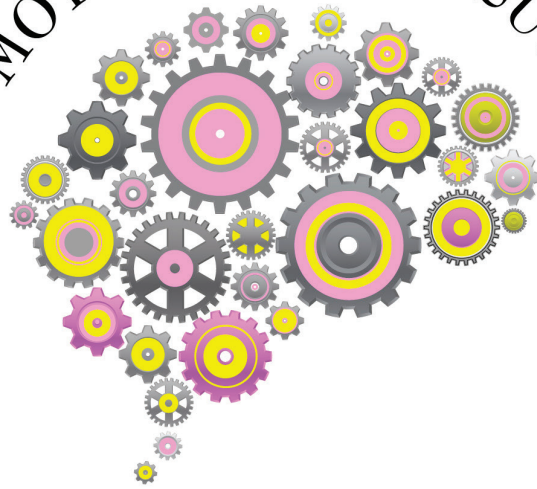
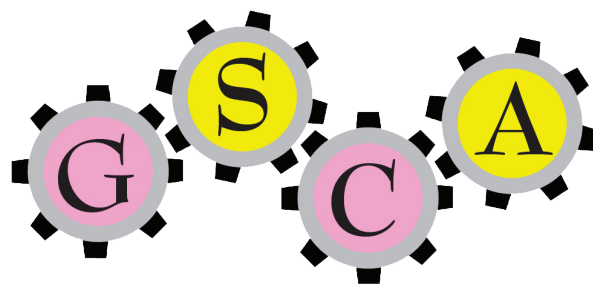


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2017 Annual Conference
November 8 - 10, 2017
Jekyll Island Convention Center
Jekyll Island, GA

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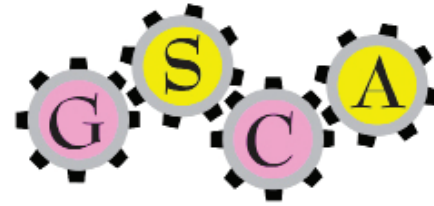
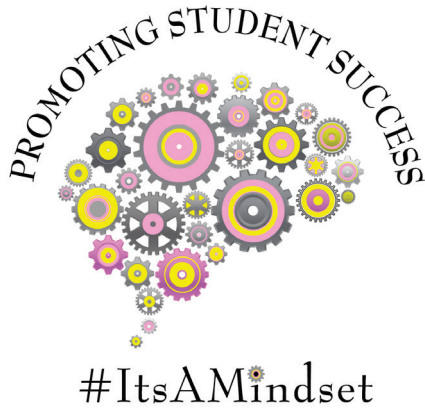


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Georgia School Counselor Association

Schedule at a Glance

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Jekyll Island, Georgia
November 8 - 10, 2017

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration Desk Open
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am **Pre-Conference**
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Continued
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- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Newcomers Session
- 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm Spotlight on Exhibits and Meet & Greet with Candidates
- 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Opening Session with Dr. Adolph Brown - **“Reflective Counselors are Effective Counselors”**
- 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm Professional Recognition Ceremony
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm President’s Dessert Reception

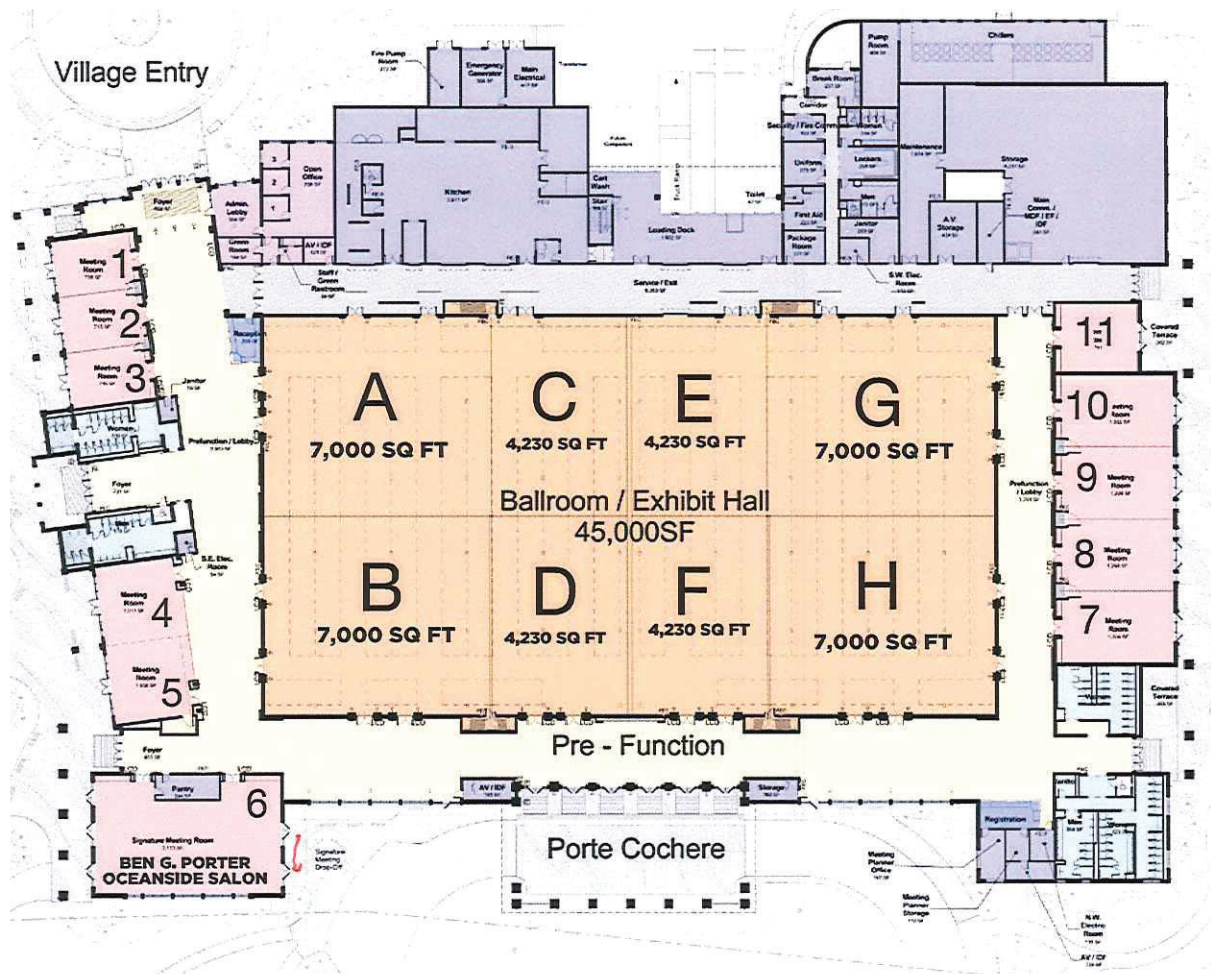
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am GSCA 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk for Keris Kares
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration Desk Open
- 8:30 am - 9:45 am Concurrent Sessions (2)
- 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am Membership Assembly
- 11:15 am - 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions (3)
- 12:30 am - 1:30 pm Lunch Break On Your Own
- 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (4)
- 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Manufacturing Expo and Technical College Cornucopia
- 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm Spotlight on Exhibits and Meet & Greet the Candidates
- 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (5)
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Leadership Team / PPAC Dinner
- 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm PROBE Party

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am Yoga
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am Army Boot Camp
Brought to you by the Army ROTC
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am Registration Desk Open
- 8:30 am - 10:30 am Exhibit Hall Open
- 8:30 am - 9:45 am Concurrent Sessions (6)
- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Information Desk and CEU Drop Off
- 10:00 am - 11:15 am Region Networking and Education *(open to all conference attendees)*
- 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Closing Luncheon with Dave Moody
“Counselors Thinking Outside the Box in Dealing with Kids with Trauma”

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President's Message



Greetings School Counselors!!!

Welcome to the 2017 Georgia School Counselor Association Annual Conference here on beautiful majestic Jekyll Island! Our conference theme is Georgia School Counselors Promoting Student Success....#ItsAMindset! The conference team and I truly hope that you spend the next couple of days recharging, retooling, and expanding your networks and mindset so that success becomes the only option for you and your students. To facilitate your growth, the conference team and your fellow counselors across the state of Georgia have filled the next two and a half days with quality program sessions and keynotes that will help you take your skills to the next level.

Our keynote speakers will remind you of the power and skill counselors possess as we make meaningful connections with students and key stake holders in our communities and schools. We are often the glue in our schools that holds it all together. This responsibility

can be a toll on our health in general, so we have made sure to provide opportunities to refill your own buckets with self-care sessions and activities, opportunities to learn and play, as well as opportunities to focus on your health and participate in stress relieving, mind freeing activities. Reflect on what your strengths are as a counselor and how you can share that with your peers also think about the areas of your work that you would like to develop more.

In addition to furthering your professional growth, we encourage you to take this time to network and to expand your professional circles. Reconnect with old friends while making it a point to meet at least three new counselors. Strike up a conversation with the counselor sitting next to you at a session, smile at someone as you make your way to lunch. I have learned, as you have that an act of kindness goes a long way.

We will also gather to celebrate those counselors that shine bright among us. Georgia continues to dominate the national scene with eighteen Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) schools for 2017; the largest number of any state. Additionally, a number of our Georgia School Counselors have been recognized and celebrated across the state, region, and nation for their work with students.

I am deeply excited to see each and every one of you and look forward to the opportunity to hear of the great work you are doing with your students and to share in the experience of growth. We are skilled individual counselors but collectively, we are an amazing profession. I am truly humbled to lead GSCA this year and to continue the important work on behalf of Georgia's students.

Thank you for your dedication to the school counseling profession and for your commitment to being a life-long learner. You will change the world! #ItsAMindset

Have an amazing time at conference!!

Tinisha Parker
GSCA 2017 President

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2017 Conference Team



Left to right: Torri Jackson, Dianne Thompson, Tinisha Parker, Dwight Jackson, Barbara Strickland, Kathryn Sadowski and Jennifer Jones

Greetings from the 2017 Conference Team! It has truly been my pleasure to work alongside some of the most dedicated school counselors in the profession. They have worked tirelessly to make this year's conference a worthwhile event for us all. Each detail has been carefully considered as we worked to maintain the quality of staff development that has become customary for GSCA. The 2017 Conference Team also put their creativity to work and included unique, fun, engaging, and educational opportunities for conference attendees. I cannot express enough how integral they have been to the planning and execution of this conference. On a personal note they have kept me steady by always giving a word of encouragement or taking the lead when needed. We have laughed, stressed and ultimately figured it out together. They have truly been my Dream Team.

