manager, GADOE

10. Navigating the Fine Arts Pathways: Smooth Sailing for the Arts in Georgia

Audience: Secondary

Room: Grand Hall 2

Wondering how to counsel your students in the Fine Arts Pathways? This session will walk participants through the many choices and possibilities Fine Arts Pathway offers to students across the state in Dance, Theatre, Music and Visual Art. Special attention will be paid to the variety of scenarios that occur depending on the school and school district offerings. Creative solutions and possibilities will be presented to ensure counselors are equipped with off-the-press knowledge to best guide their students as they matriculate in a Fine Arts Pathway.



Wednesday Sessions

Presenters: Betsy Eppes, Visual and Performing Art Coordinator K-12, DeKalb County Public Schools; Jessica Booth, Visual Art and Theatre Coordinator K-12, Fulton County Schools; Bonnie Marshall, Georgia Department of Education; Megan Williams, Band Director, City Schools of Decatur

11. Just Calm Down! Three Strategies to Help Over-Reactive Parents

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 4

Learn three strategies to successfully collaborate with overly-involved parents in your school. This presentation by Neil McNerney, a licensed counselor and parent expert, will focus on how counselors can quickly reduce and redirect parental anxiety. Participants will gain concrete skills they can use immediately.

Presenter: Neil McNerney, M.Ed., LPC

12. Engaging Students in College and Career Readiness

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 1

The Career Cruising ccEngage program inspires students to achieve their fullest potential in school, career and life. Learn how to implement a career development program at your school, and discover how this fits into the Bridge Bill requirements outlined by the State DOE. ccEngage offers tools students need to build complete plans, including ccPathfinder for 4 year plans and submitting course requests, and ccAchieve which guides students through the college and scholarship application process.

Presenters: Lisa Kardish, Educational Sales Consultant; James Bowler, Career Cruising, Client Account Manager



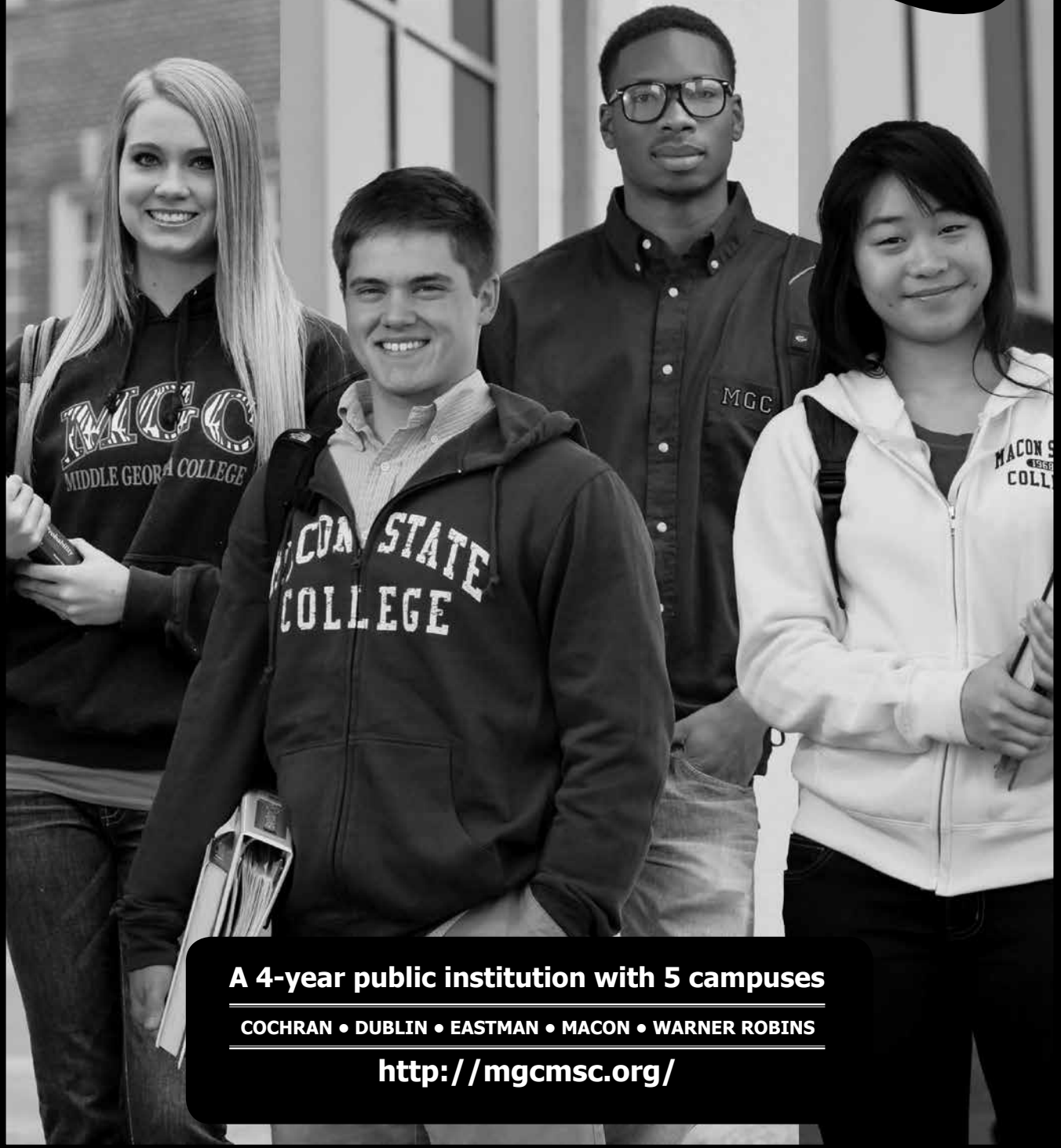
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7:30 am – 4:30 pm	Registration in Exhibits Hall
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast in Exhibits Hall
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibits
8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Archives in Exhibits Hall
8:00 am – 9:15 am	Program Session 4
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Opening Session
11:30 am– 12:30 pm	Lunch Break
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Region Meetings
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Program Session 5
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Spotlight on Exhibits
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Program Session 6
5:30 pm -6:30 pm	President's and Awards' Reception
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Professional Recognition Ceremony
8:30 pm – 11:30 pm	PROBE Dance



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Program Session 4 - 8:00 am – 9:15 am

13. Some Essentials for Elementary Career Development

Audience: Elementary

Room: Empire 2

The College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) mandates an awareness of Georgia's 17 Career Clusters at the elementary level. It is important that elementary counselors be knowledgeable of the cluster concept as part of Georgia's career development program while working with the local systems to create and implement a system of delivery. This session will help participants better understand the cluster model, provide sample activities and resources, and discuss possible implementation systems. Come learn how we can help our students make better and more informed decisions about their future.

