

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Day 1 Wednesday, June 7, 2023


7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration/Check-in

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Exhibitor Hall Hours (Door Prizes: 8:30 a.m.)

9-10:30 a.m. Opening Session – Hall C

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Warren Woodrow, Executive Director of SRESA

Dr. Trenton Gould, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences, The University of Southern Mississippi 

Steven Dick, Community Affairs and Corporate Giving Manager, Mississippi Power

Coach Will Hall, Keynote Speaker, Head Football Coach at The University of Southern Mississippi 

10:30-11 a.m. Break (Door Prizes: 10:45 a.m. Exhibitor Hall)

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Concurrent Session I

Room D1 STEM: Making Connection With Math and Science

Cynthia Mumford and Sarah Smith, Bailey Education Group

Room D2 Brainspring Phonics First is Back!

Esther Moreau, Brainspring

Room D3 Teaching Takes Tenacity

Crystal Zehentner and Tara Bell, Cares School of Hattiesburg

Room D4 Strategies to Promote Discourse in Mathematics Classrooms

Gerry Long, CPM Educational Program

Room D5 Teaching Human Ecology with Models and Simulations

Donna Torres, Infinity Science Center

Room D6 Retiring from PERS in the Next 5 Years? Solving the PLSO, Income Option, and 13th Check Dilemma

Ronald Kyzar and Freddie Wagner, Ronald Kyzar Financial Services

Room D7 Math Nation: More Than Just a Video

Sara Flowers, Math Nation

Room D8 Ensuring Inclusion and Equity in the Classroom through Technology

Ashley Kazery, The University of Southern Mississippi 

Room D9 Underachievers, Twice Exceptional, and MTSS for Gifted Studies

Lorie Sisk, Mississippi Department of Education

Room D10 Clarifying Conversations Regarding Suicide Ideation

Allison Moore, ThriveWay

Room D11 Literacy and Culturally Responsive Teaching

Lori Windham, William Carey University

Room D12 Discovering the Many Pathways for Initial Teacher License and Pursuing Graduate Degrees in Education


Rachel Tentoni, Mississippi State University College of Education

Room B1 University Secondary Mathematics Teacher Ed and High School Engineering Collaboration

Anna Wan and Stephen Jordan, The University of Southern Mississippi 

Room B2 Celebrating DEI to Improve Teacher Effectiveness

Tiffany Ridgeway and Jo Hawkins-Jones, The University of Southern Mississippi 

- Room A1** **Inquiry-Based Learning Lessons for Elementary Students**
Brandi O'Neal, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room A2** **Activating Kids' Superpowers II**
Kenda Lawson, Owl Education Company
- Room A3** **Move to Learn – Let's MOVE to Learn!**
Larry Calhoun, Move to Learn
- Room A4** **Foundational Partnerships for Student Success: Leveraging Teaching Artists with MS Whole Schools**
Amanda Koonlaba, Mississippi Whole Schools
- Room A5** **The Mississippi Teacher Residency (MTR)**
Mary Rodgers, William Carey University
- Room A6** **Parent and Family Engagement: Effective Ways to Build Strong Relationships with Families**
Mona Spells-Adou, Mississippi Department of Education