Please join me in extending a sincere and heartfelt thanks to Barbara Stickland, Chair; Torri Jackson, Content Vice Chair; Kathryn Sadowski, Host City Chair; Dianne Thompson, Jennifer Jones, and Dwight Jackson for their dedication to and love of GSCA. Their many hours of hard work and personal sacrifice has not gone unnoticed. 2017 Conference Team we thank you!

Fondly,
Tinisha Parker, President

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Georgia School Counselor Association

Welcome to Brunswick, GA!

On behalf of the City of Brunswick Commission and citizens, it gives me great pleasure to “Welcome” The Georgia School Counselor Association to the Gateway of the Golden Isles! We are delighted that you have chosen Brunswick for your 2017 Fall Conference. We look forward to your stay in November and extend best wishes for a productive conference.

Brunswick is a City of tradition with proven southern hospitality and excellent facilities, and it is considered an honor to share this with you. Please take time out of your busy schedule to tour our local area attractions, learn about the culture and history and visit our Old Town National Register Historic District in Downtown Brunswick. Also consider taking a stroll on our tree-lined streets, enjoy a variety of specialty shops and feast on some of the best fine dining around.

We hope your stay will be a memorable occasion; and you leave refreshed and excited about your stay. Please know you are always welcome here and we hope you will consider visiting again in the near future.

With warmest regards, I am



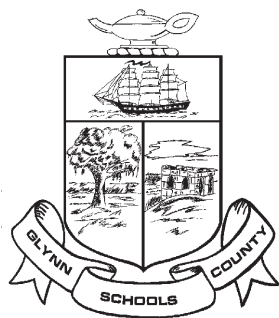
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Dear Georgia School Counselor Association Members,

On behalf of the Glynn County School System and our team of dedicated educators and support personnel, it is an honor to welcome you to Jekyll Island for the Georgia School Counselor Association's 2017 Annual Conference.

Comprehensive school counseling programs play a key role in education, helping students to reach their full potential by exploring their abilities, strengths, interests and talents. Working side-by-side with teachers and administrators, you are uniquely positioned to provide the intangibles that many students need to navigate their path to a successful future. Your conference theme – "Promoting Student Success - #ItsAMindset" – highlights the importance of truly believing that every student has within him or her the ability to succeed given the proper guidance, support and encouragement. I have no doubt that keynote speakers Dr. Adolph Brown and C. David Moody, Jr., and the excellent slate of sessions and events will have you energized and excited about making a difference in the lives of your students.

Hopefully you will take an opportunity to experience the natural beauty and enticing amenities of Georgia's Golden Isles during your stay. From the beaches and golf courses, to the history of Jekyll's Millionaire's Village, to Brunswick's quaint downtown or the shops and restaurants at the St. Simons Pier, there is something to entice every interest.

Thank you for your dedication to the students, families and communities that you serve. Best wishes for successful and memorable conference!

Sincerely,

Dr. Virgil Cole

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All Conference attendees and exhibitors must wear a name badge **at all times**. These will be checked for admittance to all sessions (including Opening and Closing), Reception, Closing Luncheon, and events.

Professional Development Information

Attendees may apply for CEU/NBCC credits for attending the annual conference and will need to complete a form to receive any credits. The cost of applying for CEU and NBCC credits is included in this year's registration fee, but "yes" must have been selected on your registration form.

Forms will be provided in your conference registration packet to record conference sessions attended. These forms must be turned in to the registration desk by the end of the conference in order to be filed for credit. No late forms will be accepted

NBCC: ASCA grants the NBCC credit hours. You will receive credit within your GSCA account from the GSCA Executive Office after conference.

CEU: Attendees must track and submit their information to a certifying body to receive CEU credit.

What food functions are included in your registration fee?

- Wednesday's Spotlight on Exhibits Break
- Wednesday's President's Dessert Reception (*desserts and cash bar*)
- Thursday's Spotlight on Exhibits Break
- Friday Closing Lunch

What is NOT included in your registration fee?

- Breakfast on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday
- Lunch on Wednesday or Thursday
- Dinner on Wednesday or Thursday
- PreConference Workshops on Wednesday (*pre-ordered prior to conference*)
- Conference and Service Project T-Shirts (*pre-ordered prior to conference*)

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Spotlight on Exhibits

Exhibit Treasure Hunt

All conference attendees are invited and encouraged to take time to visit the exhibit hall to meet, talk with and explore the treasures of our wonderful exhibitors. Our exhibitors contribute so much to our conference! Visiting the exhibit hall is a great opportunity to visit with, thank and network with our exhibitors, obtain great educational and counseling materials, learn about new programs, resources, and services. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet and network with key educational leaders, fellow GSCA members and conference attendees from around the state of Georgia.

Throughout the conference, our exhibitors will be stamping your treasure hunt card as you visit with them. Your treasure hunt card will be in your conference bag. Once your card is full, with all squares stamped, place it in the Treasure Hunt Box for the opportunity to win various door prizes. The box, for depositing your Treasure Hunt card, will be located at the conference registration desk. Door prizes will be awarded during "Spotlight on Exhibitors" and at the closing session of conference. You **MUST** be present to win. Please make sure your full name, county and school are legibly written on you stamped treasure hunt card before turning it in. Note: the treasure hunt is only with exhibitors in the exhibit hall. Those exhibitors that will be present for the Manufacturing Expo and the Technical Cornucopia will **NOT** be participating in the Treasure Hunt!

Exhibit Hall Hours

Visit the exhibit areas located in Ballroom CDEF.

Wednesday, November 8
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 9
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday, November 10
8:30 am - 10:30 am

Tips for Networking With Exhibitors:

- ◆ Be sure to stop and talk with exhibitors - don't just rush around trying to collect stamps. **They appreciate the conversation!**
- ◆ Please don't interrupt exhibitors to stamp your card when they are speaking with other conference attendees.
- ◆ Try to visit each and every exhibitor. Their support helps to ensure we can keep conference fees low.

NEW THIS YEAR...

Manufacturing Expo and Technical College Cornucopia

In our ongoing effort in improving opportunities during our annual conference for our attendees, GSCA has put together the Manufacturing Expo and Technical College Cornucopia which will be held in the Exhibit hall on Thursday, November 9, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Twenty-two of the Georgia Technical Colleges (TCSG) will be showcasing and highlighting some of their programs. TCSG ensures companies have the skilled workers needed to build and maintain a competitive advantage. The 23 colleges of the Technical College System of Georgia offer affordable education and excellent training in more than 600 certificate, diploma and two-year associate degree programs – the specialized knowledge employer's demand. Responding to the needs of today's companies is the first priority of Georgia's technical colleges. TCSG colleges offer world-class programs related to the six industries that have been identified as essential to keeping Georgia competitive in the global economy: aerospace, healthcare, life sciences including biotechnology, agribusiness, energy and the environment, and logistics and transportation.

In addition, several companies from the area and around the state, will also be on hand to showcase their careers and companies. The goal is to change the perception of manufacturing, inspire students to pursue manufacturing careers, and strengthen the future of manufacturing by avoiding the talent shortage. Manufacturing jobs are highly skilled. Not only that, but they take place in some of the most exciting, innovative work environments anywhere.

This Expo and Technical College Cornucopia will be a great opportunity to explore, and learn about a great variety of career options for your students. We all want our students to leave high school with strong academic skills, an awareness of the career fields that interest them and the work ready skills necessary to be successful. This Expo will be an excellent opportunity for school counselors to learn valuable knowledge and insight as you work with your students plan for their careers.



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Wednesday, November 8

Agenda at a Glance

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Registration Desk Hours

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Pre-Conference Sessions

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Learn and Play Excursions

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Exhibit Hall Hours

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Newcomers' Session

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Spotlight on Exhibits

Meet and Greet the Candidates

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Opening Session

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

Awards Ceremony

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

President's Dessert Reception

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Location: Meeting Room 10
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Session 2 - **Ethics** - *Tracey Pace Continued*
Location: Ballroom G
- Session 3 - **"Transforming Toxic Stress: Mindfulness Skills for School Counselors and Their Students"** - *Dr. Peter Montminy Continued*
Location: Ballroom H
- 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1)**

Increasing Academics through a Growth Mindset
Tierney E. Langdon, Gwinnett County Public Schools
Location: Meeting Room 1

Students considered "at risk" often show academic gaps in their fundamental skills necessary in education. Poor academic performance can be a contributing factor to an adolescents negative self image. Students who gain support in academics, while learning to have personal value will increase their efforts

in educational work and self assurance. In this session students begin to understand growth mindsets, and how growth mindset language can positively impact a student's attitude and success in education. *(Target Audience: Middle, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Twitter: Connecting Counselors #OneHashtagAtATime
Laura Ross, Five Forks Middle School, Gwinnett County Public Schools and Nichol Shelton Webb, Pate's Creek Elementary School, Henry County Schools
Location: Ben Porter Salon Room 6

Twitter conjures up the worst of the internet: disjointed, meaningless phrases, unrecognizable abbreviations, mean tweets, and endless drivel about what someone is wearing. So, why Tweet? School counselors can use Twitter to create a Professional Learning Network (PLN) to connect them with counselors from all over the world. Download the Twitter app and learn Twitter basics, what Twitter has to offer school counselors, who to connect with, and experience a mini Twitter chat. Get ready to learn Twitter #OneHashtagAtATime! *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)*

Helping the Helper... Self Wellness, Self-Care, & Mindfulness
Shaketha Blankenship, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, NCSC, Atlanta Public Schools and Tamila Jackson-Whitaker, Ed.S., Atlanta Public Schools
Location: Meeting Room 5

School counselors are integral in improving self-efficacy and the health of others. Balancing self-care and professional care is often a challenge for school counselors and other helping professionals. Due to ethical, emotional, and mental implications, it is incumbent upon school counselors to be aware of the importance of identifying and maintaining self-wellness. The purpose of the presentation is to provide an overview of counselor wellness, best practices of maintaining wellness, and strategies to establish a work-life balance. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary)*

