Todd Markham is a native of Marion County, Alabama, and a product of public education. He is a 1985 graduate of Brilliant High School and was awarded a scholarship to the University of North Alabama. There, he earned his undergraduate degree in secondary education with a concentration in Biology. Markham later earned a Master’s and Ed.S from Tennessee State University in administration. He is in his twenty-seventh year in education and twelfth in administration. Over the course of his career Mr. Markham has taught science in middle school and high school, coached middle school and high school basketball and soccer, driven a bus, been a high school assistant principal, a middle school principal, and he is currently the principal of Buckhorn High School in Madison County. Markham has been a member of CLAS and AASSP since entering the field of administration in 2004 and has served on the AASSP Board as a District President as well as a CLAS Board Representative.

Congratulations to Todd Markham on being selected as the AASSP Vice-President.
Assistant Principals Conference
February 1-2, 2017
Embassy Suites - Hunstville

February 8-9, 2017
Marriott Legends - Prattville

Law Conference
February 22, 2017
The Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL

CLAS Summer Convention
June 11-14, 2017
Riverview Plaza and
Mobile Convention Center
Mobile, AL

NASSP/NAESP
Joint National Conference
July 9-11, 2017
Philadelphia, PA

Do you have an Innovative Idea to share?

If you have an innovative idea or best practice, please submit an article for the AASSP e-Newsletter!

Send Information to katrina@clasleaders.org

Alabama High School or Middle School Principal of the Year
Deadline April 1, 2017

The Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals’ (AASSP) recognizes one high school principal and one middle school principal each year. One overall winner will be choosen to travel to Washington, D.C. and represent Alabama at the NASSP 2017 Principal of the Year program.

Below is a link to a simple application form for you to complete.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

To be eligible for High School Principal of the Year, you must have been a principal for at least three (3) years and be a member of AASSP. To be eligible for Middle School Principal of the Year, you must have been a principal for at least three (3) years and be a member of AASSP or AAMSP. In order to be considered a candidate for National Principal of the Year, you must be a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.
ASCA 2017
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONFERENCE
UNLEASH YOUR SUPER-LEADER

Date: April 9-10, 2017
Location: Bryant Conference Center
University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa
Registration: asca.hereweb.com - $115/person
Service Project: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
Conference Philanthropy Project: Can Food Drive
Accommodations: Hotel Capstone
For hotel reservations, contact Ashley Russell at 205-343-1114

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

For Information: Contact Katrina Akers by email katrina@clasleaders.org
AASSP Names Brian Clayton as Vice President-Elect

Brian Clayton was reared in the western part of Alabama in the small town of Eutaw. He is a graduate of Warrior Academy which is a school that is no longer in existence where he participated in athletics with a love of basketball. As a 1993 graduate of the University of Alabama with a major in Secondary Math, he started his career in Hale County at Greensboro West High School as a math teacher and assistant football coach. While in this position, he attended graduate school and earned a Masters in Secondary Math and administrative certification through the University of Alabama. Clayton then accepted the Assistant Principal position at Hale County High School in Moundville. Two years later he was promoted to Principal of Hale County High School where he served for 6 years. His career path led him to the position of Principal of Thomasville High School and then later to Tuscaloosa City Schools where he served as Principal of Tuscaloosa Middle School and the first Principal of Rock Quarry Middle School which opened in 2007. In 2011 Clayton had the opportunity to serve as Principal of Liberty Middle School and led the school to earn the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award. In the summer of 2012, Brian was once again selected as the first principal of another new school, James Clemens High School, where he is currently serving. The school has received numerous honors and awards as it continues to be on the forefront of education innovation. He is married to Karen Anderson Clayton of Phil Campbell and together have two sons Battle (10th Grader at James Clemens) and Landers (8th grader at Liberty).

Congratulations to Brian Clayton as the Vice-President Elect of AASSP.
Welcome to 2017 from AAMSP!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to a second semester full of exciting educational experiences!

As we begin the second semester, AAMSP is excited to offer four scholarship opportunities. Two scholarships will be awarded to current AAMSP members who are furthering their education in an administrative field. Two more scholarships will be awarded to aspiring administrators who are recommended by a current AAMSP member. Each scholarship will be in the amount of $500.

Professional development opportunities offered through CLAS and continuing educational courses are a great way for school leaders to further develop the needed characteristics and skills of a successful school leader. If you are a current administrator and AAMSP member, I encourage you to apply for this professional development scholarship. I encourage you to make those aspiring administrators in your district aware of this valuable opportunity as well.

Scholarship information and the application form can be found on the following page of this newsletter and on the CLAS website.
The Alabama Association of Middle School Principals (AAMSP) recognizes the need to prepare qualified persons to fill the future needs for administration, especially middle school administration. To assist in fulfilling this need, AAMSP offers four scholarships annually in the amount of $500 each. Two of the scholarships will be for current AAMSP members who are furthering their education in an administrative field. Two more scholarships will be awarded to aspiring administrators who are recommended by a current AAMSP member. The purpose of the scholarships is to assist qualified individuals who wish to pursue or further their education with a degree or certification in the area of administration.