Presenters: Vivian Snyder, Program Specialist, Georgia Department of Education; Ginger Booton, Facilitator, Middle Georgia RESA

14. GAcollge411 Updates

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 1

This presentation will offer information regarding GAcollge411 system updates and modifications. Additionally we will discuss tips and tricks used by your colleagues to best utilize GAcollge411 for student success.

Presenter: Jonathan Stroble, GAcollge411

15. RAMP: The Best Kept Secrets Revealed

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 5

If you are applying for RAMP or are considering an application, this is the place for you! The process can seem overwhelming, but fear not, we are going to share the best kept secrets, tips, and strategies for a successful RAMP application. This fast-moving presentation will focus on the basics of applying for RAMP status. Attendees will leave with a bundle of essential resources and a secret code. Shh!

Presenters: Shelly Otis, Ed.S., LPC, Professional School Counselor, Haw Creek Elementary School; Sonia Stewart, Ed.S., LPC, Professional School Counselor, Chestnut Mountain Elementary School; Kathy Bain, M.A., Professional School Counselor, Brookwood Elementary School



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16. The 411 on the GA Bridge Law Career Guidance Benchmarks and the College and Career Ready Performance Index

Audience: Middle/Secondary

Room: Cypress 1

Do you have a comprehensive Bridge Law plan of action? Have faculty roles been defined? Have you identified the appropriate interest inventories and Teacher as Advisor lesson plans for your students? Do your students and faculty need concrete instructions? Have you set up Outcome Reports for your school in order to track your progress? Does your Career Guidance Program address the College and Career Ready Performance Index requirements (AYP)? If you answered no to even one of the aforementioned questions, this may be the right workshop for you!

Presenter: G. Mark Ellis, Coordinator of Academic Support Services, Fulton County School System

17. When Social Networking Comes to School

Audience: All

Room: High Shoals 2

Despite our best efforts to educate students about cyber safety, issues involving social networking sites continue to become an increasing problem in school. In this session you will learn about the laws and guidelines set forth by social networking sites and discuss ways to address the issues that are brought to school from activities on these sites.

Presenter: Barb Wilson, Ph.D., School Counselor, Hall County

18. Promoting and Growing Your Peer Mentoring Program: Building on Student Success

Audience: Middle

Room: Grand Hall 2

This program demonstrates the importance of peer mentoring programs at the middle and high school levels, providing academic as well as personal/social benefits for both helpers and students seeking help. Participants will learn how to effectively implement such programs, and examples of successful program implementation will be drawn from the literature as well as personal school counselor experience.

Presenters: Michael A. Keim, Assistant Professor, University of West Georgia; Susan R. Boes, Professor, University of West Georgia; Julia Chibbaro, Associate Professor, University of West Georgia

19. High School Counseling: A Kaleidoscope of Best Practices

Audience: Secondary

Room: Olympia 1

Participants will find ways to successfully navigate and adapt to the ever-changing landscape of high school counseling and discover how to "work smarter, not harder" in order to work more efficiently and increase the effectiveness of school counseling services. In this session, school counselors from Fulton County will



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share a variety of strategies, interventions and tools which have been proven best practices in promoting academic success, personal/social development and college/career readiness at the high school level.

Presenters: Shellie Caplinger, Centennial High School, Fulton County Schools; Willieneil French, Johns' Creek High School, Fulton County Schools; Leigh Lynott, Cambridge High School, Fulton County Schools; Dr. Missy Marsh, Milton High School, Fulton County Schools

20. Grab Bag for Middle School Counselors

Audience: Middle

Room: Cypress 2

Today our school counselors need a grab bag of interactive activities to help middle school students deal with life and school challenges. This program focuses on various group and classroom sessions to help provide the student with tools for personal and academic growth. A reduction in discipline and guidance referrals will be the ultimate goal for these students.

Presenters: Sloane Molloy, Counselor, Glynn Middle School, Glynn County Schools; Jenny Lacy, Retired School Counselor

21. School-Wide Grief

Audience: Middle

Room: High Shoals 1

A student death, whether abrupt or expected, impacts a school community much like a rock impacts the surface of a lake. The ripple effect created by a student death, especially in a middle school, results in various levels of grief and is often manifested in a variety of ways. This session will focus on how to create a "school-wide grief plan" involving appropriate levels of care for all parties (students, teachers, and parents). Having an efficient and effective plan allows for a tiered approach to school-wide grief that is both easy to implement and meets the needs of all affected.

Presenters: Heather Haynes, Counselor, Twin Rivers Middle School, Gwinnett County; Jennifer Moore, Counselor, Twin Rivers Middle School, Gwinnett County

22. Building School Wide Community: An Essential Piece to Student Success

Audience: Elementary

Room: Grand Hall 4

Creating a safe and caring environment is essential to student success. Due to the fact that school counselors work with everyone in the school, we have the unique opportunity to be an integral part of creating a school wide community which fosters caring, respectful, and accepting behavior from all. This session will provide ideas for working with all stakeholders to ensure that your school is a safe and nurturing place to be.



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Presenters: Leslie Hamilton, School Counselor, Silver City Elementary School, Forsyth County; Sha Wortman, School Counselor, Silver City Elementary School, Forsyth County

23. Paradise Lost: The Fall of African-American Males: What Can Educators Do?

Audience: All

Room: Olympia 2

A lack of research on the serious topic of African American male dropouts has puzzled educators and policymakers for more than a generation. Are African-American male graduates an endangered species? This project explored the personal stories of a group of African-American males that may be seen as an indication of the conditions that have affected our larger society. The project focused on what educators can do to help African-American males graduate from high school and become productive citizens in our society. Personal stories of 13 African-American male dropouts between the ages of 19 and 37 will be shared in this presentation.

Presenter: Dr. Geraldine J. Bryant, Professional School Counselor, Dowell Elementary, Cobb County Schools

24. Empowering Students with Traumatic Brain Injury

Audience: Middle/Secondary

Room: Parthenon 1

Students with mild, moderate, or severe Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI's) can experience difficulties at school including problems with memory, attention, depression, anger, fatigue, balance issues, confusion, aggression, and specific learning issues related to processing and language. This presentation will provide counselors with information and strategies to empower students while facilitating academic and social success.

Presenter: Yvette Q. Getch, Ph.D., CRC, Associate Professor, Department of Counseling and Human Development Services, The University of Georgia

25. College CAN Begin in Kindergarten

Audience: Elementary

Room: Parthenon 2

Helping a child see that they can go to college can begin as early as Kindergarten. If a child believes that there is a purpose early in their education they will continue to strive. In this session, you will see a variety of ways that an elementary school can promote college including classroom guidance, morning announcements, character education, school banners and a college and career fair.