Employability Skills Toolkit for Counselors
Dr. Barbara Wall, Director of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education, Georgia Department of Education
Location: Meeting Room 3

According to Georgia's business and industry representatives, the number one reason potential candidates are hired is the same reason employees are fired – soft skills. What can Georgia counselors do to help ensure that students have the soft skills needed when they graduate high school? Participants will have answers to this question and will receive an Employability Skills Tool Kit for use with students to help them develop soft skills. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary)*

College Financial Aid 101
Carl Buck, Discover Student Loans
Location: Meeting Room 4

This presentation is a general overview of the college financial aid process and how a student can use 'personal branding' to market themselves to schools. The session will cover how to

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appeal a financial aid award and understanding the institutions use of 'professional judgment'. Key topics of discussion include: importance of early college planning, Expected Family Contribution (EFC), understanding the Net Price Calculator (NPC), the financial aid award letter and loan options. *(Target Audience: Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Department of Juvenile Justice - Building a Better Future

Zane Shelfer, Department of Juvenile Justice

Location: Meeting Room 11

If you have ever wondered what happens when a student enters the Department of Juvenile Justice School System, this presentation is for you. Come learn how the Department of Juvenile Justice School System is working to build a better future for students while they are enrolled. An overview of the agency and school system will be provided. In addition, information about programs, graduation, reentry, and transition into and out of the system will be discussed. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary)*

Tools Counselors Can Use to Support Student Success

Dr. Dawn Mann, Harrison High School, Cobb County School District, 2017 ASCA Counselor of the Year Finalist; Rachel McCoy, M.Ed., Ed.S., The CollegeBoard; Dr. Brent Shropshire, The CollegeBoard

Location: Meeting Room 8

Participants will learn about FREE tools designed for counselors by The College Board (i.e. K-12 score portal, ready-made handouts, presentations, and advisement guides). New and enhanced features of the Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy will be shared. Participants will leave with ideas for best practices to work smarter, not harder and a toolkit for implementing these resources in their schools or districts. *(Target Audience: Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Move on When Ready, Steady, Go! TCSG and USG Enrollment Opportunities for High School Students

Dianne Lassai Barker, Technical College System of Georgia and Sarah Wenham, University System of Georgia

Location: Meeting Room 9

Georgia's Move on When Ready (MOWR)/ Dual Enrollment program provides students the opportunity to earn college credit while completing their high school graduation requirements. With tuition, many fees, and textbooks covered by the program, and with many other benefits to enrolling in college while in high school, MOWR participation is growing. Join us to learn more about the MOWR program and how your students can participate at the TCSG and USG colleges and universities across the state. *(Target Audience: Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)*

Student Transitions: Promoting Student Success on the Elementary Level

Maret Paschal, Ed.S., Gwinnett County Public Schools

Location: Meeting Room 7

The word "Transition" should evoke positive feelings. However, it tends to have a negative connotation among students and parents. Transitioning especially from an elementary school to a middle school, evokes a wide variety of emotions, behaviors, and concerns for upper elementary school students. This workshop will include numerous strategies that prepare students in deeming transition as a positive change or movement.

Strategies for students (and parents) will be discussed for positive transitioning from the elementary school to a middle school level, prekindergarten level to the formal school setting, along with from one elementary grade level to the next grade level. *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

LGBTQ Youth School Experiences: Am I Safe?

Dr. Cedric Cooks, LPC, NCC, NCSC, Norcross High School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Location: Meeting Room 10

In the last decade, there have been great strides made in LGBT rights; however, change can come very slowly to the LGBTQ youth in our nation schools. Unfortunately, LGBTQ students continue to experience widespread discrimination and harrasment in school which threatens their psychological well-being and impedes their educational outcomes. LGBTQ youth continue to report that they don't feel safe in school or supported by adults. Implementing appropriate resources are highly important and effective in changing the school climate for LGBTQ youth. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary)*

YouScience - Revolutionary Career Guidance: Getting the Right Students into the Right Programs

Martine Mahoney, VP of Client Services, YouScience, LLC

Location: Meeting Room 2

Learn how your school can take advantage of Georgia's revolutionary career guidance program - YouScience. YouScience, which has been approved for use by the Georgia DOE and TCSG, uses aptitude-based brain games to help students identify their natural talents. The program gives counselors analytics to help put the right students into the right programs. Presentation will include a demo of the YouScience assessment, the talent pipeline reports perfect for CTAE programs and post secondary pathways and implementation best practices. Find out how you can join, for FREE, the 100+ schools in GA already using YouScience. *(Target Audience: Secondary)*

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

Location: Ballroom CDEF

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Newcomers Session

Location: Meeting Room 2

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Spotlight on Exhibits and Meet & Greet with Candidates

Location: Ballroom CDEF

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Opening Session

Location: Ballroom AB

Call to Order

Tinisha Jackson, President

Posting of Colors

Marshes of Glynn Girl Scouts

National Anthem

Glynn Academy Trio

Alex Hill, Leah Serino, and Sophie Gordon; Under the direction of

Nathaniel Roper

Wednesday Conference Schedule

Recognition of our Titanium Sponsor
U.S. Army ROTC

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions
Tinisha Parker, President

Welcome
Supt. Dr. Virgil Cole, Glynn County
School System

Elections
Torri Jackson, Immediate Past President

Special Presentations
Tinisha Parker, President
Service Project
Deidre Bemby, Service Project Chair

Introduction of Speaker
Tinisha Parker, President

Keynote Address
Dr. Adolph Brown
**"Reflective Counselors are Effective
Counselors"**

Self-reflection is a humbling process. It's essential to find out why we think, say, and do certain things...then better ourselves. Self-reflection and self-correction are the highest forms of self learning and healing, thus to change the world around us, we must first change the world within us. At the end of this keynote, attendees will know that no matter how good a lesson is, one's teaching strategies can always be improved as well as learn the process of connecting self- reflection to the teaching process.

Closing Remarks
Tinisha Parker, President

Special Entertainment
*Brunswick High School Marching Pirates
Under the direction of Director John
Birge*

Announcements

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm

Professional Recognition Ceremony
*See page 17 for more information on
our Award winners*
Location: Salon 6 / Ben Porter Room

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

President's Dessert Reception
*Join President Tinisha Parker as we
celebrate the 2017 GSCA Award
winners.*
Location: Salon 6 / Ben Porter Room

2017-2018 GSCA Service Project



The GSCA Service Project for 2017-2018 is a partnership with KerisKares in honor of our many members, their families, our students, and other loved ones who are struggling with childhood cancer. On November 22, 2013, four-year old Keris Bemby was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Keris battled cancer bravely with the outpouring of support and love from family, friends, and caring strangers. Twenty months later on July 12, 2015, Keris would gain her angel wings.

KerisKares was founded to provide other families who were battling cancer with love, support and encouragement. GSCA is both humbled and honored to join forces for such a worthy cause. In our efforts to support the mission of KerisKares, GSCA has several events planned at conference. Please join in GSCA's efforts to support KerisKares by purchasing a service project t-shirt and donating to their cause. All donations collected from GSCA will be forwarded to KerisKares.

To show our support of KerisKares, please wear your KerisKares service project t-shirt on Thursday November 9th as a display of solidarity with the many families and children across Georgia that are battling cancer. Thank you for your support of KerisKares.

GSCA Recognizes Our 21-30 Year Counselors

Karen Alligood	Cooper Elementary School	Lisa Johnson	Lake City Elementary School
Billie Anderson	Retired	Whigham	
Christy Armstrong	Duncan Creek Elementary School	Jennifer Jones	East Coweta High School
Mae Austin	Greenforest Christian Academy	Nancy Jones	Wesleyan School
Charles Barnes	Wadsworth Magnet Theme School	Tony Jones	Crawford Long Middle School
Judith Barrington	New Mountain Hill Elementary School	Julie Jordan	Glynn Academy
Dona Barrow	Glynn Academy	Mary Leigh King	Fickett Elementary School
Laura Bartley	Worth Primary School	Deanna Klein	Deanna Klein
Nancy Beane	The Westminster Schools	Leslie Kollasch	Inman Elementary School
Jeff Bennett	Cherokee County School District	Michael Law	Valdosta High School
Jan Black	North Hall High School	Susann Livingston	McDonough
Haqiqa Bolling	Renfroe Middle School	Kathy Lovett	Fitzgerald High School
Andrea Bottchen	Putnam County Primary School	Lyn Martin	Cook Middle School
Danita Boyd	Pinevale Elementary School	Lori McNease	Brantley County High School
Laura Brendle	Sugarmill Elementary School	Tabitha McRae	Dodge County High School
Jenni Briggs	Kemp Elementary School	Holly McShane	Habersham Central High School
Frankie Broussard	Frankie Broussard	Claire Murphy	Sope Creek Elementary School
Sandra Brown	Rock Springs Elementary School	Michelle Ogles	Bartow County Schools
Michele Brown	Knight Elementary School	Julia Owens	
Susan Carman	North Hart Elementary School	Sally Page	Riverwood International Charter School
Jan Carr	Dublin High School	Angela Perry	Benefield Elementary School
Mignon Carter	East Coweta Middle School	Michele Ramsey	Morgan County Charter School System
Gwendolyn Carter	West End Academy PLC	Kathy Richards	Charles R. Drew High School
Linda Charrette	Ford Elementary School	Sydney Rosemore	Hall County Schools
Julia Chibbaro		Mandy Ruddell	Cobb County School District-Ford
Sheila Compitello	Mirror Lake Elementary School	Cindy Sabula	Taylor Road Middle School
Tonya Corbett	Forsyth Central High School	Tammy Shealey	Thomas County Central High School
Kristin Cristelli	JC Booth Middle School	Barbara Smith	DeKalb County School District
Susanne Croft	Susanne Croft	Beverly Smith	Fort Valley Middle School
Stacey Cross	Lincoln Elem. Magnet School	Gail Smith	Cobb County School District
Christy Curry	Dublin High School	Beverly Stewart	Bibb County Board of Education
Suzette Daniel	Baggett Elementary School	Sharon Strickland	Eastside Elementary School
Carolyn Dillard	Rabun County Primary School	Leslie Styles	
Katherine Dixon	David L. Rainer Elementary School	Tami Summers	Fannin County Middle School
David Dobson	Diamond Elementary School	Deborah Sutton	Retired
Beulah Evans	Center Elementary School	Dorothy Tatmon	Forrest Road Elementary School
Tracy Fields	Lost Mountain Middle School	Kimberly Tepker	Duluth High School
Margaret Flavin	Langford Middle School	Peggy Thomas	
Julie Floyd	Gwinnett County Public Schools	Dianne Thompson	
Jennifer Frederick	Sope Creek Elementary	Jacqueline Tinnin	Pickens County Schools
Ray Fussell	Atkinson County High School	Alice Gay	Tranum Brookwood Elementary School
Sherry Gary	Woodward Academy - Primary School	Sharon Turk	East Hall Middle School
Claudette Gillespie	Hart County High School	Melisa Utley	Annie Belle Clark
Tere Goodwin	Fayette County Alternative Education Program	Jacqueline Verner	Norton Park Elementary School
		Angela Votsis	Retired
Maria Grovner	Atlanta Public Schools	Missy Walker	
K. Ellen Hagan	Retired	Jennifer Walker	Fannin County High School
Patricia Harris	ISECS	Pamela Walker	
Laura Hawes	Clarkdale	LaVerne Ware	Renfroe Middle School
Glenda Hayes	Newton County School System	Jolli Weaver	Lithia Springs High School
Kristi Hess	Perry Middle School	Leigh Wilkinson	Parkview High School
Karen Hewatt	Fitzgerald High School	Karen Wilson	
Janette Hinton	Northwestern Middle School	Corlissa Wilson	Bay Springs Middle School
Ken Jackson	Decatur High School/The University of Georgia	Omar Wray	Douglas County School System
		Carol Yochem	Starling Elementary School
Angel Jane	Avery Elementary School	Robin Zorn	Mason Elementary School

