



## ***2019 GAAE Conference Featured Keynote Speakers***



***Top Row:*** ***Dr. Curtis Jones, Jr., 2019 National Superintendent of the Year***  
***Brian Mendler, Motivator, Changing Lives One Student at a Time***  
***Keith L. Brown, Recipient Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award***  
***Richard Woods, Georgia's State Superintendent***

***Row Two:*** ***Phillip L. Hartley, Harben, Hartley & Hawkins, LLP***  
***Dr. Sam Taylor, Alternative ED. Program Manager, Georgia Dept. of Education***  
***Dr. Debra White, District Effectiveness Specialist, Georgia Dept. of Education***  
***Dr. Jimmy Stokes, Executive Director, GA Association of Educational Leaders, (GAEL)***

***Invited Speaker: The Honorable Governor, Brian L. Kemp***

**Meet us in  
Savannah!**

Join The Georgia Association for Alternative Educators collaborating with 158 school districts and Leaders and Partners in Education from across the state and national for three intense days of high-powered workshops, panel and roundtable discussions, on strategies in "Making Meaningful Partnerships and Collaborations with local and high profile resources that are making an impact in Turning around Perceptions of Non-Traditional Education.



**Theme: Making Meaningful Connections:**

**The Mis-Education of Alternative Ed.**

**RE-EDUCATING:**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT-BOARD MEMBERS, CORPORATIONS-**

**SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES,**

**SUPERINTENDENTS- PRINCIPALS-TEACHERS**

**PARENTS-STUDENTS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**ON THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR**

**NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS**

**Hyatt Regency Savannah, GA**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

**2 W. Bay Street**

**Savannah, GA 31401**

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Tentative Conference at a Glance

**Theme:** Making Meaningful Connections: The Mis-Education of Alternative Education

**Location:** Hyatt Regency, Savannah, GA

**Date:** September 25-27

Wednesday

**2:00** Registration

**5:00- 6:00** Break-out sessions (5 options)

1. **Comier, Dennis**, *Power Struggles and the Use of the 4-Step Counseling Model*
2. **Gibney-Sherman, Sherrie** *Foothills Alternative: Making a Difference*
3. **Hayden, ShirMel**, *Grant Writing for Teachers and Principals*
4. **Moore, Jason**, *"Reaching Potential through Manufacturing: Strategies to Help "At Risk" Students Graduate and Become Career Ready*
5. **Tadlock, Dee**, *Why Do So Many Students Struggle with Reading? Could it be that Traditional Instruction is not In Alignment with what Brains Need to Learn a Process?*

**6:00 – 7:00** Break-out sessions (5 options)

1. **Bird, Raquel**, *An Alternative Approach to Alternative Education: How to Develop a Well-Rounded Scholar*
2. **Cash, Joe**, *Blending and Tracking Social, Emotional, and Academic Growth*
3. **Pitts, Reuben G.**, *"How Do You Motivate The Unmotivated?"*
4. **Robson, Alex**, *Moneyball: An Innovative and Game Changing Approach to Alternative School Data*
5. **McClain, Tammy; Pritt, Jennifer; Hollinghead, Keeva**, *The New Face of Alternative Education*

**7:00-8:00** Meet and Greet/Mixer

Thursday

**7:30-8:00** Registration

**8:00-8:15** Welcome and Logistics

**8:15-8:30** Load buses for tour

**8:30** Buses depart

**9:00-12:45** bus tours

Bus Group A- Building Bridges Middle, Building Bridges High

Bus Group B- WREP, **RYDC**

Bus Group C- WINGS, Early College, SASSY center

Bus Group D- ETS, **Youth Build**

**12:45-1:45** Lunch at Building Bridges High

**2:00-2:05** General Session – NAEA President

**2:05 – 3:15** Brian Mendler

**3:15-3:30** Break/Vendors

**3:30- 3:40** Richard Woods State Superintendent

**3:45 – 4:45** Phil Hartley- Legal Aspects of Alternative Ed.

**7:00** Riverboat cruise “Award banquet”

### **Friday**

**7:30 -8:00** Registration

**8:00-8:05** **Youth Challenge Color Guard**

**8:05-8:15** Greetings from Mayor, SCCPSS Superintendent, GAAE President

**8:15-8:30** Business meeting

**8:30-9:30** Breakout session (5 options)

1. **Daniely, Julia**, *Alternative Education Program Innovation: External Resources to Support Program/School Improvement*
2. **Hose, Keith**, *The Alternative Setting: Is it a Pitstop before Prison? Come take a DETOUR.*
3. **Peppers, Barry**, *"Hats Off: Throwing Your Hats In the Ring (A pep talk for alternative education in rural communities.)*
4. **Houston, Jessica**, *Climate Shift: From Adequate to Extraordinary*
5. **Woodward, Jason**, *The Missing Link*

**9:30-9:45** Visit vendors

**9:45-10:15** General Session: Jimmy Stokes, Executive Director: GAEL Tribunal  
Hearing Process Training and Legislative Updates

**10:15-11:15** Keith Brown

**11:15-11:45** Dr. Samuel Taylor

**11:45-12:00** Visit Vendors/Check out

**12:00-1:00** **Lunch**

**1:00-2:00** Featured Breakout session (5 options)

1. **Brown, Keith**, *Standing in the Gap: Using Innovative Strategies, High Expectations and a, "Cultural Literacy" to close the Ambition and Achievement Gaps among At Risk Youth.*
2. **Taylor, Samuel**, *Setting the Standard for Alternative Education in Georgia (GADOE)*
3. **Hustle University, Hotep**, *Behavior is a Symptom...NOT the Problem! Getting to the Root*
4. **Johnson, Joe, Dr.**, *Pursue Your Purpose Not Your Dreams: Tapping into the alternative "Self" to serve students even better.*
5. **LaVoullé, Crystal**, *Attracting, developing and retaining teachers in alternative settings*

**2:00-2:30** (*Invited Speaker*) **Governor Brian Kemp**

**2:30-3:30** Superintendent's Panel discussion on alternative schools/programs

**Dr. Franklin Perry**, *Liberty County School System*

**Dr. Samantha Fuhrey**, *Newton County School System*

**Dr. Ann Levett**, *Savannah-Chatham County School System*

**Dr. Curtis Jones**, *Macon-Bibb School System*

**Dr. Vickie Reed**, *Brooks County Schools*

**Dr. Todd Cason**, *Valdosta City Schools*

\*Closing session/Prizes: Must be present to win (Next year conference paid, 100 dollars, TV, gift cards, shirts, hotel stay, etc.)

\*\*Master of Ceremony: Dr. Joe Johnson and Christceith Fuller Dorce