1:45-2:15 p.m. Break (Door Prizes: 2 p.m.) - Exhibitor Hall

2:15 p.m. Concurrent Session II

- Room D1** **Developing a High-Quality PLAAFP**
Noleen Clark, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room D2** **The Struggle Is Real: Supporting Struggling Readers**
Melanie Watkins, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room D3** **So You're a New Teacher: How to Thrive, and Not Just Survive**
Ebony Gardner, Vicksburg Warren School District
- Room D4** **Growing Our Intervention Students with Phonics for Reading**
Brigitte Anderson, Pascagoula-Gautier School District
- Room D5** **The Importance of Oral Language In Early Childhood Classrooms**
Kristi Kirkwood, George County School District
- Room D6** **Financial Strategies for People More Than 5 Years from Retirement**
Ronald Kyzar and Freddie Wagner, Ronald Kyzar Financial Services
- Room D7** **Teaching Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**
Ashten Yost, Mississippi State Department of Health
- Room D8** **UDL for PD: A Practical Guide for Professional Development**
Ashley Kazery, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D9** **The Special Education Teacher Shortage: Preparation Makes a Difference**
Alisa Lowery, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D10** **Beyond the Norm(s): Considerations for Assessing Intellectual Abilities in Gifted Studies**
Kristy McRaney, Center for Behavioral Health, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D11** **Speaking the Language of Science**
Stephanie Allen and Shanna Nesser, Kids First Education, LLC
- Room D12** **Industrial Technology and Instructional Design at Mississippi State University**
Kimberly Hall, Mississippi State University
- Room B1** **Complex Learning Needs: Strong Literacy and Communication Foundation**
Toni Hollingsworth, Mississippi Hearing-Vision Project, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room B2** **'Rocking Relationship' Through Service-Learning**
Jo Hawkins-Jones and Monica Dupree, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room A1** **The Impact of University Outreach Programs in Improving STEM Education in Elementary Classrooms**
Brandi O'Neal, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room A2** **Close Reading Strategies to Help Students with Comprehension and Writing**
Chan Cleveland, The Kirkland Group
- Room A3** **Move to Learn – Let's Move to Learn!**
Larry Calhoun, Move to Learn

- Room A4** **National Board Certification: Are You Ready to Elevate Your Teaching Practices?**
Andrea Edgecombe and Jaslyn Snow, Yazoo County School District
- Room A5** **Mentor Teachers and The Mississippi Teacher Residency**
Mary Rodgers, William Carey University
- Room A6** **Procedural Safeguards: Understanding Parental Rights in Special Education**
Mona Spells-Adou, Mississippi Department of Education

3:30-4 p.m. Door Prizes: 3:45 p.m. - Exhibitor Hall

Day 2 Thursday, June 8, 2023

7:30 a.m.-Noon Late Registration/Check-in

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Exhibitor Hall Hours (Door Prizes: 8:30 a.m.)

9-10 a.m. Keynote Speaker – Hall C

Keynote Speaker

Delbert Hosemann, Mississippi Lieutenant Governor

10:15 a.m. Concurrent Session III


- Room D1** **Preparing the Soil**
Heather Houston, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D2** **Revive Your Data by Reviving the Arts**
Stacy Howell and Casey Watts, The Mississippi Whole Schools
- Room D3** **Balanced Numeracy**
Suzan Morris, STEMscopes
- Room D4** **Motivation, Mindset, and Grit: Strategies to Build Perseverance and Resilience in 21st-Century Learners**
Rex Houston, North Panola School District
- Room D5** **Developing School-Wide Strategic Tools to Promote Academic Success**
Cleotha Taylor, Timothy Rush and Quintella Lockett
- Room D6** **So You Think You Can Coach?**
Celeta Devine and Brittney Broadwater, Diverse Learning Practices
- Room D7** **Mathematical Magic in the Classroom**
Millie Arender and Scott Cantrell, Performance-Based Education Company
- Room D8** **Understanding the Social and Emotional Needs of Twice Exceptional Learners**
Christina Leverett, William Carey University
- Room D9** **Leave a Legacy for Literacy**
Mina Ross and Laurie Brewer, The Excellence Group
- Room D10** **The Joyful Path to Independent Reading**
Ronald Stevens, Scholastics
- Room D11** **Strengthening Development of Ideas Through Short Critical Responses**
Nicole Cooley and LaDonna Mason, Kids First, LLC
- Room D12** **The Art of Intensifying Instruction**
Christy Hunt, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room B1** **Behavior Speaks: The Underlying Needs of Students Communicated Through Behavior**
Gerald Brown and Ja'Lise Brown, Jefferson County School District
- Room B2** **Instructional Strategies that Yield Results**
Benjie Ewing and Sheryl Ewing, Itawamba County School District
- Room A1** **An Introduction to Visual Impairment**
Kristi Higginbotham, Mississippi Department of Education

