

G-CASE Fall Conference



November 15-17, 2023

The Hyatt-Regency, Savannah

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G-CASE

Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education

2022-2025 Strategic Plan

VISION

A unified voice promoting excellence in leaders of programs for students with disabilities

MISSION

- Promote professional learning
- Promote engaged membership
- Promote effective leadership

PURPOSE

G-CASE advocates for improved services for students with disabilities

STRATEGY

By offering effective performance-based professional learning and promoting the engagement of members, G-CASE will impact state and national policy and legislation.

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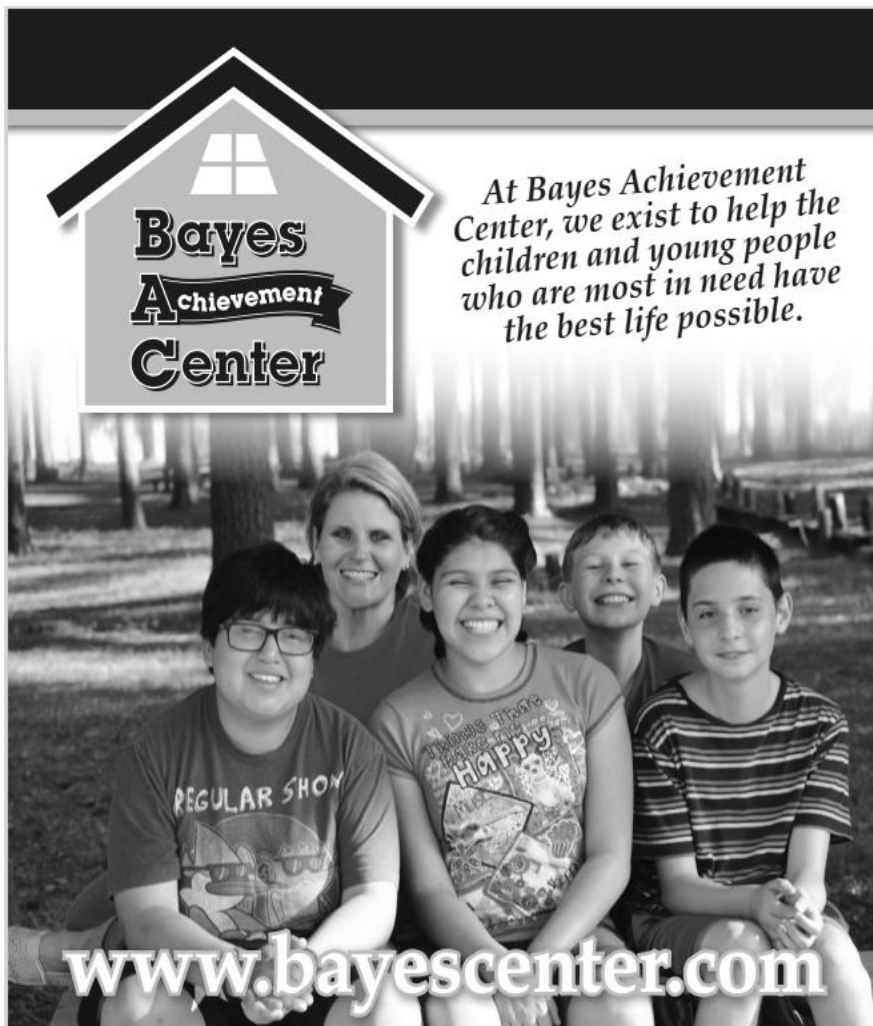
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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Pre-Conference Activities

8:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration	Lobby
8:00 - 12:00 PM	Exhibitors Set Up	Lobby and Mezzanine
9:00 - 12:00 PM	SELDA	Regency Ballroom A <i>(2nd floor)</i>
9:00 - 12:00 PM	GLRS	Plimsoll <i>(Lobby Level)</i>
9:00 - 9:45 AM	G-CASE Advisory Board	Scarborough 2 <i>(Lobby Level)</i>
9:30 - 10:30 AM	GaDOE/GVRA Focus Group	Percival <i>(2nd floor)</i>
10:00 - 11:30 AM	G-CASE Executive/Advisory Boards	Scarborough 1 <i>(Lobby Level)</i>
10:30 - 11:30 AM	GaDOE/GVRA Focus Group	Percival <i>(2nd floor)</i>
11:00 - 12:00 PM	GO-504 Session	Verelst <i>(2nd floor)</i>
11:30 - 12:45 PM	Lunch for SELDA, GLRS Directors, G-CASE Boards	Scarborough Ballroom Foyer <i>(Lobby Level)</i>
12:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Lobby and Mezzanine

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Transforming Transition: PreK-12

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Regency Ballrooms (*2nd Level*)

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| 1:00 - 1:30 PM | Conference Kick-Off
Michele Sayles Harris, G-CASE President |
| 1:30 - 3:00 PM | Focus on Abilities -
The Blue Star Recyclers Story
Bill Morris, Keynote Speaker |
| 3:00 - 3:30 PM | Exhibitor Area/Refreshment Break
Sponsored by USTA Georgia
<i>(Mezzanine 2nd Level and First Floor Lobby)</i> |
| 3:30 - 4:30 PM | Shine Your Light
Wina Low, State Director |
| 4:30 PM | Announcements/Adjourn |
| 4:30 - 5:00 PM | Visit Exhibitors |
| 5:00 - 6:00 PM | SELDA Mentor Mingle
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2023-2024

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Sarah Burbach, *Executive Director*



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Thursday, November 16, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Harborside <i>(across River Street)</i>
7:30 - 10:00 AM	Registration	Lobby
7:45 AM	Exhibits Open Silent Auction Opens	1 st and 2 nd Floors Westbrook
8:00 - 8:30 AM	<u>General Session</u> Michele Sayles Harris G-CASE President	Regency Ballrooms
8:30 - 9:30 AM	<u>General Session</u> <i>Believing in Special Education!</i> Phyllis Wolfram Keynote Speaker	Regency Ballrooms
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Visit Exhibits/ Beverage Break	1 st and 2 nd Floors
10:00 - 11:00 AM	<u>General Session</u> <i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Graduation</i> Karen Squires Keynote Speaker	Regency Ballrooms
11:05 - 12:05 PM	Breakout Sessions A	1 st and 2 nd Floors

12:10 - 1:10 PM	Luncheon Buffet	Harborside
1:15 - 2:15 PM	Breakout Sessions B	1 st and 2 nd Floors
2:20 - 3:20 PM	Breakout Sessions C	1 st and 2 nd Floors
3:25 - 3:55 PM	Exhibit Area Refreshment Break Sponsored by Parker Poe	1 st and 2 nd Floors
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions D	1 st and 2 nd Floors
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Exhibits Break Down	
5:00 - 6:00 PM	GaDOE/GVRA Focus Group	Percival
5:00 - 6:00 PM	ADA Social Sponsored by SES	Hospitality Suite Room #
5:15 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Westbrook
7:00 - 9:00 PM	CEC Social	The River Lounge

Special Thanks:

Presenting Sponsors: SES and Bayes Center

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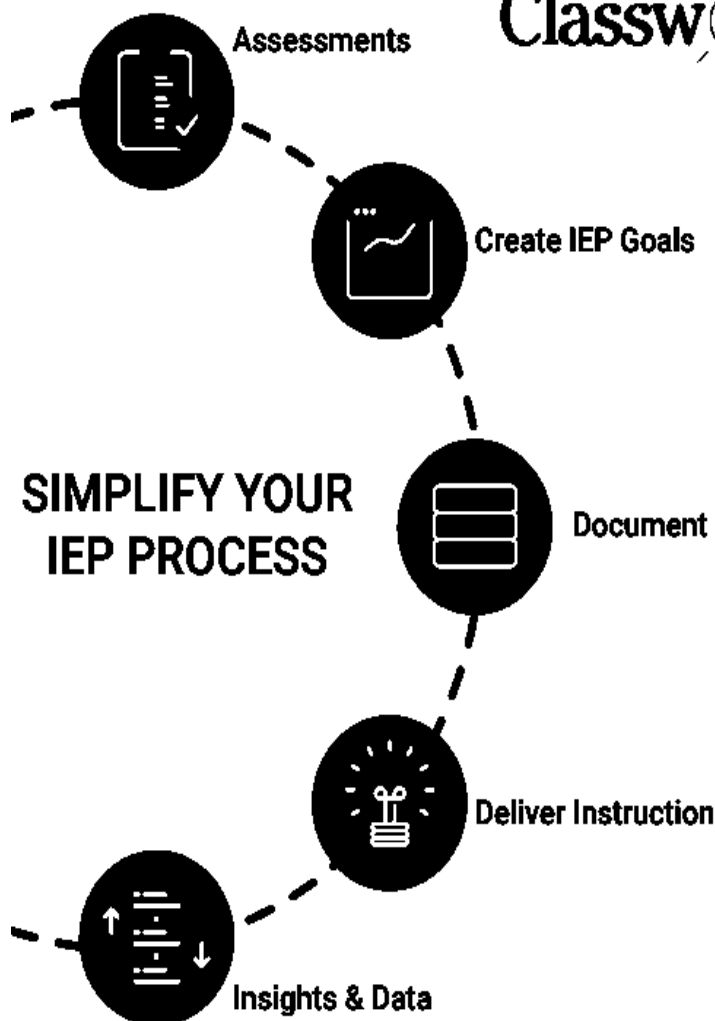
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Silent Auction Baskets and Door Prizes: GLRS, Vendors,
Executive Board, Creative G-CASE Members



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Friday, November 17, 2023

7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast <i>Harborside</i>
8:30 - 8:45 AM	General Session <i>Regency Ballrooms</i> Michele Sayles Harris 2023 G-CASE President
8:45 - 9:15 AM	Georgia CEC Presentation
9:15 - 10:15 AM	<i>Transforming Transitions.</i> <i>Transforming Lives</i> Dr. Grant Rivera, Superintendent Marietta City Schools
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Break (No Food or Drinks) <i>(Checkout, pick up Silent Auction items, etc.)</i>
10:45 - 11:45 AM	<i>Why Can't We Agree on What the Law Means, and How Do Special Education Directors Respond?</i> Phil Hartley, Legal Counsel Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen, LLP
11:45 - 12:00 PM	Door Prizes, Conference Concludes

Silent Auction Winners:

Be sure to pick up your winning item(s) outside the ballroom before you leave. You will be invoiced. Thank you for supporting this important scholarship program for the Special Education ADA!



Anita Frederick, EdS.

Lead School Psychologist, Hall County Schools

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2016	Carol Geiken	1999	Dee Dee Baker and Luann Purcell
2015	Sarah Burbach	1998	William Swan
2014	Lori Garrett	1997	Faye Waugh
2013	Wina Low	1996	Richard Downey
2012	Dawn Kemp	1995	Juanda Ponsell
2011	Kathy Wooten	1994	Ann Glendinning
2010	Jo Alice Ray	1993	Nancy Moak
2009	Debra Brantley	1992	Ethyl Ault
2008	Debbie Gay	1991	Ann Considine
2007	Jan LaBoone	1990	Bonnie Bell Davis
2006	Rae Ann Gerhardt	1989	Barbara Boyer
2005	Rebeca Kelly	1988	Jerri Griggs
2004	Victor Morgan	1987	Alan White
2003	Leland Howard	1986	Tony Molinaro

The **Lillie Moncus Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year Award** is the highest honor for an experienced special education administrator in Georgia to receive from G-CASE. This award is presented to an individual with five or more years of experience as a special education administrator who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in the area of special education. This person characterizes resourcefulness, compassion, and professionalism as a leader. The **Lillie Moncus Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year** has earned the respect of teachers, students, parents, and fellow administrators across Georgia!