Professional Recognition Winners

School Counselor of the Year

Samela Tucker Reid
Parkview High School
Gwinnett County Public Schools



School Counselor of the Year Semi-Finalists

Michelle Stevens
Kemp Elementary
Cobb County School District



Lara Salzman
Hightower Trail Middle School
Cobb County School District



Supervisor of the Year Award

Penny Palmer Young
Arcado Elementary
Gwinnett County Public Schools



Professional Recognition Winners

Advocate of the Year Award

Brad Wheeler
Cobb County School District



Emerging Leader Award

Laura Ross
Five Forks Middle School
Gwinnett County Public Schools



Writer Award

Simone Sheppard
Rosebud Elementary School
Gwinnett County Public Schools



2017 RAMP Winners

Congratulations to the 18 schools from Georgia that have received Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) status for 2017. These schools have shown their commitment to a comprehensive, data driven school counseling program. This year 104 schools from 27 states will receive this designation. RAMP recipients will be honored at the awards dinner at the ASCA Annual Conference in Denver in July.

Bryant Elementary School, Mableton
Carlton J. Kell High School, Marietta
Duluth High School, Duluth
Fair Street Elementary School, Gainesville
Glenn C. Jones Middle School, Buford
Hightower Trail Middle School, Marietta
Ithica Elementary School, Villa Rica
Kemp Elementary School, Powder Springs
Mt. Bethel Elementary School, Marietta

North Forsyth High School, Cumming
North Gwinnett Middle School, Sugar Hill
Osborne High School, Marietta
Parkview High School, Lilburn
Peachtree Ridge High School, Suwanee
Riverwood International Charter School, Sandy Springs
Roberts Elementary School, Suwanee
Smyrna Elementary School, Smyrna
Sope Creek Elementary School, Marietta

Thursday, November 9

Agenda at a Glance

7:00 am – 8:00 am
GSCA 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk for Keris Kares

8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Registration Desk Hours

8:30 am – 9:45 am
Concurrent Sessions II

8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Exhibit Hall Hours

10:00 am – 11:00 am
Membership Assembly

11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions III

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Lunch Break on Your Own

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm
Concurrent Sessions IV

1:30pm – 4:00pm
Manufacturing Expo and Technical College Cornucopia

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm
Spotlight on Exhibits
Meet and Greet the Candidates and Special Guests Throughout the Exhibits

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm
Concurrent Sessions V

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Leadership Team and PPAC Dinner

8:30 pm – 11:00 pm
PROBE Party

7:00 am - 8:00 am **GSCA 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk for Keris Kares**

Location: Meet / Check - In Beach

8:00 am - 4:00 pm **Registration Desk Open**

Location: Pre-Function Area

8:30 am - 9:45 am **CONCURRENT SESSIONS II**

The 20th Annual BOOK-A-HOLICS ANONYMOUS: Using Children's Literature in Your School Counseling Program

Nancy Pittard Jones, Wesleyan School

Location: Ballroom B

Calling all BOOK-A-HOLICS-for the 20th YEAR! Come join "the book lady," Nancy Jones, who is back to bring you dozens of children's books to use in your counseling program. This practical, fast-paced workshop will feature books new and old, plus ideas that could go with ANY book you choose. Come get a MINDSET of great children's literature, with a complete bibliography of books arranged by subject so you can become a Book-A-Holic yourself! *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

The Trauma-Informed Classroom

Kimberly Hodges, Ed.S., CTP, Hodges Consultin, LLC and Mainstay Academy GNETS

Location: Meeting Room 4

School system employees are constantly charged with the task of implementing new academic platforms and approaches designed to increase test scores or decrease dropout rates. While some of these initiatives may prove effective for some students, none will impact lasting school-wide gains until we address the elephant in the room-childhood trauma. Join me to learn how this trauma manifests and how to implement simple interventions now to impact positive change for all students. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Understanding the Rights of the LGBTQ High School Student

Dr. Tamika Hibbert, Grady High School, Atlanta Public Schools; Dr. LaVerne Ware, City Schools of Decatur; Mrs. Keala Edwards-Cooper, Washington High School, Atlanta Public Schools; Mrs. Keli Carter, Georgia Cyber Academy

Location: Ben Porter Salon / Meeting Room 6

The goal of this session is to provide information to Professional School Counselors, Counselor Educators, Supervisors, Counseling Students and Educators concerning the importance of knowing the rights of the LGBTQ high school student. Participants will receive information about how the law requires all educators to protect LGBTQ students in the public school setting. *(Target Audience: Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Mastering College Advisement: Equipping Yourself to be a Game Changer

Christy Conley, North Oconee High School; Leslie Dooley, Russell Middle School; Mike Kulp, Social Circle High School; Amanda Dale, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, The University of Georgia; Jessica Jaret Sant, Director of College Counseling, The Lovett School and President-Elect, Southern Association of College Admission Counseling (SACAC)

Location: Meeting Room 5

High school counselors, do you often find yourself sticking to the

status quo to survive? Give your program a jumpstart and hear about the best kept secret in college advisement/admissions that could change your counseling program. This presentation will equip you with information, strategies, and resources gained from joining and participating in the Southern Association of College Admission Counseling. We want to share our experience and help you break free of the status quo! *(Target Audience: Secondary, Post-secondary/Admissions)*

Tech Tools for Less Stress: How Excel and Google Can Make Your Life Easier!

Vance Sims, Malcolm Bridge Elementary, Oconee County Schools

Location: Meeting Room 11

Using data that is extracted from your school's Student Information System can be confusing and difficult. This session will show you how to use simple functions in Microsoft Excel and Google to allow you to see information and data more clearly and in several ways (those of your choosing). Even if you are a novice with these technologies, you will leave with resources you can use throughout the years to come. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)*

iChangers: Redefining Student Leadership

Beth Perryman and Rachel Read, Forsyth County Schools

Location: Meeting Room 3

Learn how to build student leaders that embrace a growth mindset. Traditional student leadership programs award high achievers with special jobs that are often easily accomplished. iChangers embraces the idea that students of all abilities, backgrounds, and temperaments are capable of meaningful service and contributing to the school community. The iChangers program teaches leadership skills through five distinct tracts capitalizing on students' passions and interests. Sample student leadership lessons and implementation resources will be shared. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Help Everyone Achieve Respect

Dr. Amy M. Smith, HEAR

Location: Meeting Room 9

Learn ways to directly engage and inspire students to take personal responsibility and lead positive change with active bullying prevention, intervention and respect-building strategies. This session is based on research-based content developed for HEAR – Helping Everyone Achieve Respect. HEAR is an interactive workshop developed for middle and high school students by experts at Harvard Graduate School of Education and The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

A Year in the Life: Intern Edition

Keely Harris, Professional School Counselor; Jordyn Mills, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Gabrielle Van Stekelenburg, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Shellie Marino, North Atlanta High School, Atlanta Public Schools

Location: Meeting Room 1

This session provides an in-depth look into a year's worth of targeted interventions implemented by school counseling interns. Our presentation will explore - from start to finish - several different data-driven approaches within all three domains

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- academic, career, and social/emotional development. This session will be helpful for both graduate students looking to contribute to their internship sites, as well as supervisors looking for direction with their interns. Attendees will leave with concrete activities, ideas, and plans. (Target Audience: Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)

Addressing Discipline Disproportionality by Integrating Restorative Practice into Comprehensive School Counseling Programs

Dr. George McMahon, The University of Georgia; John Lash, Georgia Conflict Center; Ashlee Perry, Clarke Middle School, Clarke County Schools
Location: Meeting Room 10

Discipline disproportionality is a persistent issue that has devastating long term affects for those students affected. Restorative practices provide an intriguing, evidence-based alternative to typical approaches to discipline, and can be integrated into a school counseling program, enabling school counselors to address disproportionality while staying out of the role of "disciplinarian". Come learn the basics of restorative practices in schools, and see a multi-tiered model for incorporating restorative practices into your school counseling program. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)

Using Games to Teach Social Skills

Alexandra Huguelet, Atlanta Public Schools and Danielle Mabeus, Cherokee County Schools
Location: Meeting Room 8

Are you looking for a creative way to reach your early elementary school students? Using games is an engaging way to teach students the skills necessary for social school success. From taking turns, to not interrupting, to handling disappointment and challenges, these basic skills are integral to school success and can be taught through games with excitement and ease. A small group guide will be presented along with perception and outcome data. (Target Audience: Elementary)

Hosting a Successful Apply to College Day

Shamela Scott, Ed.S., Hiram High School, Paulding County School District
Location: Meeting Room 7

Apply to College Day can be a very helpful and fun event for students. This session will give participants strategies and ideas on how to organize and plan an eventful day for students. Participants will be given information about activities that can be done to lead up to Apply to College Day that will get the whole school involved. (Target Audience: Secondary)

An Advocacy Mindset!