- Room A2** **Do You Really Hear Me? Strategies for Effective Listening**
Donielle Stephens and Andrea Krell, The University of Southern Mississippi 🦅
- Room A3** **Creating a Culture of SEL**
Sarieta Pollard, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room A4** **Shining Light on ADHD: Strategies to Uplift Success in Students with ADHD**
Zachary LaBrot, The University of Southern Mississippi 🦅
- Room A5** **PERS 101**
Centron Lenoir and Marlene Nance, Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
- Room A6** **Does It Fit: Digital Evaluation Rubric**
Rufus Hill and Kanequa Willis, Mississippi Department of Education

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch (Door Prizes: 11:45 a.m.) – Exhibitor Hall

1 p.m. Concurrent Session IV

- Room D1** **Creating Digital Content in the Classroom**
Ann Etier, Rankin County School District
- Room D2** **Arts Integration: An Administrator's Perspective**
Stacy Howell, Belinda McKinion and Maggie Dickson Mississippi Whole Schools
- Room D3** **Using Interactive and Digital Student Notebooks**
Suzan Morris, STEMscopes
- Room D4** **Let's Get Gritty: Practical Ways to Build Resilience in Students**
Rex Houston, North Panola School District
- Room D5** **Student Engagement – How Flexible Are You?**
Paige Davis, REACH MS, The University of Southern Mississippi 🦅
- Room D6** **The Power of a Positive Classroom: Relationships & Mindset**
Amy Pinkerton, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room D7** **Reducing Teacher Stress with a Novel Teacher Mentorship Program**
Cagla Cobek, The University of Southern Mississippi 🦅
- Room D8** **Impact on Student Learning**
Katie Tonore and Gloria Shropshire, William Carey University
- Room D9** **How Do I Deal with Student Behavior When They Outgrow the Color System?**
Alyson White and Kelsey Manor, Yazoo County School District
- Room D10** **Planning, Funding, Evaluating, and Maintaining Safe School Environments**
Joel Loftin, Walthall County School District
- Room D11** **Boredom Busters: Making the Most of Your Math Minutes**
LaQuanta Nelson and Katy Boyd, Kids First Education, LLC
- Room D12** **Targeted Planning for Instruction**
Christy Hunt, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room B1** **Combatting the Storm Through Connection**
Ja'Lise Brown and Gerald Brown, Jefferson County School District
- Room B2** **Increasing Engagement for \$1.25**
Sheryl Ewing and Benjie Ewing, Itawamba County School District
- Room A1** **Co-Teaching**
Kristi Higginbotham, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room A2** **A Fine-Tuned Classroom Equals a Successful Year**
Angie Abbey, Stringer Attendance Center
- Room A3** **Small Steps, Big Outcomes: Addressing Unfinished Learning!**
Silvia Jones, McNair Middle School
- Room A4** **Develop Effective Relationships Through Coaching**
Denise Harrison, Mississippi Department of Education

- Room A5** **Mississippi Deferred Compensation**
Rich Massingill, Mississippi Deferred Compensation Plan
- Room A6** **Connecting K12 Communities to College Capital**
Zach Taylor, The University of Southern Mississippi 

