

NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS FIRST ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Theme: Leading Change and Embracing Innovation: Focusing on Accountability, Evidence of New Mindsets, Positive Results, and Improved Student Achievement

NCABSE Conference Update

Thank you for registering for the first North Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators (NCABSE) Conference, which opens in just a few days. We look forward to your participation at this inaugural event. Here are a few things you need to know in preparation for the conference:

VENUE – The Park Expo and Conference Center, 800 Briar Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC, 28205.

PARKING – Parking at the Park Expo and Conference Center costs \$10.00 per day.

WHERE TO GO – Enter the Park via the front doors off the parking lot. Look for the NCABSE signs.

REGISTRATION – Registration opens at 7:00 AM each day. Upon arrival at The Park, proceed to registration where you will check in and receive your official conference badge, conference bag, dinner ticket(s). The badge is to be always worn and will grant entrance into all conference activities. Please keep up with your conference materials – and all personal belongings. The Park Expo does not have a coat check nor a Lost and Found. There will be no replacements for any conference materials, so remember to bring your badge on the second day of the conference, as applicable.

MEALS - Your registration fee includes dinner on Friday and/or Saturday, depending upon your registration for one or two days. A continental Breakfast and Box Lunch will be available at a nominal cost. **See Menu below and pay on site.**

ATTIRE – Suggested dress for *Friday* is Greek clothing or NABSE Affiliate clothing or Business Attire. Suggested dress for *Saturday* is Business Attire. Wear comfortable shoes each day. You are encouraged to check the local Charlotte weather to see if you will need outerwear this weekend.

Exhibits Set Up: The EXPO Center – 800 Briar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC - March 7, 2024

Presenters, Speakers, and Logo Assets – [Click Here to Upload Media](#)

FOR UPDATES – Regularly visit the conference website at ncabse.org.

We look forward to meeting and networking with you at the first NCABSE State Conference.

Warm regards,

THE NCABSE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE AGENDA FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

Dr. Betty Howell Gray, Founder/Director
Dr. Zoletta Taylor, North Carolina ABSE President

6:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	The Park EXPO Center	Conference Registration, Continental Breakfast Vendor/Exhibits—Second floor Lobby Area
		Meet and Greet
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.		West Charlotte JROTC – Color Guards LTC Darryl A. Owens, Director West Charlotte High School Charlotte, North Carolina
Presentation of Colors		
Welcome & Recognition of Sponsors		Dr. Zoletta Taylor, President, North Carolina ABSE
National Anthem		Audience
Invocation		Reverend Glencie Rhedrick, MS., MDIV. PhD, ABD
Litany of Commitment		Ina G. Howell, Wayne County ABSE & North Carolina ABSE
Negro National Anthem		Audience
NCABSE Mission & Vision/Conference Overview		Dr. Betty Howell Gray, Founder/Director, North Carolina ABSE
Music Ensemble		West Charlotte High School Choir Ensemble Mr. Jovan Adams, Director
Greetings		Mayor V. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C. Councilwoman Renee Johnson, District 4 Dr. Marvin Connelly, Supt. of Cumberland County Schools and NC Supt. of the Year Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed, Senate District 38 Stephanie Sneed, CMS Board Member Chair
Introduction of Speaker		Greylyn Hargrove, 3 rd Grade Student Friendship Day School
Guest Speaker	Dr. Crystal L. Hill, Superintendent. Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools	
Presentation to the Speaker	Dr. Betty Howell Gray, Founder Director	

10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m.

Break, Exhibits' Review

10:10 a.m.-11:10 a.m.

Erin Little, Chief Executive Officer, Enhancing Academic Outcomes through Mental Health Interventions

11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Keri Bartholomew, Manager of Educational Partnership
Accelerating Foundational skills for Older Readers (4-12)
The Center for Collaborative classroom

12:10 p.m.-1:10 p.m.

Lunch

1:10 p.m.-2:10 p.m.

