

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Bonita Coleman, Superintendent

Dr. Bonita Coleman, appointed superintendent of the Ocean Springs School District in 2012, has served in education for her entire professional life. Through her roles as superintendent, teacher, consultant, and parent, she has acquired a deep and broad understanding of the opportunities, challenges, and complexities of successfully leading a school district.

Dr. Jason Harris, Superintendent

A determined leader in public education for nearly two decades, Dr. Jason Harris believes in setting high expectations, challenging his organization to meet them, and embracing setbacks as opportunities for growth. Dr. Harris has served as Superintendent of Columbia School District (CSD) since July 2017. He is credited with embracing and celebrating CSD's diverse student body by continuously embracing the motto: Believe, Achieve, Succeed!



Ashlee Lucas, Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator

Ashlee Lucas serves as Chair of the Mississippi Trafficking Council with the Vice Chairs from the U.S. Attorney's offices – Southern and Northern Districts of Mississippi. She represents Mississippi on the U.S. Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and Southeastern Regional Human Trafficking Task Force Leaders Group.

Dr. Miskia Davis, Superintendent

Dr. Miskia Davis has 18 years of educational experience. She has spent her entire educational career in Sunflower County, where she currently serves as Superintendent. Dr. Davis is an advocate for public education and the children who are the recipients. She strongly believes that every child is capable of learning. However, every child's education is predicated on the fact that in order for children to learn, each one must be taught by effective, engaged teachers.



Dr. Noal Cochran, Associate Dean

Dr. Noal Cochran has over 30 years of experience in the fields of industry, education, and mental health. He earned an undergraduate degree in polymer science and holds a Master's degree in science education, a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, and a Specialist Degree and a PhD in Educational Leadership. Dr. Cochran currently serves as the Associate Dean for Educator Preparation and Accreditation and as the Interim Director of the School of

Education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Carla J. Evers, Superintendent

Dr. Carla Evers is serving her 29th year as an educator and her fifth year as the superintendent of the Pass Christian Public School District. Prior to becoming superintendent, Dr. Evers served the children of Mississippi as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Director of Instructional Programs. Her awards and honors include Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year. Her passion is found in the classrooms of her district where she focuses her energies on ensuring that students meet the district's mission through providing a world-class education.




Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Superintendent

Dr. Wayne Rodolfich has served as superintendent of the Pascagoula-Gautier School District for the past 16 years and is a nationally recognized superintendent and principal. He is a two-time winner of the Mississippi Education Computing Association's Administrator of the Year and recipient of the Hugh I. Peck Memorial Award by PREPS. Selected as Mississippi Superintendent of the Year in 2019, Rodolfich was appointed to Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann's Education

Advisory Committee and was recently selected as a board member of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents.

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ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS

There is a limited room block at the DoubleTree By Hilton Biloxi, 940 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530 for the following rates:

- July 17-20, 2021: Standard Room — \$154 per night plus fees and taxes
- July 17-20, 2021: Gulf View Room — \$164 per night plus fees and taxes

To make your hotel reservations online, please visit <https://group.doubletree.com/vun3wy>, or call the DoubleTree at 1-800-774-1500. Be sure to mention MSB to receive the discounted room rate.

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EARLY BIRD SEMINAR

LEGAL HOT TOPICS

1st Amendment: Students & Employees Off-Campus Misconduct

Cybersecurity

Remediation of Special Needs Students

Title IX

SPEAKERS

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Keynote Speaker: Miranda Beard

Miranda A. Beard is a state and national motivational speaker and conference presenter. She was the 2016-2017 president of the National Schools Boards Association (NSBA). In her role as president and NSBA director, she traveled to 44 states in the U.S. as a leading voice and advocate for equity and excellence in education for more than 50 million children in our nation's schools.

General Session Speaker: Dr. David Lee

Dr. David Lee is an accomplished leader with over 35 years of experience driving change in organizations and providing the motivation that enables people to be better at what they do. His greatest strength is his experience because he has been a teacher, coach, principal at every grade level, superintendent of schools, deputy state superintendent of education for the State of Louisiana, college professor, and a local school board member.



General Session Speaker: Demetric Warren

Demetric Warren served as a member of the Hollandale School District Board of Trustees from 2008-2012. During his last year on the board, he was named "Board Member of the Year" for the state by the Mississippi School Boards Association. Currently, Warren is the co-founder of VarsityPreps.com, which is one of the largest minority owned football recruiting websites in the country.

Dr. Robert Williams, Superintendent

Robert Williams, Ph.D., has worked in education for over 18 years. He has served 16 of those years in the Hattiesburg Public School District. Prior to his appointment as Superintendent, he served as principal of N. R. Burger Middle School. Under his leadership, N. R. Burger Middle transformed from a school labeled as "At Risk of Failing" in 2008 to "High Performing-High Progress" in 2012.



Dr. Karen Norwood, Superintendent

Dr. Karen R. Norwood is the Superintendent of Forest Municipal School District. Prior to being in Forest, she was the Assistant Superintendent of Accountability, Assessment, Accreditation, and Secondary Education in the A-rated Biloxi Public School for 12 years. Her educational experience also includes serving as a high school principal and as an elementary counselor.

AGENDA*

Sunday, July 18, 2021

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM REGISTRATION
 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM EXHIBIT BOOTH SETUP
 3:00 PM EARLY BIRD SEMINAR
 5:00 PM ADJOURN; DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Monday, July 19, 2021

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION; EXHIBIT BOOTHS OPEN
 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM SOUTHERN BREAKFAST
 8:30 AM OPENING GENERAL SESSION
 10:00 AM BREAK
 10:30 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS
 12:00 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
 1:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS
 3:00 PM BREAK
 3:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS
 5:00 PM ADJOURN; DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM SOUTHERN BREAKFAST
 8:00 AM GENERAL SESSION
 9:00 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS
 10:00 AM BREAK
 10:30 AM CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
 12:00 PM ADJOURN

**Agenda as of May 25, 2021; Subject to change.*

CONCURRENT SESSION TOPICS

Adversaries to Allies

Build Your Own Innovation Nation

Communications

Generations: Unifying in the Boardroom & Workplace

Human Trafficking

Indicating Excellence: Measures for School Districts

Intervention Strategies to Improve Oral Fluency, Reading, and Writing

Leading from Failure to Success

Mental Wellness: I Like My Gizzards Fried

New Superintendent & Board Relations

Student Growth, Student Achievement: Using Your ACT Reports to Help Students Better Prepare for College and Career Success

AND MORE!

SOUTHERN REGION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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 Print plainly or type.

Name _____

Job Title _____

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School District / Association / Agency _____

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FEES:

✓	Cost	EARLY BIRD SEMINAR: Sunday, July 18
	\$125	
		FULL CONFERENCE: Monday, July 19 & Tuesday, July 20 <i>(includes general and concurrent sessions, materials, refreshment breaks, and Southern breakfasts)</i>
	\$395 —	School Board Members, Superintendents, Other School District Leaders
	\$90 per person —	Spouse / Guest Registration <i>(includes meals and access to sessions)</i> Spouse / Guest Name:
\$		TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES

PAYMENT:

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CANCELLATION POLICY:

Written cancellations received by June 18 will be charged a \$100 cancellation fee.

REFUNDS WILL **NOT** BE PROVIDED FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER JUNE 18.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.

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 P.O. Box 203, Clinton, MS 39060-0203

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