2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session V

- Room D1** **Go, Go Gifted Gadgets!**
Michelle Courtney, Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D2** **Cooking Up an Argument: Strategies for Developing Ideas in Opinion Writing**
Chasidy Brewer, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room D3** **Let's Engage Students through Phenomena-Based Science Instruction**
Suzan Morris, STEMscopes
- Room D4** **Creating Life-Long Learners in the School Library**
Catherine Bomhold, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D5** **Comprehensive and Collaborative Approach to Mental Health Services in the Community and Schools**
Tawny McCleon and Carlen Henington, Mississippi State University, Meridian Mental Health Program
- Room D6** **The Power of a Positive Classroom: Body Language & Classroom Organization**
Amy Pinkerton, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room D7** **National Board Certification with USM's World Class Teacher Program**
Lee Mason, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D8** **Start a Writing Revolution in the Classroom**
Katie Tonore, William Carey University
- Room D9** **Providing Universal Social-Emotional Supports to High School Students**
Jordan Etherington and Kaylee McKinney, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room D10** **Alternative School Roundtable**
Aaron Lee, Lowndes County Alternative School
- Room D11** **Key Ingredients for Reaching the Bottom Quartile through Effective Tier 1 Instruction**
Rachel Wooten and Natalie Breithaupt, Kids First Education, LLC
- Room D12** **Using Text-Based Instruction (TBI) to Improve Student Achievement**
Romeka Mack, Mississippi Achievement School District
- Room B1** **Providing Actionable Feedback to Promote Math Efficacy**
Kimberly Price, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room B2** **Strategies and Support for ALL Learners**
Tiffany Aldridge and Megan Blair, Simpson County School District
- Room A1** **Setting SAIL for Impactful Professional Learning Communities (PLC)**
Sebrina Palmer and Kegi Wells, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room A2** **Engagement Dupes: Keeping Students' Attention in Our New Learning Environments**
Melonie Goolsby, Desoto County School District
- Room A3** **Aspiring School Leaders**
Joshua Yeager, Perry County School District
- Room A4** **Leading Organizations to Excellence**
Tameka Hyland, Vicksburg Warren School District
- Room A5** **Engaging Math Centers for the K-2 Classroom**
Michelle Sones and Sharon Humbarger, Walthall County School District
- Room A6** **Transformational Leadership: Say It with Your C.H.E.S.T.**
Dr. Candice Vance-Anderson, The University of Southern Mississippi 

3:45-4:15 p.m. Door Prizes: 4 p.m. - Exhibitor Hall

Day 3 Friday, June 9, 2023

7:30-8:45 a.m.

Late Registration/Check-in

8 a.m.

Prayer Breakfast Keynote Speaker

Dwight Owens, Still Standing Consulting LLC

Curriculum Associates, Andrea Shane

9 a.m.

Concurrent Session VI

Room D1	And They Engineered Happily Ever After: Using Literacy to Address ALL Content Practices Makeasha Hardy and Monique White, Greenville Public School District
Room D2	Change Your Lens, Change Your View of Primary Writing Marlene Jackson and Kalea Thigpen, Laurel School District
Room D3	Teaching Without Tears Volume II: The Resource Room is Not Study Hall Latisha Hunt and Brenda Price, Madison County School District
Room D4	Utilizing Specially Designed Instructions to Improve the Delivery of Instructions Linda Payne and Patrica Lampkin, Mississippi Achievement School
Room D5	Self-Advocacy and Students with EBD Lennie Troughton and Kinga Balint-Langel, The University of Southern Mississippi 
Room D6	What Time Is It? Game Time LeKeisha Sutton, Mississippi Department of Education
Room D7	Glow and Grow with Multi-Sensory Learning Natalie Britt and Leigh Jackson, Mamie Martin Elementary School
Room D8	Does Timing Matter? An Evaluation of a Class-Wide Math Intervention Brittany Pigg and Gabryele McCroskey, The University of Southern Mississippi 
Room D9	Behavior Strategies for THAT Student Melanie Wells, Ranking County School District
Room D10	It's SHOWTIME! Felecia Prince and Jennifer Thornton, Walthall County School District
Room D11	Gaming Concepts: Engage Your Students with Esports Shivochie Dinkins, Yazoo County School District
Room D12	Collaborative Connections in ELA and History Hollie Johnson and Cassandra Ringo, Vicksburg Warren School District
Room B1	Therapy Dogs: Making a PAWSitive Impact Allison Temple, Laurel School District
Room B2	Model-Practice-Reflect: What Works with Writing Instruction Kristen Walters and Rachel Virgess, Laurel School District
Room A1	The Necessary Struggle: Supporting Productive Struggle in Learning Mathematics Kandra Wilkins, Mississippi Department of Education
Room A2	Relationships Matter Dr. Aly Neelis, Poplarville School District
Room A3	De-escalating the Escalated: Using Restorative Discipline Practices to Change School Culture Kory Thigpen, Vicksburg Warren School District
Room A4	CTE Module Success: Tracking Student Data Louvonika Ricks, Humphreys County School District
Room A5	If a Fly Could Talk: Learning to S.W.A.T. Distracting Classroom Behaviors Dariinda Steed, Madison County Schools
Room A6	Utilizing Student Voices Through Community Circles (Student Led Circles) Mikaela Anderson, The University of Southern Mississippi 

