Join Us in Tampa!

25th Annual NAEA National Conference
October 28-30, 2019

Registration will be open soon!

Hotel: Tampa Marriott Waterside

Visit the NAEA Website

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2019 Video Contest

“NAVIGATING THE FUTURE” – Tell the story of your alternative program in a 2-5-minute video or rap. This contest is open to middle and high school students who attend alternative education programs. Your video should communicate the message and mission of your program and relate it to the annual national NAEA conference theme “Navigating the Future”. Entries may express this theme in any genre or shooting style but must be submitted by link containing a YouTube URL.

THE PRIZES:
Winners will receive the following cash awards:
First Prize—$400.00  Second Prize—$300.00  Third Prize—$200.00

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED by OCTOBER 12, 2019.
WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED at the NAEA conference.

Visit our website for more information!
Welcome Jackie Whitt, Executive Director NAEA

We are pleased to welcome Jackie Whitt as the new Executive Director of the NAEA. Jackie holds a true passion for alternative education.

As founder, and past president of Foundation 2000 for Children, many goals were established and exceeded in order to provide resources to schools, at-risk students and their teachers above and beyond finances that were provided by the school district. Jackie also served as the NAEA Vice President for two years and was NAEA Conference Chairperson for 4 years. Jackie’s accomplishments have helped to prepare her for the role of NAEA Executive Director

In her part time role as executive director Jackie will assist and lead the planning of our national conference and assist with the development of upcoming regional symposiums. Jackie will also serve at the pleasure of the NAEA board and will also help the organization secure sponsorships.

We Want YOU!

Seeking New NAEA Board Members from Regions 2, 4, & 8

Check the NAEA Website for Election Packets in February, 2019 for Application Details!

SOAR Academy Personalized Learning Center

SOAR Academy serves as the alternative program for Bibb County students. Students make a daily commitment to follow the Soar Behavior Matrix:

- **S**peak appropriately at all times
- **O**bey all adults without hesitation
- **A**chieve academically in school dress
- **R**espect ALL adults, peer and yourself

The Center is in Macon, Georgia, and serves students grades 6-12. Under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Julia Daniely, the school utilizes the NAEA Exemplary Practices to assure that all students achieve at the highest levels. The primary goal at SOAR is to personalize the way that students learn by creating a learning culture that truly supports the needs of today’s youth.

For additional information about this amazing school, please visit the website: http://www.bibb.k12.ga.us/Soaracade
Building Strong Brains
Strategies for Educators

Description
*Building Strong Brains: Strategies for Educators* is designed to empower school leaders and teachers to address chronic childhood trauma (ACES) in the school and classroom.

What will participants learn?
- Types of stress and how stress interferes with healthy development
- Brain architecture and how experiences and interaction shape a brain
- Types of trauma
- Knowledge building on self-regulation and resilience
- Adverse childhood experiences study and implications
- Trauma informed principles and practices for classrooms
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- Reacting vs. responding to challenging behaviors in the classroom
- Case studies: putting trauma informed principles into practice
- School employee wellness: exploring needs of staff wellness and school climate
- Understanding our personal mission statement

If you are in the State of Tennessee and interested in this workshop opportunity please contact Pat, *Pat.Conner@tn.gov*.

Pat Conner will present this pre-conference workshop at the NAEA Annual Conference in Tampa, October, 2019.
Graduate Courses Available in Alternative Education at New England College

Get More Information Here

Connect with Alternative Educators around the Globe!

Submitting Articles

If you are interested in submitting an article for the NAEA newsletter please reach out to Justin DeMartin, Region 1 Director for more information. Justin_demartin@yahoo.com