Jennifer Diaz, Ed.S., LPC, Gwinnett County Public Schools
Natalie Edirmanasinghe, Ed.S., Gwinnett County Public Schools
Matthew Gambill, GSCA Lobbyist
Location: Meeting Room 2

By now, all school counselors should have an advocacy mindset. Despite having our ratio of one school counselor to 450 students in the Governor's line item budget this year, we still find ourselves educating others about the role of the school counselor and our

impact on student performance. This session will cover trends in education and legislation that impact school counseling, GSCA legislative initiatives, strategic planning, and advocacy at the local, state and national levels.

MOWR/Dual Enrollment - It's the Law! A Collaborative Model for Success

Lakisha Bonner, Coordinator of Counseling and Career Development, Fayette County Schools
Location: Ballroom A

With the passing of SB 132 (MOWR/Dual Enrollment), student participation in dual enrollment opportunities is growing fast. How can school counselors manage the administrative challenges? This presentation will provide counselors with the academic advisement tools needed to implement a successful collaborative MOWR/Dual Enrollment plan for their school/district. Presenters will share their experience of how to work collaboratively with counselors, building level administrators, and college admission representatives to establish consistent MOWR/Dual Enrollment advisement procedures. (Target Audience: Secondary)

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

Location: Ballroom CDEF

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Membership Assembly

Location: Ballroom AB

Call to Order

Tinisha Parker, President

Voting Procedures

Amy Taylor, Parliamentarian

Approval of Agenda

Torri Jackson, President

2016 Membership Assembly Minutes

Kathryn Sadowski, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Maria Grovner, Treasurer

2017-2018 Budget

Maria Grovner, Treasurer

Membership

Leslie Hamilton, President-Elect

Approval of Revisions to Bylaws

Tinisha Parker, President

Advocacy and Public Policy

Jennifer Diaz & Natalie Edirmanasinghe,
Advocacy Co-Chairs

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Career/Post-Secondary Planning
Lakisha Bonner

Nominations and Elections
Torri Jackson, Immediate Past President

Candidate Speeches

Closing Remarks/Adjournment
Tinisha Parker, President

GSCA Elections Timeline:

Elections Open:
November 8, 2017

Elections Close:
December 1, 2017

Membership Assembly Rules:

The Membership Assembly shall be composed of all eligible voting members present at annual conference business meeting. The Membership Assembly is the highest legislative body of the Association and its functions shall be as follows:

- To initiate action governing the programs and policies of the Association
- To take action on recommendations from the Governing Board
- To act on reports of the standing committees, special committees, and others who are responsible to the Membership Assembly
- To exercise other functions which are not in conflict with the Bylaws as may be necessary or desirable in the best interest of the Association

NOTE: ANY NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE 2017 MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO PRESIDENT TINISHA PARKER PRIOR TO MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY.

Members wishing to submit new business may leave a copy explaining their business at the GSCA Registration Desk addressed to President Tinisha Parker no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Elections: Voting for the 2018-2019 elected officials will be done online via the GSCA web site at www.gaschoolcounselor.org. Members will receive an email with additional information on casting their ballot. You will be allowed to cast only one ballot. Let your voice be heard!

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11:15 am - 12:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3)**

Digital Addiction Awareness for School Counselors: Navigating Student Success

Dr. Julie Chibbaro, Dr. Lacey Ricks, and Dr. Christy Land, The University of West Georgia

Location: Ballroom A

Today, the internet has become part of daily life providing global communication, access to information as well as a providing a provision of entertainment (Anderson, Steen, & Stavropoulos, 2016). However, the use of technology can become compulsive and develop into addictive types of behaviors. Counselor educators must be prepared to educate counseling students about the methods of treating clients/students with digital addictions. The goals of this presentation are to discuss the signs of digital addiction, the consequences of digital addiction, and the tools for the fusion of digital addiction awareness into school counseling programs. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

School Counselors and Teacher Consultation: Partnering for Student Success

Moya A. Pope, Louisville Middle School, Jefferson County Schools

Location: Meeting Room 11

Consultation is an essential part of a professional school counselor's job responsibilities - falling under system support and responsive services of the ASCA National Model. Effective consultation can be used to support teachers and increase/influence student achievement. If a school counselor is going to develop and maintain a viable comprehensive school counseling program, consultation has to be an integral part of their program. This presentation will discuss the importance of consultation and several consultation models. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Examples of Counselor Leadership, Principal Collaboration, and University Partnerships

Dr. Eric Parker, Eastern Kentucky University and Dr. Karen Griffith, The University of Georgia

Location: Meeting Room 10

Session participants will be provided examples of effective school counseling models that use and embed ASCA frameworks to successfully collaborate with school administrators. Additional information will be provided on methods to engage principals in the work of school counseling as well as innovative ways school counseling programs can partner with universities. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Teaching Internet Safety in a Technologically Savvy Classroom

Brittany Woolf, Fulton Academy of Science and Technology

Location: Meeting Room 3

Students have an extraordinary level of access to the internet, and are often the internet experts in their homes. This presents a new challenge for teachers, counselors, and other educators.

In this presentation, I discuss the staggering need for internet safety education in our schools, present the interactive intervention I created to educate 3rd-5th graders about internet safety, and report the positive student outcome data and supportive community feedback from the intervention. *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

Teaching Social Skills in a Tech Driven World

Rebecca Burkhart, Savannah Chatham County Public School System

Location: Meeting Room 4

Whether or not devices are encouraged in your school, teaching students how to relate to peers and adults using whole body listening in a face to face environment is essential. As we prepare our students for the world, teaching soft skills is of utmost importance. Participants will learn how to create exercises which allow for positive human interaction using "gamification" and theater. You will leave with ideas to boost confidence and communication skills. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Everybody Wins When Everybody Codes

Angela Cleveland, National Center for Women and Information Technology and Maria Grovner, School Counselor Coordinator, Atlanta Public Schools

Location: Meeting Room 2

Computer science is changing everyone's lives yet few contribute to the technologies and services we all rely on. Join counselor champions from the Counselors for Computing program and learn how the national Computer Science for All initiative is changing the face of computing. Find out how counselors at the vanguard are supporting student participation in new courses that lead to viable careers in the growing fields of computing. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

How to Transition 600 Students to Middle School (Successfully!)

Heather Haynes, Jennifer Moore, and Clarissa Pavcik, School Counselors, Twin Rivers Middle School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Location: Meeting Room 7

Transitioning to middle school is no easy task. It can be even more difficult with a large student body and/or multiple feeder elementary schools. Come gain new ideas and pick the brains of counselors who work to successfully transition 600 fifth graders (and their families!) from four feeder schools into sixth grade. Ideas for supporting students, teachers, and parents through the process will be discussed. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle)*

Striped Hat Readers

Beth Ruff, Ed.D. LPC and LaShawn Thomas, M.Ed., Powder Springs Elementary School

Location: Meeting Room 5

Counselors are uniquely qualified to help students overcome barriers that are negatively impacting their academic achievement. Come learn how two school counselors turned their love of Dr. Seuss into an innovative strategy to build confidence, motivation, and interest in reading. Put on your

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striped hat and come play with "Oobleck," while we discuss how this cross-grade level peer mentoring program fosters positive relationships, good character, and confidence in reading. (Target Audience: Elementary)

Getting the Most Out of Your Pre/Post Surveys

Shellie Marino, Ed.S., North Atlanta High School, Atlanta Public Schools

Location: Meeting Room 8

You have planned and prepared a school counseling curriculum focused lesson or activity for your students. But how will you know if the lesson was a success? Pre/Post surveys are commonly used by school counselors to collect perception data to determine if students acquired the attitude, knowledge and skills being targeted. However depending on the type of questions being used on a pre/post survey and how they are presented may not end up collecting the information you intended. Do your pre/post surveys fully or accurately reflect student growth or the effectiveness of an activity? Come expand your knowledge and skills on pre/post survey writing and learn how to increase the reliability of the measurement tools you are using to collect accurate perception data as well as how to calculate and analyze the results. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)

Design for School Counselors: Make Your Lessons EPIC!

Dr. Susan Ripple, Visiting Assistant Professor, The University of North Florida and Dawn Mann, 2017 Finalist, ASCA National School Counselor of the Year

Location: Meeting Room 9

Implementing an effective counseling core curriculum requires school counselors to develop quality lessons – lessons that are experiential, participatory, image-rich, and connected (EPIC). Thus, this interactive session will provide both veteran and novice school counselors with a model for developing counseling lessons that are more engaging and effective. Participants will walk away with practical ideas that can be implemented immediately in their school counseling programs. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent)

Maximizing MOWR/Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement Opportunities

Demetria Williams, Assistant Principal, Brookwood High School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Location: Ben Porter Salon / Room 6

At Brookwood High School, over 40% of our student body is involved in either the Move On When Ready (MOWR)/Dual Enrollment Program or the Advanced Placement (AP) program, or both. We have seen dramatic growth in our AP program over the last 10 years and in MOWR/Dual Enrollment over the last two years. Even with this dramatic growth, our students have continued to be successful on their overall pass rate on the AP exams and in their coursework at the local colleges as part of MOWR/Dual Enrollment. The increase in participation of these programs has caused us to evolve our processes and procedures related to planning, communication, registration, and maintenance of these opportunities for our students. This presentation will focus on some best practices learned throughout our journey and how help both programs thrive in a school. (Target Audience: Secondary)

Promoting Success and Connections Amongst GSCA Graduate Students

Shaquila Wise, The University of Georgia and Melanie Cannon, Valdosta State University; GSCA Graduate Student Liaisons
Location: Meeting Room 1

How can GSCA better assist school counseling graduate students in preparing for the hiring process and feel more acclimated with the responsibilities of a practicing school counselor? This session will provide graduate students an opportunity to ask a panel of school counselors and school counseling district coordinators about the hiring process, daily tasks, and any other questions. This session is intended to connect graduate students from different school counseling programs as well. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)

Counselor Keys Effectiveness System: A Comprehensive School Counselor Evaluation Instrument

Sloane Molloy, Glynn County Schools and Robin Zorn, Gwinnett County Public Schools, 2014 ASCA National Counselor of the Year

Location: Ballroom B

The Counselor Keys Effectiveness System (CKES) is a counselor evaluation tool, developed by and for members of GSCA, and is aligned with the ASCA Comprehensive School Counseling model. The CKES instrument has been in development for four years including a pilot study, reliability and validity studies, an ongoing training series and a recent revision. This workshop will share the revised CKES Performance Standards and Rubrics and give the attendee sample indicators and examples for performance Levels III and IV. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)

GSCA MISSION STATEMENT

The Georgia School Counselor Association represents, promotes, and enhances professional school counseling in Georgia to create improved outcomes for all students.

