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AASSP News

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Congratulations 2015-2016 Vice-President Elect

Congratulations to Dr. Farrell Seymore who was elected on November 9 at the Fall Conference to serve as the Vice-President Elect of the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP). As the Principal of Opelika High School, Seymore is currently representing Alabama as the 2015-16 Principal of the Year. Seymore has 18 years of experience in the field of education with 13 of those years in administration. Since 2011, Seymore has led Opelika High School as its principal. Previously, he served as a teacher, assistant principal and later principal of Opelika Middle School. Principal Seymore is credited with changing the climate of Opelika High School to a student-centered learning culture. Inspired by Dufour's idea of professional learning communities, a series of book studies was launched. As a result of the book studies and changes made during problem-solving sessions, the school's culture shifted into the desired focus areas. Since then, the school has increased in advanced placement course participation by making courses more rigorous, giving students a selection of course offerings, and helping students achieve the level of learning necessary to be successful. Increasing offerings in career technical education and the implementation of Alabama's College- and Career-Ready Standards have played an integral role in defining student success and preparing students for college or the workforce. Not only do these programs help meet the needs of Opelika High School students, but they address business and industry needs in the area. The school has developed a credentialing program for Microsoft Office, a health science program, and an information technology.

ASCA 2016

STATE HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Legacy of Leadership

Conference Information:

April 17-18, 2016

Bryant Conference Center
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Registration - $115/person
(All Meals Included)

Conference Charity: Nick's Kids

Hotel Accommodations:

Hotel Capstone

$135/night – 2 Queen Beds OR Single King
$150/night – Executive Suite

For reservations, contact Ashley Russell
(205) 343-1114

For More Information

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Get Your Student Council/SGA Involved with our State Association!

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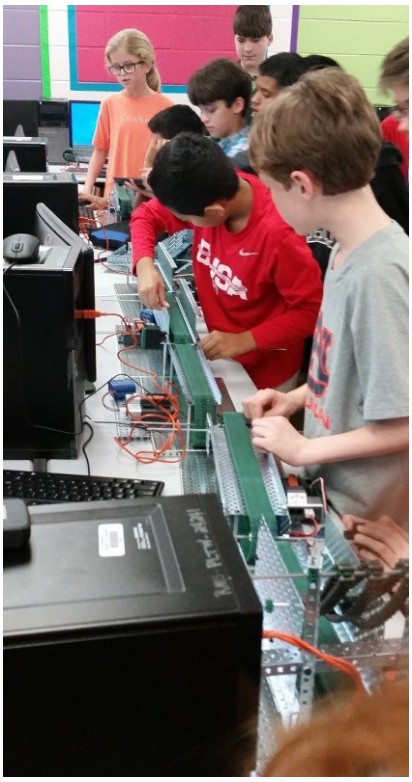
AAMSP News

Susan Hyatt
Principal
Riverchase Middle

Pelham City Schools: Project Lead the Way

Pelham City Schools has offered its schools the opportunity to become involved in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) initiative. This program (PLTW Gateway at the middle school level) gives our students an opportunity to use their critical thinking skills as well as to be introduced to engineering, biomedical, and computer science curricula. One of the Gateway courses we offer at Riverchase Middle School (RMS) is Automation and Robotics. Patrick McDonald, the eighth grade science teacher who teaches the course, explained that this particular program offers students an introduction to programming, problem solving, and basic coding.

The course starts by offering students basic information about the various types of engineering careers. After that, students are given problems to solve. Here is an example of a problem students were given:



The city comes to you and asks you to design a red light that will work as a typical red light; however, when an emergency vehicle comes by, it will have the ability to push a button and change the light so they can pass on by. After the emergency vehicle passes, the red light will continue to function as normal.

Students are given about a week to design, code, and build their project. They can build, ask other teams for support, and troubleshoot as necessary during this timeframe.

In the picture to the left, students had to design an assembly line that would allow an object to pass from line to line and then be moved off. Each team built their component independently with the knowledge that all of the components must function together at the end of the project.

Other PLTW Gateway courses offered at RMS are Design and Modeling, Medical Detectives, and Energy and the Environment.

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Oxford Middle School: Christmas Wish Party

Phillip Morrison
Assistant Principal
Oxford Middle

Oxford Middle School hosted its third annual Christmas Wish Party for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home on December 8, 2015. Sponsored by the OMS Builders' Club and Student Council, the program is one of the most highly anticipated events on our winter calendar. The mission is simple: provide a group of kids with a traditional Christmas experience, complete with a pile of presents and a home-cooked meal.

Members from each organization volunteer to participate in the program, where they and a committee of their teachers and peers endeavor to create an unforgettable experience for their assigned child. Not only does each child receive a bundle of gifts—all of which are purchased based on a preliminary screening of their interests—but the committees often go a step further, creating personalized posters and cards addressed from Santa and his helpers.

