

2024 GAEL Summer Conference – Agenda

Saturday, July 13

- 9:00 **Annual GAEL Golf Tournament**
Jekyll Island Golf Club, Indian Mounds Course
- 7:00 **GAEL Past Presidents' Dinner**
The Westin

Sunday, July 14

- 9:00 **GSSA Board Meeting**
Jekyll Island Club
- 10:30 **GAEL Board of Directors Meeting**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Room 7
- 12:00 - 5:00 **“Oceans of Fun 2024” Check-In**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Oceanside Reg. Desk
- 12:00 - 5:00 **Conference Check-In/Registration**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ben Porter Salon
- 9:00- 5:00 **Exhibitor Check-In/Registration and Set-up**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Marshside Hallway
- 12:30 **Affiliate Organization Executive Board Meetings**
GAESP Executive Board Meeting - Room 7
GAMSP Executive Board Meeting - Room 8
GACIS Executive Board Meeting - Room 10
- 1:00 **Affiliate Organization Board of Directors Meetings -**
GAESP Board of Directors Meeting - Room 7
GAMSP Board of Directors Meeting - Room 8
GASSP Board of Directors Meeting - Room 9
GACIS Board of Directors Meeting - Room 10

- 3:00 **General Session I/Welcome from the President, National Anthem, & Pledge to the Flag**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F
- 3:15 **Governor Brian Kemp Video Greeting**
- 3:20 **Welcome from Glynn County Superintendent**
Speaker: Dr. Scott Spence, Glynn County Superintendent
- 3:25 **Penguin Project Performance**
- 4:00 **GAEL Awards Program**
Georgia State Educator Awards
2024 Jim Puckett Outstanding Educator Awards
2024 John Yates Scholarship Awards
2024 Hubert “Skip” Yow, Jr. Award for Educational Advocacy
2024 H.M. Fulbright Award
- 4:20 **Keynote Address: “Platinum is better than Gold; Gail Dever’s Dream Becomes Reality” - Speaker: Gail Devers**
- 5:40 **Grand Opening of the EXPO Hall / Annual Reception**
Sponsored by: Parrish Construction Group
- 6:30 **Low Country Boil Celebration**
Sponsored by: Corbridge Financial
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F
- 8:00 **Dueling Pianos Concert and Reception**
Sponsored by: Mark III Employee Benefits
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F
**GAEL invites all attendees and sponsors/exhibitors to attend.*
Drinks and Dessert will be provided!

Monday, July 15

6:00 Sunrise Yoga

Sponsored by: University of West Georgia

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Porte Cochere Lawn

7:15 Check-In, Breakfast, Visit Expo

Breakfast Sponsored by: Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents

Jekyll Island Convention Center

7:30 “Oceans of Fun 2024” Check-In

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Oceanside Reg. Desk

8:00 General Session II / Welcome

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F

8:10 Sponsor Recognition

8:20 Recognition of NAESP National Distinguished Assistant Principals/Principals & the GASSP Assistant Principal of the Year

8:30 Keynote Address: “Choosing to Stay in Challenging Times – Building Cultures of Joy, Learning and Resilience” - Speaker: Principal EL

9:40 Sponsor Recognition

9:50 Break / Visit EXPO

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10:20 General Session III / Sponsor Recognition

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F

10:30 Superintendent of the Year

- 10:45 **Newly Passed Legislation and What it Means for Educators**
Speaker: Phil Hartley, Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger, and Nyugen LLP
- 11:00 **Lunch for Vendors and Breakout Session Presenters**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Ben Porter Salon
- 12:00 **Lunch for Group B**
Breakout Session I for Group A
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Various Locations
- 1:00 **Lunch for Group A**
Breakout Session I for Group B
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Various Locations
- 2:00 **Breakout Session II**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Various Locations
- 2:45 **Visit EXPO**
Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall G-H
- 4:00 **Registration for John Yates Beach Run**
Pre-Race Stretch Sponsored by: University of West Georgia
Great Dunes Beach Deck
- 4:30 **John Yates Beach Run**
Jekyll Island Beach
- 6:30 **University of West Georgia Presents: GAEL Family Fun Night at the Water Park**
Sponsored by: University of West Georgia - All attendees/vendors are invited!
Summer Waves Water Park
- 9:00 **Fireworks**
Sponsored by: Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE)

Tuesday, July 16

7:15 Registration, Breakfast, Visit EXPO

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8:00 General Session IV / Welcome

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F

8:05 Sponsor Recognition

8:20 A Discussion with State School Superintendent

Speaker: Richard Wood, Georgia State School Superintendent

8:40 Keynote Address: “The Time Is Now” - Speaker: Adam Welcome

9:55 Issues Critical to Public Education

Speaker: Dr. Buster Evans, TRSGA, Daniella Rosa, GPSTC, Mr. Matt Arthur, GaPSC, Dr. Tim Scott, GHSA

10:35 Sponsor Recognition

10:45 Break / Visit EXPO

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall G-H

11:00 Affiliate Business Meetings

GAESP Affiliate Business Meeting - Room 7

GAMSP Affiliate Business Meeting - Room 8

GASSP Affiliate Business Meeting - Room 9

GACIS Affiliate Business Meeting - Room 10

GASPA Affiliate Business Meeting – Room 1

GSSA Affiliate Business Meeting - Ben Porter Salon

12:00 Lunch / Visit EXPO

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F

1:15 General Session V / President Remarks

Jekyll Island Convention Center, Atlantic Hall A-F

1:20 Installation of the 2024-2025 GAEL Officers

1:30 Remarks from 2024-2025 GAEL President

Speaker: Dr. Aaron Geter, 2024-2025 GAEL President

1:40 GAEL Coaching Division Video Update

1:45 Sponsor Recognition

2:00 Back to School Checklist

Speaker: Phil Hartley

3:00 Closing Ceremony/Announcements/Door Prizes

Wednesday, July 17

8:30 - 12:00 Leadership Actions to Accelerate Learning

Facilitator: Dr. Tanzy Kilcrease, GaDOE, Room 7

8:30 - 12:00 Georgia Disciplinary Hearing Officer Training

Facilitator: Dr. Jimmy Stokes, GAEL Discipline Institute, Room 8

8:30 - 12:00 Financial Workshop for School and District Leaders

Facilitator: Dr. Steve Smith, Executive Director of Heart of GA RESA, Room 9

8:30 - 12:00 New Legal Issues: An Extended Session with Cory Kirby

*Facilitator: Cory Kirby, Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger, & Nyugen, LLP,
Atlantic Hall G*

8:30 - 12:00 GA DOE - Georgia Literacy Initiative: Leading with Vision and Planning for Success – Implementing Georgia’s K-12 ELA Standards

*Facilitator: Dr. April Aldridge, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning,
Amy Denty, Director of Literacy, Atlantic Hall H*

8:30 - 9:00 Dreaming, Believing, and Achieving in Teacher Retention in Georgia Schools: A Closer Look at Teacher Provider Retention Programs Realized

Facilitator: Alisha Williamson, GaDOE, Room 10

9:30 - 10:30 Cultivating Educators: The GaRTAP Grow Your Own Initiative

Facilitator: Heather Finley, GaDOE, Room 10

10:30 - 12:00 Innovative Partnerships at the GaDOE & How They Benefit Rural Districts

*Facilitator: Bronwyn Ragan Martin, GaDOE Office of Rural Education and
Innovation, Room 10*