GSCA BELIEF STATEMENTS

As members of GSCA, we believe:

- ◆ All students, grades K – 12, deserve access to school counseling services
- ◆ The nature and substance of school counseling programs should be comprehensive, developmental, and continuous
- ◆ On-going enhancement of school counseling skills and knowledge to benefit children is essential
- ◆ All people have value and deserve respect and dignity
- ◆ Counseling services provided to students and schools should be data driven with appropriate accountability components
 - ◆ All students should be taught skills that lead to developing competencies in the three areas of academic, career, and social.

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12:30 am - 1:30 pm **Lunch Break on Your Own**

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS (4)**

Mindfulness Is a Mindset: A Small Group Intervention to Help Grieving Students

Dr. Lee Edmondson Grimes, Valdosta State University and Dr. Natalie F. Spencer, North Carolina A & T
Location: Ballroom A

Has a student experienced the death of a loved one and struggled to find a balance weeks or months later? Grief and loss are experienced by almost all students, and school counselors are there to provide the support students need in the school setting. Come and learn about implementing a small group using mindfulness techniques to help students who are grieving. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Making MOWR/Dual Enrollment Manageable

Molly Ream, M.Ed., LPC and Jamie Hamrick, Ed.S., Alan C. Pope High School, Cobb County Schools
Location: Meeting Room 10

Do you struggle with your role as the counselor of MOWR/Dual Enrollment students? Come discuss best practices to get our students into MOWR/Dual Enrollment programs yet keep our sanity at the same time. We will share forms, processes, and presentations on how to better serve your MOWR/Dual Enrollment students and save yourself some time. *(Target Audience: Secondary)*

Between the Core and the Crisis: Supporting the Mental Health Needs of Students

Dr. Ken Jackson, Decatur High School and The University of Georgia and Kimberly Jones, Decatur High School
Location: Meeting Room 9

Counselors are trained to deliver tier 1/foundation (core curriculum) as well as crisis responses, but what about the before- or after- the crisis? What can we do to support the students with mental health issues so that they manage and thrive? We will explore what we can do as we approach a crisis and how to respond as follow up support. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

An Introduction to How Trauma Affects Our Students and What We Can Do to Help

Amy Taylor, GSCA Executive Board Parliamentarian
Location: Meeting Room 8

Do you know students who are neglected, abused, homeless, and/or live with parents who abuse alcohol or drugs? Do you know students who are aggressive, have poor impulse control, lack focus, learning difficulties, lack ability to regulate emotions? If you answered yes, then you have students who might be struggling to deal with their traumatic experiences. Come learn what you can do to help your students be successful. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle)*

Understanding Growth Mindset

Melanie Cannon, Valdosta State University School Counseling Graduate Student; Cherelle Townsend, Valdosta State University School Counseling Graduate Student; Stuart Evans, Valdosta State University School Counseling Graduate Student
Location: Meeting Room 3

In recent years, Growth Mindset has gained attention in the school setting. This presentation will inform the audience the basics of Growth Mindset, evidence base practices related to Growth Mindset, person-praise, and how to start implementing this concept in the schools. Participants will learn if they have a fixed or growth mindset and how to develop a growth mindset throughout their school. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle)*

PBIS

Angela Guy, Rock Spring Elementary, Henry County Schools
Location: Meeting Room 1

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) is a system that has helped many school systems decrease behavior issues significantly. More than that, PBIS provides a system for students that have needs for additional support for behaviors. Our role, as counselors, is to help advocate for our students, and facilitate them and their parents through the MTSS process. This session is designed to help explain PBIS for beginners as well as provide some resources for counselors. *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

Arts Integration in School Counseling

Sheila Garth, Cobb County Schools
Location: Meeting Room 2

Are you interested in making your lessons more engaging and creative? Arts Integration is for you! Arts Integration combines Art Standards (music, drama, dance, and visual arts) within the ASCA Behaviors and Mindset standards to create innovative, insightful, creative, and meaningful lessons. *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

Your Talent-Your Future: Helping Your Students Discover Their Talent(s) and Prepare for a Bright Future

Amy Lancaster, Director of Workforce Development, Metro Atlanta Chamber; Joyce Chandler, Retired School Counselor, Georgia State Representative
Location: Meeting Room 5

The "Your Talent-Your Future" program will review occupational demand and correlating degrees and certifications needed to meet that demand to Georgia's supply of these degrees and certifications. Program attendees will receive valuable information for their students including the degrees and certifications that are oversupplied and under supplied in Georgia at all educational levels, the top occupations and industries in the state, and recommendations for closing the skills gap. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

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Undocumented Students & College Access

Dr. LaVonna Groce, Maxwell High School of Technology,
Gwinnett County Public Schools
Location: Meeting Room 7

Undocumented students can attend college and there are resources to help them with college access. However, because of their lack of citizenship status undocumented students can confront many obstacles while trying to access college but college is still possible. This session wants to help dispel myths to college access for undocumented students and give resources and support to school counselors trying to help undocumented students access college. (Target Audience: Secondary)

Step Up Your Small Group Counseling Game #Take2

Jen Soloff, Gwinnett County Public Schools
Location: Ben Porter Salon / Room 6

You asked, and of course we listened! We are counselors, after all. In a response to last year's session on small group activities, this session will explore more in depth ideas for using games and play centered activities with small groups ranging from K-8. We will discuss specific group topics and activities for each session, data collection, and aligning your small group counseling goals with ASCA mindsets and standards for student success. Participants will leave with a range of activities to put into "play" for their small groups when they return to their schools! (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle)

The New Face of Gender

Brent Henderson, Ed.S., NCC, NCSC, Coordinator of School Counseling and Academic Support, Gwinnett County Public Schools and Doctoral Student, The University of Georgia; Amy Shipp, LCSW, Clinical Director, Georgia Cares; Beck Schillizzi, B.A., The University of Georgia
Location: Meeting Room 4

Do you have the skills it takes to work with transgender youth in your school? This interactive presentation will equip you with the knowledge and confidence to support and advocate for this vulnerable population. Through videos, activities, and discussion of personal experiences, you will learn to use transgender affirmative language, increase your understanding of gender identity and expression, identify the impact of discrimination on the wellbeing of transgender students, and promote transgender student success. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)

Supporting Immigrant Families in Education: A Panel of Stakeholders

Natalie Edirmanasignhe, School Counselor and Doctoral Candidate, Gwinnett County Public Schools and Travis McKie-Voerste, Doctoral Candidate
Location: Meeting Room 11

In 2015, over 40 million people living in the U.S. were foreign-born. Georgia is one of the top ten states in the country with foreign-born residents. However, school counselors have received little training on helping these students and families. This session will offer a discussion panel for counselors to ask questions to better support their immigrant populations. Ask questions and get answers from people who can help you better

serve your immigrant families! (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent)

Goals to Mindsets to Perception Data Assessments

Dr. Karen Griffith, The University of Georgia
Location: Ballroom B

ASCA has developed a process that ensures school counselor interventions are well targeted and effectively measured. It represents best practice and ensures that students are receiving the best possible services and that school counselors can authentically measure those services. This session takes you through that process and includes how to best use the ASCA Mindsets and Behaviors to drive content and assessments. If you want to implement a comprehensive program or plan to apply for RAMP in the future, you need to understand this process. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Manufacturing Expo and Technical College Cornucopia

Location: Ballroom GH

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm Spotlight on Exhibits and Meet & Greet the Candidates

Location: Ballroom CDEF and GH

3:30 pm - 4:45 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS (5)

CCRPI: How Can School Counselors Make a Difference?

Dr. Catherine Roberts and Reva Robinson, M.A., Clayton County Public Schools
Location: Ballroom A

The College & Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) is a tool that help provide accountability and communication to all stakeholders about the promotion of college and career readiness for Georgia public school students within your school. This presentation will provide you with helpful tools in increasing your attendance and career development, which are two of five of the ways school counselors can impact the increase in your school's CCRPI performance index. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary)

Success Stories: Literature Groups for Tier 2 and 3 Students

Ashley Wood, Calhoun High School, Calhoun City Schools
Location: Meeting Room 5

The right story can make a difference! Inspire your Tier 2 and 3 students to read while developing resiliency through literature based small groups. Discover creative ways to implement literature groups in elementary, middle, and high schools that will support your school improvement plan and the ASCA Model. Participants will leave with book lists, lesson plans, methods for data collection, and inspiration! (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary)

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From High School to the USG: Admissions Information and Resources for Everyone

Sarah Wenham, University System of Georgia
Location: Meeting Room 10

Researching postsecondary options can be an overwhelming task for some high school students. School counselors play a crucial role in helping students understand their options and staying on course for meeting admission requirements. Please join us to learn more about the University System of Georgia (USG) admission requirements, including the high school curriculum requirements and the new SAT score requirements. This session will also highlight the USG resources that can help students in their research. *(Target Audience: Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)*

Reaching Potential through Manufacturing

Dr. Jason Moore, Principal, RPM
Location: Meeting Room 3

RPM is a partnership between the Richmond County School System and Textron Specialized Vehicles. The program mission is to motivate students to stay in school, graduate, and become career ready by providing classroom instruction, on-the-job training, key work/life skills, mentoring, and employment opportunities. Session participants will hear about a community and business partnership that re-engages students at risk of dropping out of high school and provides true work based learning opportunities. *(Target Audience: Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Promoting Play: Using Play in Your School Counseling Program

Ruth Bowen, Ed.S., LPC, NCC, Summit Hill Elementary School, Fulton County Schools
Location: Meeting Room 9

Learn innovative ways to use play in your school. Not only will this session provide creative ideas for working with students in lessons, small groups, and completing CCRPI requirements, but also for working with teachers and even parents. Hear results from a parent play group, see a playroom in action, and walk away with your own tool box of strategies you can use in your program. *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