Presenter: Stacey Miller, Roberts Elementary School, Gwinnett County Public Schools



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26. Collaboration: An Essential Piece to RTI

Audience: Elementary

Room: Oconee River 1

Have you ever wondered how to keep students from falling through the cracks? Have you ever struggled with finding interventions to meet each child's needs? Join us as we share our school's collaborative RTI program. We will provide you with some research and evidenced based academic and behavioral interventions as well as behavior and probe tracking data. Closing the Gap Results Reports, Action Plans, and RTI forms will be provided.

Presenters: Rhonda Dermer, Assistant Principal and RTI Coordinator, Mason Elementary School, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Dr. Erica Wakefall, Assistant Principal, Mason Elementary School, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Robin S. Zorn, School Counselor, Mason Elementary School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

27. Creative Remediation and Enrichment During the School Day!

Audience: Secondary

Room: Oconee River 2

Do you have students who cannot get to school early or stay after school for remediation? Well, we have come up with a plan for remediation for students who are struggling academically and enrichment for those students who are academically sound.

Presenter: Jennifer L. Jones, Counselor, Heard County High School, Heard County School System

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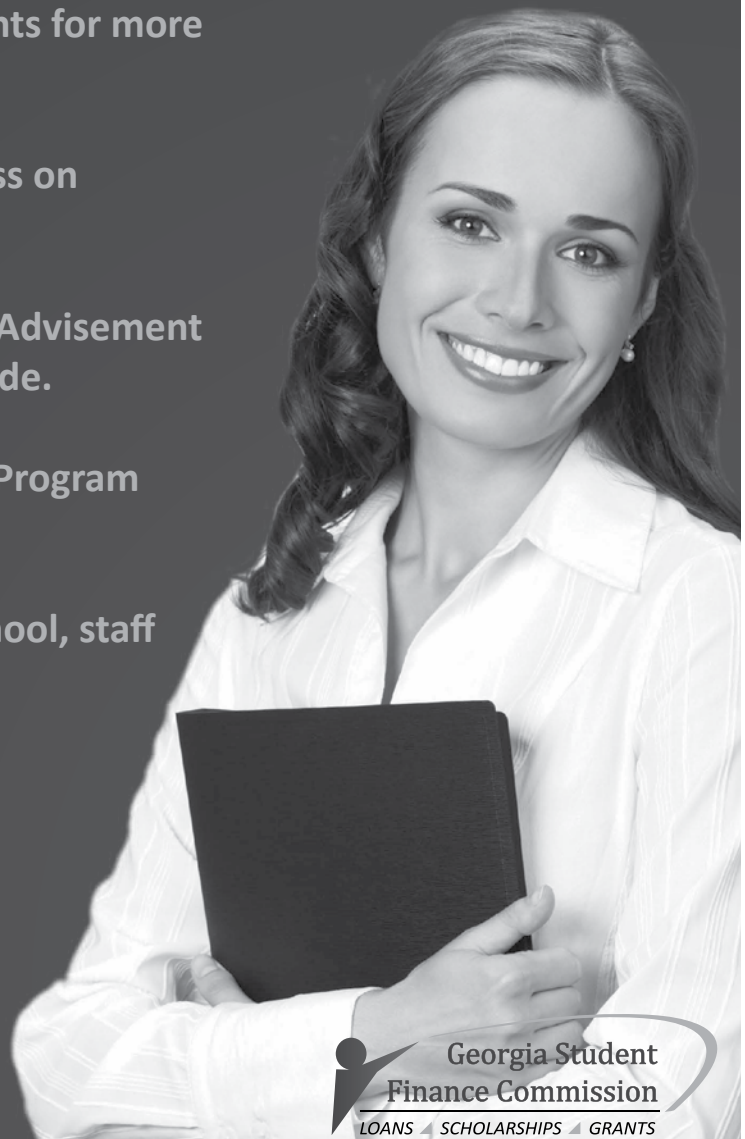
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OPENING SESSION AGENDA

Thursday, November 8, 2012

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Classic Center Theatre

Presiding: Barbara Strickland, GSCA President

Prelude.....	LDI 2012 Slideshow Stacey Cooke, Photographer
Call to Order.....	Barbara Strickland, President
Posting of Colors.....	Clarke Central High School Army JROTC Color Guard Lt. Col. David McMickle, Instructor
National Anthem.....	Le Lang, Region 10 Chair
Welcoming Remarks and Introductions.....	Barbara Strickland, President
Musical Selection.....	Hunter Gnann, Effingham County High School
Greetings.....	Supt. Philip D. Lanoue, Clarke County Schools Myrel Seigler, Program Manager, Georgia Dept. of Education Demetria Williams, ASCA Board of Directors
Elections.....	Gail Smith, Immediate Past President
Service Project.....	Kristin Conner, CURE Childhood Cancer
Introduction of Speaker.....	Barbara Strickland, President
Keynote Address.....	Missy Jenkins Smith
Announcements.....	Brent Henderson, First Vice President
Closing Remarks.....	Barbara Strickland, President

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9:30 am – 11:30 am
Classic Center Theatre



Missy Jenkins Smith

It was one of the darkest days in America’s history—December 1, 1997. Freshman Michael Carneal walked into the Heath High School lobby in West Paducah, Kentucky, and started shooting, killing three students and injuring five. One of those injured students was 15-year-old Missy Jenkins, who was left paralyzed from the chest down.

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Thursday Sessions

Region Meetings – 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM

A list of counties comprising regions can be found on page 31

Region 1

Room: High Shoals 1

Network with your fellow Region 1 counselors while brainstorming ideas that address needs and concerns relating directly to our region. Learn how to share your piece of the puzzle with other counselors using a file sharing group created specifically for Region 1.

Chair: Farrah Kohler

Region 2

Room: Oconee 1

Attention members of Region 2. Join us as we catch up on Region 2 news and elect our new officers for the 2014-15 school year. We will share some ideas and get energized for the rest of the year!

Chair: Sha Wortman

Region 3

Room: Oconee 2

If you are a counselor from Region 3 (Cobb, Cherokee, Douglas or Fulton) come together with other counselors from our region and build your Counselor Playbook with classroom guidance lessons, group and individual counseling ideas, data tips and much, much more! Build a comprehensive counseling program that ends with a winning season!

Chair: Tanyika Butler

Region 4

Room: Olympia 2

Join counselors in your region for an informative and exciting networking opportunity. We will discuss issues and concerns specific to our region as well as elect the next Region Chair.

Chair: Morgan Jones



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Region 5

Room: High Shoals 2

This meeting is designed for school counselors who are a part of this region. Updated information regarding our profession will be provided. Also, we will discuss our spring meeting for 2013 and a needs assessment will be conducted in order to give the school counselors a chance to voice their concerns regarding issues/concerns.