"Their faces. That's what I look forward to the most," comments a member of the OMS Student Council. "It's the most Christmas thing I've ever done." For many of our students, this is their first truly selfless holiday experience. Through events like this, we cultivate within our young people a heart for giving and a desire to meet the needs of others, a trait that is all-too-often absent in our world today.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Assistant Principals Conference
- January 27-28, 2016
Hampton Inn - Orange Beach

- February 2-3, 2016
Marriott Legends - Prattville

Law Conference
March 1, 2016
Wynfrey Hotel - Birmingham

NASSP National Conference
February 25-27, 2016
Orlando, FL

CLAS Summer Convention
June 12-15, 2016
Renaissance Hotel & Spa
Montgomery, AL

Do you have an Innovative Idea to share?
If you have an innovative idea or best practice, please submit an article for the e-Newsletter to katrina@clasleaders.org

Law Conference

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Wynfrey Hotel - Birmingham, AL
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

REGISTER EARLY!!! SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

Maneuvering through challenging legal issues that school and district administrators routinely face is a demanding task. Attend the 2016 Law Conference to learn from some of the most respected experts in school law and be equipped to navigate legal encounters with much greater knowledge. Participants will select from a variety of tentative topics such as Religion in Pubic Schools; IDEA, 504, ADA; Social Media Misuse; Avoiding Financial Blunders; Special Education: Seclusion and Restraint; Search and Seizure Confusion; School Safety, Harassment, and Bullying; FERPA Dilemmas to Avoid, Employee Discipline and Termination.

For Room Reservations: Call the Wynfrey Hotel at 205-705-1234, and ask for the CLAS Law Conference room rate of $135/night. Reservations must be made by February 5, 2016. Check-in is 3:00 p.m.; Check-out is 12:00 p.m. Reservations made after February 5 may not be eligible for the discounted room rate.

Attendance at this conference will serve as a required activity for Standard VII: Management of the Learning Organization (PLUACLD350, PLUACLD357, PLUACLD403).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26, 2016

Name: _____

Position: _____

School: _____

System: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Bill To: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Circle Choice	Early Registration by Feb. 26	Registration After Feb. 26
Member	$ 145.00*	$ 195.00 *
Non-Member	$ 345.00	$ 395.00

** Must be an active member of CLAS; systems that subscribe to leadership institutes are NOT considered active members.*

Payment method:

Check # or Purchase Order # _____
(Payment or valid PO number is required before registration can be processed.)

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FAX TO: (334) 265-3611 OR MAIL TO: CLAS - P.O. BOX 428 - MONTGOMERY, AL 36101-0428
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- Motivational Presentations
- PLU Credits

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- "The Vuja De Moment! A Shift from Average to Brilliant" with Simon T. Bailey
- "Educators Have the Power - Let's Use It!" with Dr. Raymond McNulty
- "Expanding the Possibilities: Unstoppable Learning" with Sugata Mitra

The most important professional development experience for Alabama's current and future school administrators!

Register Online

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2016 CLAS Convention

June 12-15, 2016

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa and Montgomery Performing Arts Centre

Montgomery, Alabama

Earn Credits Toward a PLU!

Standard I: Planning for Continuous Improvement

Standard II: Teaching and Learning

Standard IV: Diversity

Standard VII: Management of the Learning Organization

2016 CLAS Annual Summer Convention

June 12-15, 2016 | Montgomery, Alabama
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa and MPAC

REGISTRATION

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name: _____

First Name for Badge: _____

Position: _____

School System: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____
(required for confirmation)

Bill To: _____

Billing Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

1. CONVENTION REGISTRATION
(Includes all meals, breaks, door prizes, sessions, and president's reception)

circle the appropriate registration fee	PRE-REGISTRATION BY MAY 6	REGISTRATION BY JUNE 10	ON-SITE JUNE 12-15
MEMBER	$ 240	$ 270	$ 295
NON-MEMBER	$ 390	$ 420	$ 445
RETIRED MEMBER	$ 120	$ 130	$ 140
ASPIRING ADMIN MEMBER	$ 155	$ 170	$ 190
ASPIRING ADMIN NON-MEMBER	$ 230	$ 245	$ 265
SPOUSE/GUEST	$ 110	$ 120	$ 130

Spouse/Guest Name: _____
(Complete only if registered, does not receive professional development credit)

TOTAL Section 1 ..... $ _____

2. MEALS (No charge for paid registrants, but reservations are required!)

Awards Luncheon .....Tuesday, June 14
❑ I will attend (No charge if paid convention registration)
❑ My spouse/guest will attend (Included in spouse/guest fee)
❑ I need _____ extra ticket(s) at $40 each

Closing Breakfast Session ..... Wednesday, June 15
❑ I will attend (No charge if paid convention registration)
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❑ I need _____ extra ticket(s) at $30 each

TOTAL Section 2 ..... $ _____

GRAND TOTAL (Sections 1 & 2) ..... $ _____

3. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS
❑ I have special health/dietary needs:

_____

_____

4. EMERGENCY CONTACT (In case of emergency, we will contact)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____

5. PAYMENT
(Refunds granted only upon written request. No refunds granted after June 3, 2016.)

❑ Check (enclosed) # _____

❑ Purchase Order # _____
Purchase order/number must accompany registration form

❑ Credit Card (Visa/MC/Discover)
❑ Visa ❑ Master Card ❑ Discover

Card Number: _____

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(Last 3 digits on back of card)

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Signature: _____

Send registration by 24-hour fax line to (334) 265-3611 if paying with credit card or purchase order, or mail the completed form with your payment to:

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Room Reservations: Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Renaissance Montgomery at (877) 545-0311 and asking for the 2016 CLAS Summer Convention room rate of $132 per night for single/double rooms. Reservations are subject to availability and must be made by May 12, 2016, to receive this rate. Online room reservations - http://j.mp/CLASConvRes16

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