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2023-2024

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Amanda Oxford, Northwest GA GLRS

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Dana Vickers, South Central GLRS



The **G-CASE Silent Auction** is a special annual event to raise money for scholarships to the

Special Education Administrator Development Academy. The Silent Auction will be open during the conference on Wednesday (Noon-5:00 P.M.) and Thursday (7:45 AM- 5:15 PM) in the Westbrook Meeting Room (in the corner on the 2nd floor). Check out the baskets, gift cards, sports packages, books, Christmas items, and other great donations! Check in on the items you are bidding on often so you will not get over-bid! Winners will receive a text Thursday night and must take their items home with them on Friday. No money is needed right now! An invoice will be sent to you after the conference. **BID HIGH!**

Each year, G-CASE selects teacher leaders through an application process to serve as **Ambassadors** at the Fall Conference. These individuals support conference activities such as registration, breakout sessions, special activities; work with our sponsors and exhibitors, assist keynote speakers -- being available, providing resources, and answering questions as needed. In exchange, the Ambassadors receive conference registration, three nights lodging at Conference Headquarters, all travel and meal expenses, and a week to remember - full of *all things Special Education!*



Congratulations

2023 G-CASE Fall Conference Ambassadors!

Larissa Beecher (Captain), Karin Fisher (CEC President),
Ashanti Cannon (Burke County), Melanie Duncan
(Houston County), Elizabeth Hunter (Burke County),
and Valencia Leslie (Burke County)



December 6-7, 2023: Dyslexia Drive-In Workshop

The Bindery at Oakland, Lee County

January 24, 2024: Coordinator Skills Institute (CSI)

Houston County Annex Auditorium

January 28-30, 2024: Winter GAEL

The Classic Center, Athens

**January 25, 2024: Special Education Administrator
Development Academy (ADA)**

Houston County Annex Auditorium

Winter, 2024: Behavior/Mental Health Toolbox 2.0

Site to be determined

March 4-6, 2024: G-CASE Spring Legal Forum

The Classic Center, Athens

March 12-15, 2024: CEC International Convention

San Antonio, Texas

*Watch for Registration Information
emailed to all G-CASE members!*

MENTOR MINGLE

Wednesday, November 15

5:00–6:00 PM.

For all SELDA Participants/Leaders, Mentors, and
G-CASE Executive/Advisory Boards



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get involved.

join a committee.

Communication	Serves as a conduit for information flow to G-CASE membership
Professional Learning	Promotes excellence in leaders by providing timely and needed professional learning
Strategic Planning	Guides the development, implementation, and revision of the G-CASE Strategic Plan
Membership	Promotes membership in CASE at the state and national levels
Legislative	Facilitates positive action to influence rules and legislative changes
Research & Innovation	Evaluates and conducts state-of-the-art research-based activities in special education leadership
Policy & Procedures	Facilitates written G-CASE policies and procedures reflecting current practices

Responsibilities of Committee Members:

Attend a live or virtual committee meeting in the Fall and Spring, contribute to the committee with ideas and support, and promote G-CASE membership and activities. Learn more and sign up today at the G-CASE Exhibit table in Westbrook.



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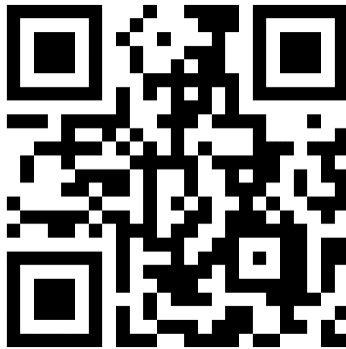
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