Chair: Lourie Caulton

Region 6

Room: Empire 2

Counselors are an essential piece for student success; getting everyone else in the school building to understand your critical role sometimes presents a dilemma. Dr. Pam Paisley of UGA's Counseling Department shares effective ways to communicate your role during the Region 6 meeting. A new Region Chair will be elected, also.

Chair: Natasha Moon

Region 7

Room: Olympia 1

Join counselors in your region for an informative and exciting networking opportunity. We will discuss issues and concerns specific to our region as well as elect the next Region Chair.

Chair: Lakeshia Williams

Region 8

Room: Grand Hall 1

Join counselors in your region for an informative and exciting networking opportunity. We will discuss issues and concerns specific to our region as well as elect the next Region Chair.

Chair: Ashley Atkins

Region 9

Room: Cypress 1

Please join Region 9 to learn more about CBT and how you can immediately utilize it at your school. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jerry Mobley from FVSU.

Chair: Amy Barron

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Region 10

Room: Parthenon 2

Join counselors in your region for an informative and exciting networking opportunity. We will discuss issues and concerns specific to our region as well as elect the next Region Chair.

Chair: Le Lang

Region 11

Room: Grand Hall 5

If you are a Region 11 counselor and are looking to meet other dynamic counselors in your region, please join your colleagues for the Region 11 meeting. We will network and discuss pertinent information to our region and profession.


Chair: Tara Walker

Region 12

Room: Parthenon 1

During our GSCA Fall Conference Region 12 meeting we will cover the following topics: goals for the current year, including membership goals, and the Region 12 Workshop to be held in Brunswick in February, 2013. We will also recognize the Region 12 members who have received professional recognition awards, I will introduce our Region 12 members who are in GSCA leadership positions, we will vote on the new Region Chair and we will make up a slogan for the roll call during closing session.

Chair: Angie Votsis



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Counties Comprising Regions

Region 1: Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Chattooga, Floyd, Bartow, Polk, Paulding, Haralson, Carroll, Gordon

Region 2: Fannin, Union, Towns, Rabun, Gilmer, Lumpkin, White, Habersham, Pickens, Dawson, Hall, Banks, Stephens, Forsyth, Gwinnett

Region 3: Cherokee, Cobb, Fulton, Douglas

Region 4: Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Elbert, Clarke, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Lincoln, Barrow, Rockdale, Walton, Morgan, Greene, Taliaferro, Newton, Hart

Region 5: Heard, Coweta, Troup, Meriwether, Pike, Upson, Harris, Talbot, Taylor, Muscogee, Chattahoochee, Marion, Schley, Stewart, Webster, Quitman

Region 6: Fayette, Clayton, DeKalb, Henry, Spalding, Butts

Region 7: Jasper, Putnam, Lamar, Monroe, Jones, Baldwin, Bibb, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Crawford, Peach, Houston, Macon, Dooly

Region 8: Hancock, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia, Richmond, Glascock, Jefferson, Washington, Burke, Jenkins

Region 9: Johnson, Laurens, Treutlen, Emanuel, Bleckley, Pulaski, Dodge, Wheeler, Montgomery, Toombs, Wilcox, Telfair, Jeff Davis, Appling

Region 10: Sumter, Randolph, Terrell, Lee, Crisp, Turner, Worth, Dougherty, Calhoun, Clay, Tift, Early, Baker, Mitchell, Colquitt, Miller, Seminole, Decatur, Grady, Thomas

Region 11: Ben Hill, Irwin, Coffee, Bacon, Pierce, Atkinson, Berrien, Cook, Lowndes, Echols, Clinch, Charlton, Brantley, Brooks, Lanier, Ware

Region 12: Screven, Candler, Bullock, Effingham, Evans, Bryan, Chatham, Tattnall, Long, Liberty, McIntosh, Wayne, Glynn, Camden



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Program Session 5 – 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

28. Setting the Tone: A Connected School Approach to Creating Bully Free Classrooms

Audience: All

Room: Parthenon 1

In education, our approach to solving problems is to wait for them to reach the crisis level, then give them a label and come up with a prescription. Numerous experts have suggested that there may be a better way. This workshop addresses the latest crisis in schools by reviewing current best practices in addressing bullying and challenging readers to examine their current views of behavior. It has profound implications for the future of education.

Presenter: Michael R. Carpenter, PhD, Nationally Certified Olweus Bullying Prevention Trainer and Consultant

29. Implementing and Reporting the BRIDGE Act using GCIS and GCIS Junior

Audience: Middle/Secondary

Room: Oconee River 2

Attend this session to learn how to use GCIS and GCIS Junior as resources to meet the BRIDGE Act requirements. Attendees will have an opportunity to follow the same steps that middle and high students use to build their portfolios and complete the activities relevant to the BRIDGE Act. Participants will also learn how to navigate the Administration Tools BRIDGE Act Reports used to transmit school data to the Georgia Department of Education (GDOE).

Presenter: Quiana Howard Gordon, Marketing and Training Specialist III, Georgia State University, Georgia Career Information Center

30. Show Me the Money: Funding Your Counseling Program Initiatives

Audience: All

Room: Cypress 1

With budget cuts happening all over the state and nation, an important role for counselors is that of advocate for resources. Grant writing is one way in which school counselors can secure financial resources to develop and maintain their counseling initiatives. An overview of the grant writing process will be provided along with strategies for implementation followed by a discussion of next steps as we explore the world of grant funding. Participants will receive a detailed listing of grant resources.

Presenters: Maria Grovner, School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Kimberly D. Brown, Graduate Student, Georgia Southern University



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31. There's No Place Like Home: School Counseling and the Homeless Population

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 5

The issue of being homeless is not just one that presents problems to the familial unit as a whole, but it can directly impact the physical, emotional, and academic needs and growth of children. This presentation will explore the effects of being homeless on student achievement.

Presenters: Latessa Hill, The Museum School of Avondale Estates, Mercer University PhD Student; Ania Farley, Mercer University Graduate Student; Tiffany Hudson, Mercer University Graduate Student

32. Helping Your Students Find Their Sources of Strength

Audience: Middle

Room: Empire 2

Sources of Strength is a data-driven suicide prevention and wellness program that is being implemented throughout the State of Georgia and within the Cobb County School District. The program encourages students to rely on the strengths in their lives when they are dealing with stress and hard times. Participants in this session will learn the main concept of the program and how to apply it to guidance lessons, health lessons and include it in class meetings. Participants will engage in games and activities that can be taken directly back to the classroom.

Presenter: Mary Hines-Bone, Prevention Specialist, Sources of Strength Certified Trainer, Cobb County School District

33. What's New with Professional Recognition?

Audience: All

Room: Olympia 2

Advocate for your counseling program by sharing the great work that you are doing in your school. Learn about the NEW Georgia School Counselor Association and American School Counselor Association professional recognition processes from start to finish. Hear from a panel of Counselor of the Year winners themselves as we share best practices and examples of professional recognition applications.