The Mindful Counselor's Toolkit

Aleah Brown and Dr. Lenice B. Horton, Atlanta Public Schools
Location: Meeting Room 8

Our students are experiencing high levels of anxiety that is triggered from home and school. Anxiety is basically fear, and this fear can cause worry, depression, irritability, hyperactivity, and/or aggressive behaviors in children. The Mindful Counselor Toolkit contains researched based tools and strategies that are useful in helping students to de-escalate anxiety daily. *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

Promoting Success: School Counselor Experiences with RTI for English Learners

Leonissa Johnson, Ph.D., Clark Atlanta University; Malti Tuttle, Ph.D., Auburn University; E. Ken Shell, Ph.D., Clark Atlanta University
Location: Meeting Room 1

English Learners are often referred to the Response to Intervention (RTI) process for academic support. School counselors frequently promote student success in RTI as advocates, supporters and/or facilitators. Many counselors take part in these practices with limited training or experience with RTI or English Learners. The purpose of this presentation is to share school counselor experiences in the RTI process with English Learners. Implications for training and practice will be discussed. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Becoming Sensitive and Responsive toward Students of Trauma

Beth Mines, Wells Elementary School, Jones County Schools
Location: Meeting Room 7

Students experiencing trauma represent 20% of school populations. Neuroscience shows that trauma affects the development of the brain, which then affects student's behavior and ability to learning. Children of trauma are frequently less responsive to traditional supports such as positive reinforcement, consequences and behavior contracts. This presentation expands the awareness of types of trauma affecting children and describes easy-to-teach strategies counselors can share with teachers. Become an advocate for trauma awareness at your school! *(Target Audience: Elementary)*

Supporting LGBTQ Students: From Good Intentions to Action

Dr. Ken Jackson, Decatur High School and The University of Georgia
Location: Ballroom B

When it comes to supporting LGBTQ students, counselors often have good intentions; however, they often do not know what to do when situations arise or they are consulted. Participants will examine an LGBTQ Student Action Decision Making Model. They will then review a sample professional development created for middle school teachers to support a transgender student. Participants will then look at real life scenarios and apply the decision making model. *(Target Audience: Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Creating a ROBUST and JUST College and Career Readiness Program

Chastity Williams, Ashley Chennault, and Lisa Miller, Centennial Academy
Location: Ben Porter Salon / Room 6

A successful college and career readiness program begins with collaboration amongst stakeholders in order to provide real world foundational and supplemental experiences for kindergarten through 8th grade. Various strategies include researching career clusters with an interdisciplinary approach,

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building relationships with community members through apprenticeships, and creating a capstone project will prepare our scholars for success. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle)*

This is Us: An Inside Look at the "Family" of Student Support

Katrina D. Wilson, M.A., LPC, School Counselor, Pine Street Elementary, Rockdale County Public Schools
Location: Meeting Room 4

Do you sometimes feel like you are working in a crisis center? Are you stressed in your school counseling role? Do you feel like you lack resources and are stuck in a tailspin of anger outburst, DFCS cases, and broken family systems? This fun, interactive session will help you better understand how to collaborate with your social worker, behavior specialist, parents, teachers, administrators and mental health clinicians. Come and explore the "family" of student support. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle)*

Best Practices for Training and Supporting School Counselor Interns

Gizani Netherland-Maxie, Professional School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools; Shamira Pierson-Porter, Professional School Counselor; Emily Flaaen, Professional School Counselor; Monica Garcia, Professional School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools
Location: Meeting Room 2

Training school counselor interns is a huge commitment. Professional school counselors, school counseling interns, and graduate students, are encouraged to collaborate during this session. Topics of discussion will center around best practices for school counselor supervisors to provide training and support of school counseling interns so that they eventually become professional school counselors that promote comprehensive school counseling programs. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

A Leadership Mindset: Empowering You to be a GSCA Leader

Torri Jackson, Ed.S., GSCA Immediate Past President, Student Services Support Specialist, Liberty County School System
Location: Meeting Room 11

Are you ready to use your innate leadership skills within the best school counseling professional organization in the nation? Come to this session to learn more about the governance structure of GSCA and how to become a leader within the organization. A variety of leadership roles will be explained in detail and specific instructions on how to nominate and apply for all roles will be provided. All school counselors are gifted with leadership and advocacy skills, and it is time to take the next step in your school counseling career and become a GSCA leader. Utilize the information gained from this session to help you begin your GSCA leadership journey! *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)*

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Leadership Team / PPAC Dinner

Location: TBD

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

PROBE Dance Party

Location: Ballroom GH

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Agenda at a Glance

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Yoga

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Army Boot Camp

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Registration Desk Hours

8:30 am - 10:30 am
Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 am – 9:45 am
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9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Information Desk and CEU / PLU Drop Off

10:00 am – 11:15 am
Region Networking and Education Sessions
District Coordinators and Supervisors Session

11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Closing Luncheon

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am** **Yoga**
Location: TBD
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am** **Army Boot Camp**
Location: Meet in the Westin Jekyll
Island Courtyard
Brought to you by the Army ROTC
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am** **Registration Desk Open**
Location: Pre-Function Area
- 8:30 am - 9:45 am** **CONCURRENT SESSIONS (6)**

Free College & Career Readiness Instructional Materials & Professional Learning

Sherilyn Narker, B.A., M.Ed., Federal Reserve Bank of America
Location: Meeting Room 5

Are you interested in free digital, print, and consumable materials to help students become college and career ready? If so, the Atlanta Fed has the answer! Using Navigate: Exploring College and Careers, students receive a workbook that becomes a portfolio for their post-secondary path as advisors lead them through the activities. Invest in What's Next is a similar program in digital format that begins with lifestyle choices. Free professional learning for your teacher advisors is available. (Target Audience: Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)

Current Trends in School Counselor Preparation and Supervision

Dr. Jolie Daigle, Dr. George McMahon, and Dr. Karen Griffith, The University of Georgia
Location: Meeting Room 9

This presentation will highlight current preparation trends in school counselor education. Changes in the CACREP 2016 Standards, school counselor certification, and licensure will be discussed. Additionally, trends in school counselor preparation such as embedding behavioral health and post-secondary planning in the counseling curriculum will be presented. (Target Audience: Counselor Educator, Supervisor)

Middle School 6th Grade Peer Helpers

Shiva-Binet Walker, Trickum Middle School, Gwinnett County Public Schools
Location: Meeting Room 11

In many cases, school counselors with limited time have difficulty implementing the number of programs and events desired without assistance. Incorporating a peer helper program into your school counseling program can help relieve this concern. Join me in exploring how peer helpers enhance the effectiveness of your program by increasing outreach and the expansion of available services. During our session you will learn how to implement a peer helper program to your sixth graders, seventh graders and/or eighth graders. You will also be provided with the tools to start the program once you return to your school. (Target Audience: Middle)

MOWR/Dual Enrollment: It's a TEAM Event!

Lucy Mason, Dr. Wendy Rhodes, Jennifer Morse, and Heather Brindle, Mountain View High School, Gwinnett County Public School

Location: Meeting Room 7

FREE COLLEGE CREDIT! TWO FOR ONE DEALS! MOWR THE NEW WAY OF DUAL ENROLLMENT!

This program will focus on how to set up a successful on and off campus MOWR/Dual Enrollment program at your high school. We will review every step involved starting with the parent presentation to students picking their classes. We will address those tough AP vs. MOWR/Dual Enrollment questions and discuss the student and school benefits to the program. (Target Audience: Secondary, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)

Mindfulness, What Does This Mean and How Can It Help Our Students be Successful?

Lauren Butler, School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools and Laura Spencer, School Counselor, Gwinnett County Public Schools ,

Location: Ben Porter Salon / Meeting Room 6

Scientists are actively studying mindfulness and the positive impacts it can have on our brains. In the book, *Masters of Mindfulness*, the fifth grade students in Mr. Musumeci's class, who are the authors of the book, describe mindfulness as "a precious thing." Join this interactive session as we explore the data driven uses of mindfulness in your school counseling program. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary)

Show Me the Money! Grant Writing for School Counselors

Christina Cotsakis Cordón, Farhana Rahman and Olivia Beck, The University of Georgia

Location: Meeting Room 3

Do you need money to enhance your school counseling program? Grant writing seems scary, but it does not have to be. In this step-by-step grant writing seminar, you will learn how to find, evaluate, and write successful grant proposals to buy evidence-based programming, build your resource library, or begin an innovative new program. Resources will be provided. (Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent)

Survey Says...Game Show Lessons Engage Students

Toni Dickerson, Melissa Lynch, and Dawn Mann, Cobb County School District

Location: Meeting Room 8

Survey Says. . . Game Show Lessons Engage Students is a workshop that teaches professional school counselors how to incorporate creative lessons to generate student engagement. Adapted game shows incorporated with counseling curriculum support an array of different learning styles plus information preview and reinforcement. Who says learning isn't fun anymore...the workshop brings the fun back. Kind of like bringing sexy back! (Target Audience: Middle, Secondary)

Intellect and Emotion in School Counseling Ethical Decision-Making Models

Dr. Morgan E. Kiper Riechel, Mercer University

Location: Meeting Room 4

ASCA's Ethical Standards includes a 9-step process for ethical decision-making, the first of which is to "define the problem

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emotionally and intellectually." Many ignore this important dual step, focusing primarily on the intellectual examination of issues at expense of the counselor's emotional response, which can be a barometer in decision-making. This session will discuss research in decision-making and provide additional resources for school counselors to consider both the "emotional" AND "intellectual" aspect to ethical decision-making. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor)*

Where Is Waldo?! Challenging Our Approach to Equity in Counseling

John Nwosu, M.Ed., Garrett Middle School, Cobb County School District

Location: Meeting Room 1

How are Waldo and equity related? "Where is Waldo?" presupposes that Waldo exists. We tend to assume the opposite when it comes to bias and discrimination. We want to believe that "those things" don't happen "here" even in the face of disparate outcomes. In this experiential session participants will explore topics designed to reduce discrimination: updates in multicultural and social justice counseling competencies, implicit and explicit bias research, structural marginalization, and tools for increasing equity. *(Target Audience: Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Independent, Counselor Educator, Supervisor, Post-secondary/Admissions)*

Cutting on the Edge: The Self-Injury Puzzle and How It Is Trending during the Middle School Years

Shironda Brown, Ed.S., Lead Counselor, Burke County Middle School and Dr. Natacha Billups-Thomas, East Laurens High School, Laurens County Schools

Location: Meeting Room 10

Adolescent self-injury behavior such as cutting is becoming prevalent. Appearing as a suicide attempt, research suggests it is linked to emotional imbalance, depression or attention seeking behaviors. Self-injury behaviors are trendy and of concern for adolescents. Self-injury can be used to resolve interpersonal difficulty. This presentation will exemplify sound and structured processes that address self-injury behaviors and explain risk factors, prevalence, and onset warning signs. Research-based techniques for teachers, parents, and administrators will be highlighted. *(Target Audience: Middle)*

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Information Desk and CEU Drop Off

Location: GSCA Registration Desk

10:00 am - 11:15 am Region Networking and Education *(open to all conference attendees)*

Participate in your region meeting where you can be informed of what is going on with GSCA and the other counselors in your region! At this session you will hear more about the restructuring of GSCA governance, professional recognition, new standards from

ASCA, elections, CKES, rural counselor outreach and more!

