



National Alternative Education Association

Developing
Potential
in All Students



Join Us in Tampa!



25th Annual NAEA National Conference

October 28-30, 2019

**Hotel: Tampa Marriott
Water Street**

[Reserve Your Hotel Room](#)

Don't Miss the Pre-Conference Offerings!

- **Building Strong Brains: Trauma Sensitive Strategies for Alternative Educators**
- **Thrive More Than Survive: 8 Key Strategies to Achieve Educator Well-Being**
- **Inspire Greatness with NAEA Continuous Improvement Tools**
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)**
- **Gallery Walk of Alternative Schools**
- **5 Different School Tours**

[NAEA Conference Registration](#)

NAEA 2019 Conference KEYNOTE Speakers



Opening Keynote
Kevin Honeycutt



Closing Keynote
Dr. Adolf Brown

2019 NAEA Conference Special Luncheon Keynote Speaker

NAEA is Honored to Present Dr. Curtis Jones

2019 National Superintendent of the Year and Alternative School Advocate

[Register Today](#)



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.**



Hurry!!!! Submit Your Proposal TODAY!!!

Bring a school team to present!

We have extended the deadline through July 1, 2019!!

Call For Proposals

Board Member Spotlight

Dr. Ja'Net Bishop

Secretary

Dr. Bishop is an experienced certified School Principal in both a high school and alternative school settings, certified K-12 School Counselor, a Veteran (Army officer), and the CEO and Transition Strategist/Coach in her company, Have Joy LLC.

A native of New York City, she is a former enlisted soldier who later became an Army Reserves and National Guard officer (Captain), having served during Operation Desert Storm. She is a proud Veteran, military spouse, and mother of two adult sons – whom are also veterans.



Dr. Ja'net Bishop presents frequently at national, state, and local conferences on manifesting more joy and living your best life. She works to inspire military females, women's groups, retreats, churches, community organizations, and social service agencies to enjoy their journey in life while striving for success.

Her life has been one of service and many transitions, which audiences have been able to relate to. Growing up in New York's housing projects the oldest of 3 children – she was inspired to pursue more and leave the inner city behind her. She was the first female in her family to join the military, to start her own business, and to ultimately achieve a doctorate degree from Georgia Southern University.

Under her leadership, her alternative school has been recognized by the National Alternative Education Association (2013, 2014, and 2015) and the Georgia Association

of Alternative Education (2015).

She was recognized in 2017, during Women's History Month, at the International Heritage Festival by the McCormick, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, as a "Keeper of the Flame."

She has also distinguished herself as an adjunct professor at Cambridge College. Her community advocacy has served families in the areas of parenting, substance abuse awareness, child abuse prevention, and juvenile court intervention groups.

As CEO of HAVE JOY LLC launched in 2014, a Training and Personal Development practice, she also launched in 2017 – "Boots to Breakthrough" – a program through Have Joy LLC which empowers military-connected women to transition from military service to civilian success and fulfill their dreams to live their best life. Additionally, she trains leaders in the areas of 7-Dimensions of Wellness and Workplace Resiliency: Managing Stress and Burnout.

Dr. Bishop volunteers on several national, state, and local boards which addresses leadership development. She is an alumni of the Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce – Leadership Augusta GA.

Now living in Summerville SC, she serves as a Commissioner on Mayor (Charleston, SC) John Tecklenberg's Commission for Homelessness and Affordable Housing.

She is the author of *How Much Joy Is In Your Journey?*

A Creative Guide to Your Fearless Vision. She and her late husband William are the proud parents of two sons, William II and Matthew, whom she considers to be the true blessed accomplishments of her life

Looking for ALL Former NAEA Presidents:

We want to reach you with a special invitation! Please email current NAEA President, Pamela Bruening at pam.bruening@gmail.com with your current contact information. Thank you!



We Want YOU!

NAEA Board Members are volunteers & dedicate a substantial amount of time & energy into supporting NAEA's growth.

Applicants must reside in the regions they represent.

NAEA is seeking new NAEA Board Members from Regions 2, 4, & 8.

Check the NAEA Website for an Election Packet and application details or click below. Qualified applicants will be placed on the 2019 NAEA Election Ballot.

[Apply to Run for Board Seat](#)

News Items Needed!

We want to feature your school next month!!!

Tell us about some of the great things your school is doing or a specific best practice that works very well. Send pictures or video links.

Please [email](mailto:justin_demartin@yahoo.com) your district/school news to: justin_demartin@yahoo.com

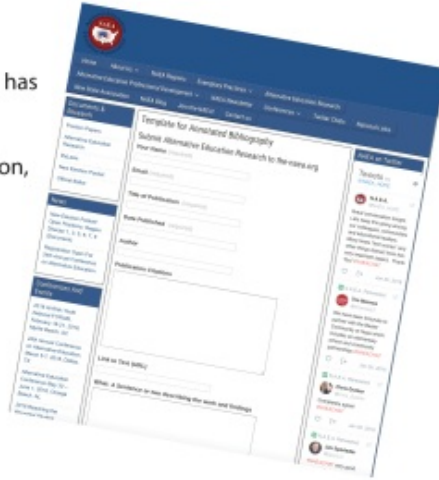
Get Involved with NAEA—

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.



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Florida Professional Learning Day took place in Tampa, FL on

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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!**



The image shows a smartphone screen displaying a Twitter search for the hashtag #NAEA_Hope. The search results show a tweet from Leeann Schubert with a photo of a group of people in a room. Below it is a tweet from Chandra Tyson. The phone's home screen icons for Phone and Safari are visible at the bottom.

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