Presenter: Nicole Pflieger, Elementary School Counselor, GSCA Professional Recognition Chair, Cobb County Schools

34. Beyond Community Helpers: Meeting the Career Development Needs of Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students

Audience: Elementary

Room: Grand Hall 1

Do five and six year olds really have career development needs? Of course! What do microphones, Angry Birds, and typewriters have to do with these needs? Come and see! We will briefly review early



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development, share an innovative way to conduct guidance based on careers, discuss how this program is especially suited to marginalized students, and explore the relationship between this program and Georgia's College and Career Ready Performance Index.

Presenters: Kelly Cowart, Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Dianne Thompson, Director, Office of Advisement and Counseling, Gwinnett County Public Schools

35. Hand In Hand: IGP and IEP-High School

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 2

An important part of the Bridge Bill includes the development of an individual graduation plan (IGP.) For students with a disability, the Transition Service Plan of the IEP must work in concert with the IGP to support attainment of postsecondary goals. This presentation will examine how best to achieve the goal of college and career readiness for all students and showcase one local district's plan for implementing this process for high school students with disabilities.

Presenters: Lu Nations-Miller, Ph.D., Transition Specialist, Special Education Services and Supports, Georgia Department of Education; Lynn Holland, Program Manager for Curriculum, Special Education Services and Supports, Georgia Department of Education; Amor Kok, Counselor, Exceptional Children Services, Fayette County

36. Providing Pieces to the Cyber Puzzle

Audience: Middle

Room: Oconee River 1

Each day our students are growing developmentally as well as technologically. As professional school counselors, our piece to this cyber puzzle has become difficult to connect. Our day-to-day is becoming consumed with issues regarding social media such as Facebook and cyber-bullying. Join this workshop for an informative discussion, idea sharing, and moving experience so that we can provide the correct fit to the puzzle.

Presenter: Tracy Edwards, Professional School Counselor, Newton County

37. Georgia Virtual Learning Online Options and Opportunities

Audience: Middle/Secondary

Room: Cypress 2

Georgia Virtual Learning is your headquarters for online education from the Georgia Department of Education. Georgia Virtual Learning key resources include: Georgia Virtual School, Credit Recovery, Express, and the latest free shared resources. Come learn how the various online learning resources delivered by the Georgia Department of Education could be the essential piece to your students' success!



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Presenters: Meridith Jorgensen, School Counselor, Georgia Virtual School; Georgia Pagel, School Counselor, Georgia Virtual School; Nikki Walker, School Counselor, Georgia Virtual School

38. Georgia Apply to College

Audience: Secondary

Room: High Shoals 2

Now in its fourth year, Georgia Apply to College (GAC) helps high school seniors apply to college. Prior to their schools GAC event, students complete activities to help prepare them for this process. During the event, they receive assistance from college and community volunteers as they complete their applications for admission using GAcademy411. In this session, learn more about GAC and receive tips for holding a successful event at your high school.

Presenters: Sarah Wenham, Director of Student Access, Board of Regents; Kachelle McCormick, GRA, Board of Regents; Celia Davis, School Counselor, Loganville Christian Academy; Torri Jackson, School Counselor, Bradwell Institute; Carey Crawford, School Counselor, Johnson High School

39. Girl Talk

Audience: Middle

Room: Grand Hall 4

Counselors and adults are invited to join inspiring 26-year-old author and activist HALEY KILPATRICK for a fun, interactive discussion about the ups and downs of middle school. In celebration of Haley's first book, THE DRAMA YEARS, as well as the 10th Anniversary of her non-profit peer mentoring organization, GIRL TALK, Haley engages parents, counselors, teachers and girls in a conversation about friendships, bullying, brands, body image and more, and provides concrete strategies for navigating these common challenges with confidence.

Presenter: Haley Kilpatrick, Founder and Executive Director of Girl Talk

40. Bridge Bill and Beyond: Your One-stop Shop for College and Career Readiness

Audience: Secondary

Room: Parthenon 2

This session will introduce programs and ideas that will help you with the implementation of a college-going culture and post-secondary awareness at the high school level. We will show simple but effective ways to get students thinking about their future and get your staff excited. You will also get effective tools needed to incorporate the Bridge Bill into a comprehensive, developmental guidance program. Lesson plans will be given for 9-12th graders that are grade level specific, appropriate and fun!

Presenters: Leslie Dendy, School Counselor, Collins Hill High School, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Paulina Prosser, School Counselor, Collins Hill High School, Gwinnett County Public Schools



Thursday Sessions

41. RTI, PBIS and Success: Putting the Pieces Together

Audience: Elementary

Room: High Shoals 1

Ever wonder why these kids can't just behave the way they should? Through RTI and PBIS, the counselor and teachers work together to teach good behavior and facilitate success for all students. This workshop will provide ideas to incorporate into your existing RTI and PBIS programs and include Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions for the students struggling with their behavior.

Presenter: Wendy Whedon, Counselor, Crescent Elementary, Griffin-Spalding County Schools

42. The LGBTQ Student High School-College Journey: Providing Meaningful Support

Audience: Middle/Secondary

Room: Olympia 1

Discussing the findings of a study on Georgia LGBTQ students' high school-college experiences, this interactive program focuses on the implications for counselors. Participants will engage in discussions examining how counselors can apply the findings into their school practices and instruction. Topics include: Comprehensive Counseling Programs (ASCA National Model) and the Advocacy Competencies, Counselor Role Identity Self-Clarification, Marketing the School Counselor, LGBTQ Awareness, Training and Integration.

Presenter: Ken Jackson, Ph.D., Head Counselor, City Schools of Decatur

Program Session 6 – 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

43. Technology Tools for the School Counselor

Audience: Elementary/Middle

Room: Cypress 1

This presentation will provide you with several technology tools that will enhance your presentations, 3rd-8th grade guidance lessons, and tips on communication with parents and students. Tools such as blogs, glogster, prezi, voki, and GoAnimate will be demonstrated.

Presenter: Dana Edwards, Gwinnett Online Campus, Gwinnett County Public Schools

44. The Power of Caring, Data-Based, Individual Student Advisement

Audience: Secondary

Room: Oconee River 1



Thursday Sessions

How one school uses data and a collaborative approach to drive powerful individual student talks resulting in 90+% graduation rates, school record ACT and SAT scores, AYP Distinguished Status as well as state and national recognitions based on fostering a sense of students' personal responsibility for collective goals.

Presenters: Gabe Crerie, Principal, Eagle's Landing High School; Elisha Parker, Counselor, Eagle's Landing High School; Karen Perry, Graduation Coach, Eagle's Landing High School

45. Practical Strategies to Revitalize Bullying Prevention Programs

Audience: All

Room: Grand Hall 2

Although many schools are required to implement Bullying Prevention Programs, many become stale if not updated regularly due to the dynamic nature of school cultures. This presentation will focus on using the ASCA Standards and Advocacy Competencies as a framework to revitalize school-based Bullying Prevention Programs. Primary focus will be spent presenting and discussing interventions and programming options which promote student ownership of and engagement in school-based Bullying Prevention Programs.