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session VII

- Room D1** **Seas the Day with Padlet**
Jessica McAndrews, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room D2** **Changing the Forecast: Classroom Culture and Climate**
Dr. Jaymar Jackson Sr. and Dr. Marlene Jackson, Laurel School District
- Room D3** **Riding the Waves into Magnetic Reading**
Kalea Thigpen, Laurel School District
- Room D4** **Level Up: A Guide for Gamifying Learning**
Brooke Morehead and Lakyn Kirk, Mississippi Department of Education
- Room D5** **Using Lesson Annotations to Improve Instruction**
LaMarlon Wilson and Carmella Scott, Mississippi Achievement School
- Room D6** **“Facing the Fears of Fractions, Oh My!”**
Tonya Mason, Meridian Public School District
- Room D7** **Don’t Let Tier Make You Cry: Tips and Tricks to Keep Interventions Organized**
Leigh Jackson, Mamie Martin Elementary School
- Room D8** **Standards-Based Instruction: The Roadmap to Success**
Nashicka Mark, Laurel School District
- Room D9** **One Click Away from Classroom Improvement**
Jennifer Williams, Cleveland Career Development and Technology Center
- Room D10** **Tiny Tweak Leads to Big Changes (Meeting Students’ Needs Through Small Group Instruction)**
Tijana Thompson, Yazoo City Schools
- Room D11** **Center Rotations to Implement in Mathematics**
Rebecca Rodrigue and Summer O’Quin, Walthall County School District
- Room D12** **Connecting Classroom Science and Community Relationships**
Hope Ellison and Brittany Anderson, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room B1** **Avoiding Power Struggles and Increasing Time On-Task**
Brittany Garza and Kayla McVay, The University of Southern Mississippi 
- Room B2** **Vocab Rehab, the Aid for Science and Social Studies Vocabulary Development**
Dionne Marshall and Jaquita Coleman, Vicksburg Warren School District
- Room A1** **Mentor Teacher / Student Teacher Relationship**
Rena Lunsford and Katherine Uthoff, Yazoo County School District
- Room A2** **Take the Tears Out of the Tier Process**
Wendy Lee and Megan Ducker, Picayune School District
- Room A3** **Bringing the 4 C’s to Life with Podcasting**
Dr. Will Deyamport III
- Room A4** **Obtaining National Board Certification in One Year**
Blair Crigler, George County School District
- Room A5** **Virtually Sharing is Literally Caring**
Vicky Johnson, Emily Dillon and Renay Zumbro, Franklin County School District
- Room A6** **Access, Access, Access! A Review of the Access for All Guide 2.0**
Ginny Sanders, Mississippi Department of Education

11:45 a.m.-12:25 p.m. Closing Keynote and Door Prizes – Hall C

Keynote Speaker

Caterria Payton, Mississippi Administrator of the Year

Final Door Prizes

Warren Woodrow, SRESA Executive Director

12:25-12:45 p.m. Turn in Attendance Cards at the Check-in Desk