Region 1 - North West

Julia Chibbaro, Chair

Location: Meeting Room 1

Region 2 - North East

Vance Sims, Chair

Location: Meeting Room 2

Region 3 - Metro

Elizabeth Butler, Chair

Location: Meeting Room 3

Region 4 - Central West

Jennifer Jones, Chair

Location: Meeting Room 4

Region 5 - Central East

Moye A. Pope, Chair

Location: Meeting Room 5

Region 6 - South West

Lisa Williams, Chair

Location: Meeting Room 6

Region 7 - South East

Sasha Quarrels, Chair

Location: Meeting Room 7

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Closing Luncheon with Dave Moody

Welcoming Remarks

Tinisha Parker, President

Recognition of Our Titanium Sponsor
TCSG

Region Roll Call

Dianne Thompson

Elections

Torri Jackson, Immediate Past President

Introduction of Speaker

Tinisha Parker, President

Keynote Speaker

C. David Moody, Jr.

"Counselors Thinking Outside the Box in Dealing with Kids With Trauma"

Counselors are often the first person a child will share their darkest secrets. How the counselor reacts and proceeds will often have live changing affects on the child.



The response will determine if this will be a positive or negative experience for the child. Join us for this special closing luncheon to learn some ways to think outside the box and helping children deal with trauma.

Invitation to 2018 Annual Conference
Leslie Hamilton, President-Elect

Prizes

Closing Remarks
Tinisha Parker, President



GSCA "ROCKS"

The GSCA 2017 Conference Team will be hiding "GSCA Friendship and Kindness Rocks" throughout the conference. The rocks are painted with inspiring messages and/or designs. The rocks will be left in various locations, hoping to shine a little light on whoever finds them. You may find them in various open, obvious locations and others may require a little searching. You will find them in your hotel, at local shops or restaurants, on the beach, in the exhibit hall and any number of other places in the convention center. You may also find one on your walk to and from the convention center. Keep your eyes open for these beautiful gems!! There will be over 100 rocks hidden.



In addition to the smaller rocks, there will be two larger, special rocks. One will be a golden rock with GSCA logo on it. The second rock will be purple with a princess and Keris Kares on it.

When you find one of the smaller rocks or one of the two special rocks, please bring them to the registration desk for a very special GSCA gift. The Conference Team will then re-hide the rocks for someone else to find! You will be able to find rocks through-out the entire conference.

The Conference Team hopes that this little activity will brighten your day, put a smile on your face or give you a small sign of encouragement, right when you need it the most. Happy Hunting!!! GSCA truly ROCKS!!

GSCA Conference Team would like to express our sincere thanks to the Kindness Rocks Effingham for the beautiful kindness rocks we will be hiding during the conference. Each rock was painted by members and their children with happy messages donating them to GSCA for our conference. Kindness Rocks Effingham is a local group from Effingham County that paints and hides rocks throughout our community to show random acts of kindness! Search "Kindness Rocks Effingham" on Facebook to "like" their page and please make a request to join their FB group! The group is growing daily! There are currently over 3,00 members.

Here are some news articles, if you would like to use any of this info:

<http://www.effinghamherald.net/archives/37367>

<http://savannahnow.com/effingham-now/2017-08-14/kids-and-parents-effingham-enjoy-painting-and-hiding-rocks-happy-messages>

Counties Comprising Regions

Region 1 - North West: Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Chattooga, Floyd, Bartow, Polk, Haralson, Carroll, Gordon, Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens

Region 2 - North East: Union, Towns, Rabun, Lumpkin, White, Habersham, Dawson, Hall, Banks, Stephens, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Hart, Elbert, Clarke, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Lincoln, Barrow, Morgan, Greene, Taliaferro, Walton, Newton

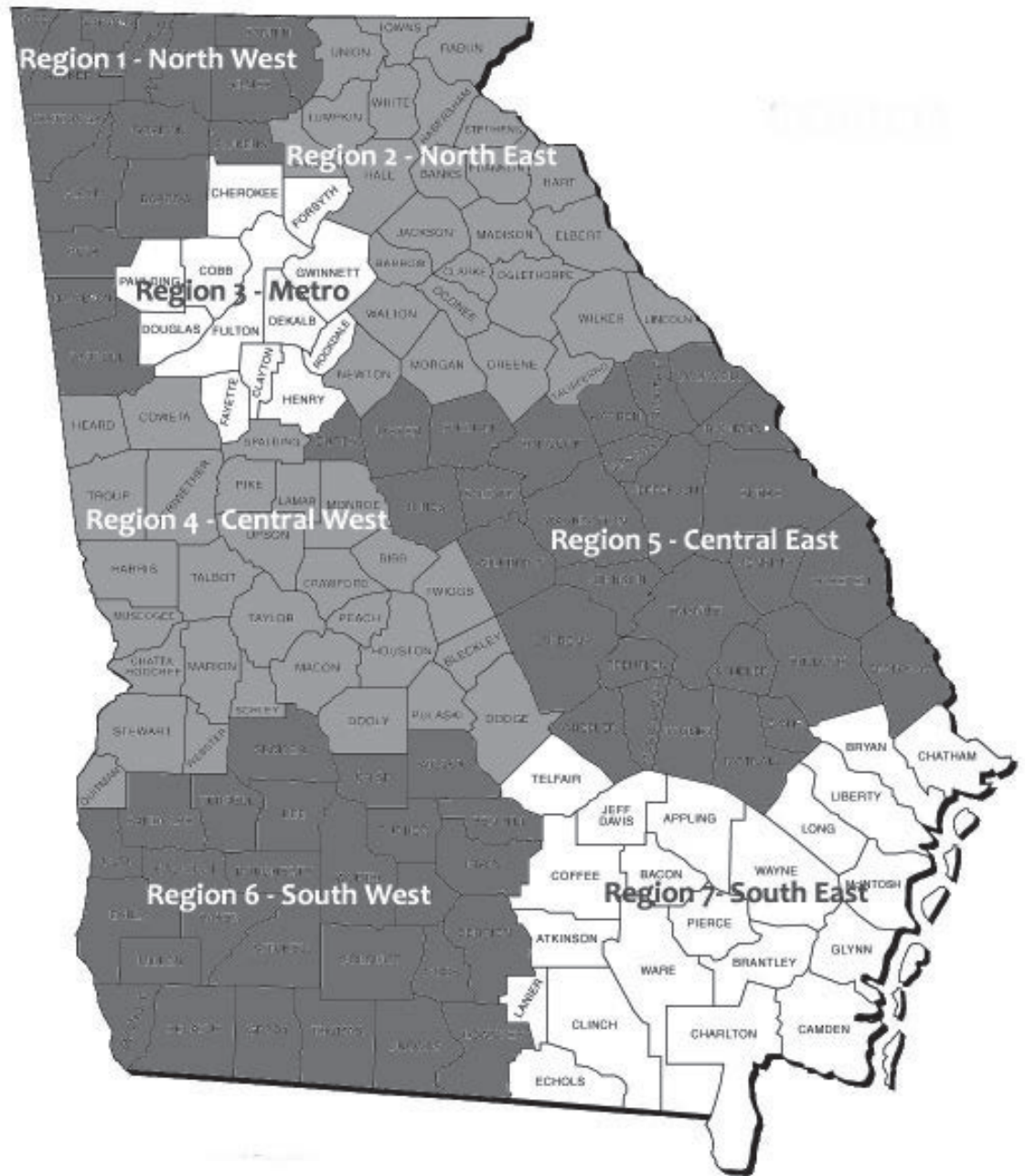
Region 3 - Metro: Fulton, Dekalb, Gwinnett, Cobb, Clayton, Douglas, Fayette, Henry, Cherokee, Forsyth, Paulding, Rockdale

Region 4 - Central West: Spalding, Heard, Coweta, Troup, Meriwether, Pike, Upson, Harris, Talbot, Taylor, Muscogee, Chattahoochee, Marion, Schley, Stewart, Webster, Quitman, Lamar, Monroe, Bibb, Crawford, Peach, Houston, Macon, Twiggs, Dooly, Bleckley, Pulaski, Dodge

Region 5 - Central East: Butts, Jasper, Putnam, Jones, Baldwin, Wilkinson, Hancock, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia, Richmond, Glascock, Jefferson, Washington, Burke, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurends, Treutlen, Emanuel, Wheeler, Montgomery, Toombs, Screven, Candler, Bullock, Effingham, Evans, Tattnall

Region 6 - South West: Sumter, Randolph, Terrell, Lee, Crisp, Turner, Worth, Dougherty, Calhoun, Clay, Tift, Early, Baker, Mitchell, Couquitt, Miller, Seminole, Decatur, Grady, Thomas, Wilcox, Ben Hill, Irwin, Berrien, Cook, Lowndes, Brooks

Region 7 - South East: Coffee, Bacon, Pierce, Atkinson, Echols, Clinch, Charlton, Brantley, Lanier, Ware, Telfair, Jeff Davis, Appling, Bryan, Chatham, Long, Liberty, McIntosh, Wayne, Glynn, Camden





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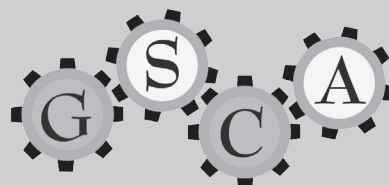


Special Message from the President:

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