Presenters: Lauren Moss, School Counselor, Cobb County Public Schools; Christy Land, School Counselor, Cobb County Public Schools

46. Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes: Making Connections With Kids

Audience: All

Room: Parthenon 2

This fun, informative, engaging workshop will nudge your conscience a little or perhaps a lot. It will massage your thoughts to dig a little deeper. It will help you to answer the questions, "Am I making connections with kids? Am I connecting with the kids in my classroom, in my school and ultimately in my community? Am I enhancing the village or helping to tear it down? What side of the fence am I standing on? What part does perception play? What is diversity? Can I change the culture in my classroom and in my school? Am I ready?"

Presenter: Melissa Kimble, School Counselor, Bartlett Middle School, Savannah-Chatham Public School System

47. College and Career Readiness Track: Just Dual It!

Audience: Secondary

Room: Grand Hall 1

Did you know that over 90% of dually enrolled students in Georgia graduate high school? Also, dual enrolled students can help schools meet the College and Career Readiness Performance Index. Come learn how High School Initiatives Coordinators from the Technical College System of Georgia will help you apply strategies and solutions to create a college going culture and positive change in your schools.



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Presenter: Sheila Caldwell, High School Initiatives State Coordinator, Technical College System of Georgia

48. Integrating Play Therapy into Your ASCA Model Program

Audience: Elementary

Room: Olympia 1

Participants will learn how to integrate play-based interventions into their individual and small group counseling sessions, classroom guidance lessons, and teacher consultations to remove barriers to learning and help students achieve. The presenters will show examples of how we (or our colleagues) have united the philosophy and practice of play counseling with the ideals of the ASCA National Model in the real world.

Presenters: Lauren Wynne, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Georgia State University; Kelly Cowart, EdS, School Counselor, Sugar Hill Elementary School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

49. Where Everybody Knows Your Name - Creating a Culture of Community Amongst Middle School Students

Audience: Middle

Room: Olympia 2

Have you ever wanted to find a systemic program that includes ALL your students, encourages positive behavior, and a culture of respect, acceptance, and unity? This session is intended to give you creative and applicable strategies and interventions that school counselors can implement to create an environment of civility including a culture of respect, acceptance, and positive behavior amongst their staff and students.

Presenters: Courtney Gaines, School Counselor, Pinkneyville Middle School, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Brandee Appling, School Counselor, Bay Creek Middle School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

50. Sometimes You're the Big Fish, and Sometimes You're the Bait: Keys to a Successful Transition for Your Rising Ninth Graders

Audience: Secondary

Room: Empire 2

One day you're the big fish, and the next day you're the bait. The Bradwell Institute's 8th Grade Transition Program is designed to help eighth graders prepare to navigate those treacherous waters known as Ninth Grade!!! In easing this transition, it is our goal to reduce the number of 9th grade drop-outs, decrease the number of failed courses among 9th graders, increase the number of students achieving on-time promotions, and increase the graduation rate of the cohort.

Presenters: Brandi Helton, High School Counselor, Bradwell Institute, Liberty County School System; Lea Bailey, Graduation Coach, Bradwell Institute, Liberty County School System

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51. Centers: A Truly Unique Way to Engage Students During Guidance

Audience: Elementary

Room: Grand Hall 4

Are you suddenly on the specials rotation? Are you feeling like there is nothing "new" to try? Centers may be the answer. Centers can be developmental, engaging and the answer to your dilemma. Join us in this session as we explore and guide you on how to use centers during your guidance.

Presenters: Shelly Otis, EdS., LPC, Elementary School Counselor, Haw Creek Elementary, Forsyth County Schools; Sonia Stewart, EdS., LPC, Elementary School Counselor, Chestnut Mountain Elementary, Hall County Schools

52. Board Games and Card Games and Life

Audience: Elementary

Room: High Shoals 2

In this session, you will learn how to use popular games to engage in conversations about life, behavior, and setting goals. Sometimes students struggle to see the "big picture," but when that picture is shrunk down to a game, opportunities arise for positive thinking and improved behavior.

Presenter: Anthony Pearson, School Counselor and Author, Cobb County School District

53. Navigating the Borders: Helping our High-achieving, Undocumented Students Overcome Obstacles to Higher Education

Audience: Secondary

Room: Parthenon 1

As it becomes more difficult for our high-achieving, undocumented students to be able to go to college because of legislation, financial strain and documentation, this session will give counselors the avenues to help these students who deserve to further their education despite the obstacle of their immigration status.

Presenters: Kristin Schloemer Bryant, School Counselor, Wheeler High School, Cobb County School District; Alba Gutierrez, Parent Facilitator, Wheeler High School, Cobb County School District

54. Classroom Guidance with English Language Learners in Mind

Audience: All

Room: Cypress 2

School counselors use classroom guidance to share academic, personal/social and career information with entire student populations. As school demographics become more diverse, it is imperative that these sessions be accessible to all students. This presentation will inform school counselors of ways to make their counseling lessons accessible to English Language Learners. A school counselor and ESOL teacher will share strategies to make guidance sessions more engaging for all learners.



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Presenters: Leonissa Johnson, School Counselor, Cobb County School District; Amy Cain, Teacher, Cobb County School District

55. Adolescent Substance Abuse: Methamphetamine on the Rise

Audience: All

Room: Oconee River 2

The use of methamphetamine (MA) is on the rise. It is imperative for school counselors to be knowledgeable of such use since the average age consists of fourteen. The use of MA could have lasting effects even after one use. Since teenage brains are still developing and forming, MA use will have the most detrimental effect to school-aged individuals. School counselors will be provided with important information on this drug and its abuse among middle and high school students.

Presenters: Latessa Hill, The Museum School of Avondale Estates, Mercer University PhD Student; S. Elizabeth Adcock, Mercer University Graduate Student; Bonnie Beck, Mercer University Graduate Student

56. 3 C's for Your Counseling Program: Conflict Resolution, Careers, and Character Building

Audience: Elementary

Room: Grand Hall 5

3 C's of a Counseling Program - Careers, Conflict Resolution, and Character Building! We will share some ideas for classroom guidance, small groups, and school-wide programs for helping with 3 "C's" that are current hot topics in education. You will leave with classroom guidance, small group, and school-wide activities that you can take back and implement at your school!