Complete the following:

Name ______________________________________________________________________
Last First Middle Initial

Address ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: (H)______________________ (S)_____________________ (C)____________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Name of School ________________________________________________________________

Name of System ________________________________________________________________

Are you currently an Administrator? _____ Yes _____ No
Are you an Aspiring Administrator? _____ Yes _____ No
Are you currently an AAMSP Member? _____ Yes _____ No
Are you presently in an Administration Program? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what is the name of College or University? ______________________________

Please list your work history in the field of education below:

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The following documents must accompany this application:

I. Recommendation from current AAMSP Member if applying for initial certification scholarship

II. A written explanation (150 words or less), in your own words, of your reasons for entering the field of school administration

III. Recommendation from another educator

IV. Verification of current enrollment in administration courses

_I hereby certify that the information I have furnished is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief._

____________________________________
Signature

____________________________________
Date

Please Email your application and documentation no later than **Friday, February 17, 2017** to:

**AAMSP Scholarship**

**Attn:** April Tucker

**E-mail as an attachment to:** atucker@ccboe.org
Changing laws require educators to stay at the forefront of the rapidly evolving legal and regulatory landscape. Attend the 2017 Law Conference and gain skills to address pressing issues while learning about the most recent trends in education law. Don’t miss the opportunity to acquire knowledge from leading experts. Tentative topics include: Don’t Cross the Line: Alabama Ethics, Legal Consequences of Hitting “Send”, Internet Crime and Student Impact, Tackling the Transgender Challenge, Educators Liability Trust Fund: All Things Considered, Pressing Questions? Find Answers!, Avoiding Liability with Special Education, Alabama Risk Management: What’s Provided for Schools? Join colleagues to connect your campus needs with information to address demanding legal matters.

Make Your Room Reservations: Reserve room online or call the Wynfrey Hotel at 205-705-1234, and ask for the CLAS Law Conference room rate of $136/night. Reservations must be made by February 5, 2017. Check-in is 3:00 p.m.; Check-out is 12:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2017

| Name: ___________________________ | Position: ___________________________ |
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* 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.)
Cardholder Name: ___________________________ CVV: _____
Cardholder Address: ___________________________
Cardholder Phone: ___________________________

FAX FORM TO: (334) 265-3611 OR MAIL TO: CLAS - P.O. BOX 428 - MONTGOMERY, AL 36101-0428
QUESTIONS? CALL (800) 239-3616 OR VISIT ONLINE: WWW.CLASLEADERS.ORG
New! First-ever joint conference for all school leaders.

NASSP and NAESP are teaming to present a new kind of annual conference. This joint conference for Pre-K through grade 12 school leaders will be an unprecedented opportunity to engage in collaborative conversations across the school continuum as you work together to shape the trajectory for school success.

CONFERECE STRANDS

- Increasing Professional Capacity
- Elevating Student Efficacy
- Connecting Positive Climate, Culture, and Community
- Personalized Student Learning

Make plans now to join great leaders in Philadelphia.

REGISTER NOW!

JULY 9–11, 2017   PHILADELPHIA, PA
2017 CLAS ANNUAL SUMMER CONVENTION
June 11-14, 2017 | Mobile, Alabama
Riverview Plaza & Mobile Convention Center

REGISTRATION

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name: ____________________________________________
Preferred First Name for Badge: __________________________
Twitter Handle: @ ________________________________
Position: ____________________________________________
School System: ______________________________________
School: _____________________________________________
Phone: ___________________ Fax: ______________________
E-mail Address: ______________________________________
(Required for confirmation)

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

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TOTAL Section 1 ............................................ $ _____________

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

Awards Luncheon ........................................... Tuesday, June 13

☐ I will attend (No charge if paid convention registration)
☐ I need _____ extra ticket(s) at $40 each

Closing Breakfast Session ................................... Wednesday, June 14

☐ I will attend (No charge if paid convention registration)
☐ 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 (list below):

4. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: ____________________________________________
Relationship: ______________________________________
Daytime Phone: _____________________________________
Other Phone: ________________________________________

5. PAYMENT
(Refunds granted only upon written request. No refunds granted after June 3, 2017)

☐ Check (enclosed) # ________________________________
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☐ Credit Card (Visa/MC/Discover)
    ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover

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Cardholder Signature: ________________________________

Register online at www.clasleaders.org/conv, email your form to registrations@clasleaders.org, fax registration form to (334) 265-3611, or mail the completed form to:

CLAS
P.O. Box 428
Montgomery, AL  36101-0428

Room Reservations: Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Riverview Plaza Hotel at (800) 922-3298 and asking for the 2017 CLAS Summer Convention room rate of $125 per night for single/double rooms. Reservations are subject to availability and must be made by May 12, 2017, to receive this rate. Online room reservations - https://goo.gl/6MQbGc

Questions? Call (800) 239-3616 or visit us online at www.clasleaders.org

Online Registration available at www.clasleaders.org/conv