Dr. Devonya Hunt, President
Centering Black Children in Literacy Instruction
Charlotte Chapter of Black Child Development
Govan-Hunt Staff Development, LLC

2:10 p.m.-3:10 p.m.

Panel: Community Conversation, "Moving the Needle on Financial Literacy"
Larry Johnson, DYN, Chairperson of the Board,
President, Moderator
Marlon C. Smith, International Speaker, and Best-Selling Author
Tony Jackson, CFE1 & Shawn Marie, Ph.D., Ches, CW

3:10 p.m.-4:10 p.m.

Dr. Effie McMillan, President, W/S and Forsyth County Alliance of Black School Educators
Overview of North Carolina ABSE Commissions

4:10 p.m.-5:10 p.m.

Break/Vendors' Review

5:10 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Affiliate Program Meeting

ENTERTAINMENT

6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

**DINNER, GREEK/AFFILIATE NIGHT,
GREEK ACTIVITIES AND DANCING**

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

6:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	The Park EXPO Center Conference Registration, Continental Breakfast Vendor/Exhibits—Second Floor Lobby Area
7:15-8:00 a.m.	Meet and Greet Music, EXPO Conference Center
8:00 a.m.-10:00 Greetings	Congresswoman Adam (Video) Dr. Joyce Waddell, North Carolina Senator, District 40 NABSE Officers Video Anthony Harris Southeastern Regional Rep, NABSE
Negro National Anthem	Audience
Invocation	Rev. Glencie Rhedrick, MS., MDiv. PhD, ABD
NABSE Litany	Renee Harrison, North Carolina ABSE
Student Perspective on Education	Malachi D. Thompson, CMS Student
Conference Overview	Dr. Betty Howell Gray, Founder/Director
Introduction of Speaker	Solomon Langston, 5 th Grade student, Friendship Day School
Guest Speaker	Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent, Consultant School Leaders, Partnership for Deliberate Excellence, LLC

10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.	Vendor Break
10:30- a.m.-11:30 a.m.	
Introduction of Speaker	Aubrey Leflore (4 th Grade Student) Friendship Day School
Speaker	Dr. Pamela Walthall, Founder & CEO, Overlapping Leadership and instruction, LLC
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Shawn Marie Hrncir, Ph.D, Ches, CWHC Equity At the Top-Social and Emotional Leadership for Transformational Change
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	LUNCH (Room TBA) SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Teacher & Principal of the Year Panel Tabari Wallace, Special Advisor to Superintendent for Principal Engagement, Moderator Antonio Covington, NC Principal of the Year (POY) Dwight Thompson, Regional Principal of the Year (POY) Kimberly Jones, N. C. Teacher of the Year (TOY) Department of Public Instruction
3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Vendors' Break
3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	The State of Our Schools, Panel Dr. Patrick C. Graham, LLC, Moderator Dr. Jennifer Neitzel, Executive Director, Educational Equity Institute Allen Duncan, Vice Chair, State Board of Education Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed, District 38 Dr. Geoff Coltrane, Senior Education Advisor to the Governor
4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Vendors/Break
Election of Officers	Dr. Zoletta Taylor, NCABSE, President
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Dinner/NCABSE Awards Program Lois Johnson, Past NABSE NE Regional Representative

**CHURCH ACTIVITY (FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND CHURCH ON SUNDAY)
FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH—TWO SERVICES (8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.)
3400 BEATTIES FORD ROAD
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Continental Breakfast & Box Lunch Selections

Breakfast Bags - \$8.00 (taxes included)

Includes:

- Assorted Muffin
- Mini Yogurt
- Orange Juice

Coffee, Hot Tea & Water are also included.

Lunch Bags - \$10.00 (taxes included)

Includes:

- Turkey & Provolone Cheese Sandwich OR Tuna Wrap
- Plain Chips
- Mixed Fruit Cup
- Sweet Treat
- Soft Drink Options: Coca Cola, Diet Coke or Sprite & Water

Payment Methods

Payments will be taken onsite using:

- Cash
- Debit/Credit Cards