Presenters: Merrill Baxley, School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Jennifer Diaz, Ed.S., LPC, School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Ginny Wages, Ed.S., LPC, School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools

57. Cyber Bullying: A Systemic Threat to the Success of Our Children

Audience: All

Room: High Shoals 1

This session will provide participants with an interactive approach to decreasing the threat to our children via cyber bullying, the silent threat that has caused low self-esteem, depression, and in some cases suicidal ideation. The presenters will discuss legal, social, and academic aspects to help combat cyber bullying in schools as well as provide support for students that have faced negative online experiences.

Presenters: Chon Hester, High School Counselor, Henry County Schools; Delicia Fellers, High School Counselor, Henry County Schools

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This year's Recognition Ceremony provides GSCA Annual Conference attendees with an opportunity for participating in the acknowledgement and recognition of Georgia school counselors who have excelled in specific areas. While GSCA recognizes that each professional school counselor in Georgia provides immeasurable services towards the positive development of our youth on a daily basis, GSCA also recognizes the effort of individual counselors who have met or exceeded regional, state and national guidelines for meeting benchmarks of excellence.

...Joey Brewer, 2001 GSCA President



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 Friday Agenda

Friday, November 9, 2012 The Classic Center

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration in Exhibits Hall
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast in Exhibits Hall
7:30 am – 11:00 am	Exhibits
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Archives in Exhibits Hall
8:00 am – 9:15 am	Work Setting Meetings
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Membership Assembly
10:45 am – 12:45 pm	Closing Session
	Roll Call of Regions

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For more information, contact Kathryn Sadowski, Professional Development chair, at ksadowski@glynn.k12.ga.us.



Friday Sessions

Worksetting Meetings – 8:00 am – 9:15 am

Elementary

Room: Grand Hall 1

Are you an elementary counselor and scared of data? Do your knees knock when you hear the word "pre-test"? Have no fear; this session is for you! Learn how to collect data easily and efficiently through your elementary comprehensive program. Become a "data-buster" and show accountability with stakeholders by proving your program works! Share best practices and network with other elementary counselors who have outstanding data-based programs.

Elementary Worksetting Vice President: Davesha Gibbs

Middle

Room: Grand Hall 2

Come one, come all! Well, at least professional middle school counselors!!! Let us come together prepared to discuss and share BEST practices, resources, BRIDGE law concerns, and RTI interventions. Please bring copies of any documents so they can be collected, scanned, and sent via email to the masses!

Middle Worksetting Vice President: Tracy Edwards

Secondary

Room: Grand Hall 4

If you are a secondary counselor looking to RAMP-up your school counseling program based on the ASCA National Model, join your colleagues for an informative session on how to have a model program and become a RAMP school!

Secondary Worksetting Vice President: Torri Jackson

Graduate Student

Room: Olympia 1

The program will provide graduate students with information that will help them to make career connections including certification, networking, and social media. The program will assist students in identifying employment opportunities and getting hired.

Graduate Student Liaison: Tracy Tuck

Counselor Coordinator/Educator

Room: Grand Hall 5

Join us for an opportunity to network and participate in open discussion about the issues and concerns relevant to Counselor Coordinators and Educators in Georgia.

Counselor Coordinator/Educator Liaison: Mark Ellis



MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Friday, November 9, 2012
9:30 am – 10:30 am
Classic Center Theatre

Presiding: Barbara Strickland, GSCA President

Call to Order	Barbara Strickland, President
Voting Procedures	Jenny Lacy, Parliamentarian
Approval of Agenda	Barbara Strickland, President
2011 Membership Assembly Minutes.....	Sloane Molloy, Secretary
Treasurer's Report.....	Maria Grovner, Treasurer
2012-2013 Budget	Maria Grovner, Treasurer

New Business Committee Reports

Beacon	Leslie Hamilton, Second Vice President
Bylaws	Jenny Lacy, Parliamentarian
Advocacy and Public Policy.....	Julie Hartline, Advocacy Chair
Membership.....	Julie Spires, President-Elect
Nominations and Elections.....	Gail Smith, Immediate Past President
Professional Recognition.....	Nicole Pflieger, Professional Recognitions Chair
Closing Remarks/Adjournment.....	Barbara Strickland, President



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Members wishing to submit new business may leave a copy explaining their business at the GSCA Registration Desk in a sealed envelope addressed to President Barbara Strickland no later than 4:30pm on Thursday, November 8, 2012.

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Prelude.....Hilsman Middle School Concert Chorus
Welcoming Remarks and Introductions Barbara Strickland, President
Roll Call of Regions Mel Jackson, Region Chair at Large
Musical SelectionHilsman Middle School Concert Chorus
Introduction of Speaker Barbara Strickland, President
Keynote Speaker..... Reggie Dabbs
Invitation to Annual Conference 2013 Julie Spires, President-Elect
Closing Remarks Barbara Strickland, President

Friday, November 9, 2012
10:45 am – 12:45 pm
Classic Center Theatre

Reggie Dabbs



Born to an unwed teenager who at one time considered abortion as a viable option for solving her "problem," Reggie Dabbs considers himself fortunate to be alive. With no place to go, his mother called on a former teacher for help. After Reggie was born that teacher and her husband cared for him until they officially adopted Reggie and gave him the Dabbs name. As the Dabbs' reared Reggie, they instilled in him strong moral values, for which he is genuinely grateful.

After graduating from college, Reggie began his public speaking. Reggie talks to the kids in a humorous style about choices each of them has when faced with drugs, alcohol, suicide, etc. He also talks to kids about family and how thankful they should be that they have families. Most of all, Reggie drives home the fact that "You can never change your past, but you can change your future!"



