



**National Alternative Education Association**

Developing  
Potential  
in All Students



# 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](#)

## *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.

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## 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!**



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### **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:

- Speak appropriately at all times**
- Obey all adults without hesitation**
- Achieve academically in school dress**
- Respect 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.

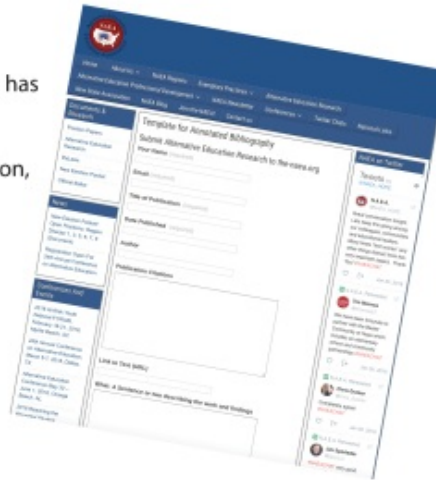
For additional information about this amazing school, please visit the website: <http://www.bibb.k12.ga.us/Soaracademy>

# Get Involved with NAEA—

## Submit Your Research

Your National Alternative Education Association has instituted an Annotated Bibliography of Alternative Education Research. I've submitted a few examples including Raywid's seminal work on alternative education, Job for the Future's piece on "Reinventing Alternative Education", and National Dropout Prevention's meta-analysis, to get us started. <http://the-naea.org/alternative-education-research/>

Your colleagues want your contributions! Submit works that you have found particularly useful using the simple template provided. NAEA members tend to most interested in the title and the What, How, Why of the work:



- **What** A description of the work and its findings
- **How** The methodology or some key terms like quantitative, qualitative, policy research
- **Why** The big picture – a rationale about why the work is important-valuable  
NAEA looks forward to your submissions, so that alternative education research is accessible to NAEA members and all Alt Ed advocates. As you see, you will be recognized on a nationally available website for your contribution.

## 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](mailto:Pat.Conner@tn.gov).

**Pat Conner will present this pre-conference workshop at the NAEA Annual Conference in Tampa, October, 2019.**



New England College

## Graduate Courses Available in Alternative Education at New England College

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### NAEA Monthly Twitter Chats (:30 minute)

These monthly chats focus on NAEA's exemplary practices. It is for all stakeholders in the field of alternative/nontraditional education. Chats begin at 9:00 pm EST the last Tuesday of each month to build capacity and awareness.



**Join Us!**



## 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](mailto:Justin_demartin@yahoo.com)