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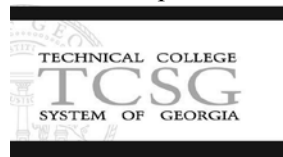
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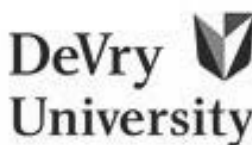
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- To the GSCA Executive Office, for their support, direction, and many hours of work behind the scenes to support our conference and to make sure the conference runs smoothly. Thank you Sarah Jackson, Jennie Nesspor and Lorri Banker!
- To my wonderful family, especially my husband Tim, for always supporting and encouraging me as I pursued my love of school counseling and GSCA.
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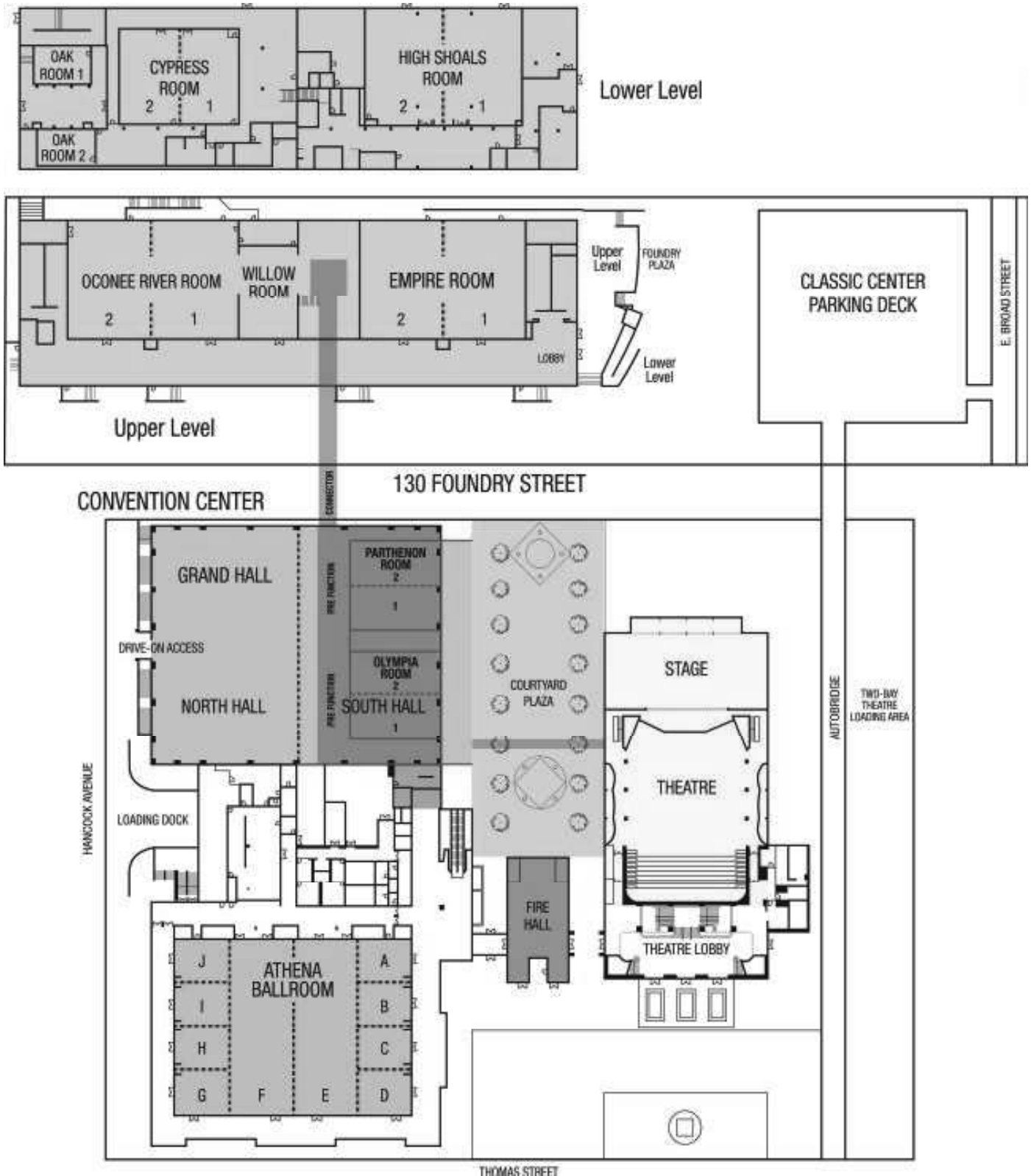
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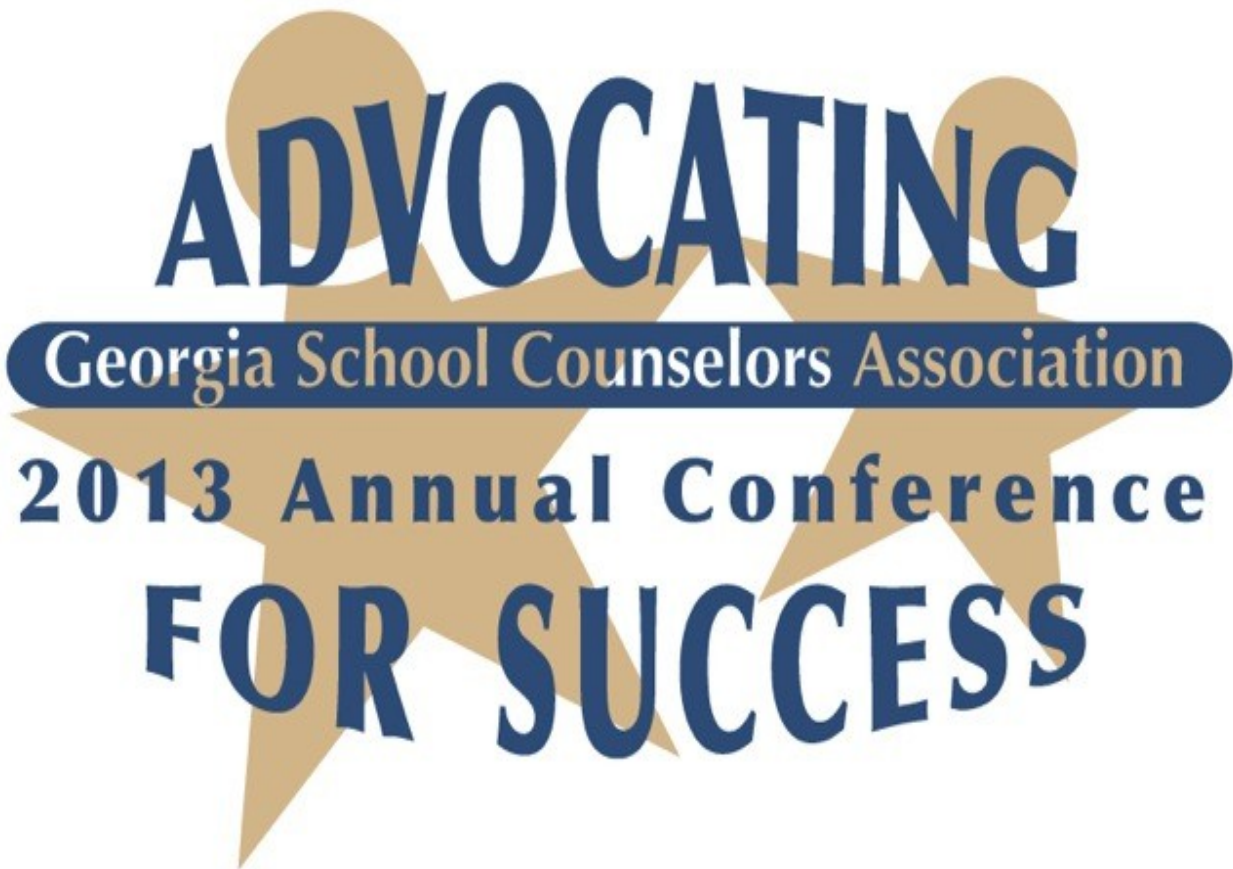
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