Carrie Busby Named 2017 Assistant Principal of the Year

Carrie Busby, assistant principal at Hoover High School, has been named the Alabama Assistant Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP). As the Alabama state winner, Busby is eligible to be selected as the 2017 National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) National Assistant Principal of the Year.

Busby’s dedication to foster a sense of caring and affirmation for the students and faculty during her tenure at Hoover High School has created an intimate community at a school of 3,000 students and over 200 teachers. From English teacher to Assistant Principal, in her many roles, she has been able to invigorate those around her. Busby developed a new focus for the Peer Helping program which allows students to travel off campus four days a week to an assigned school in the community to tutor, assist and mentor other students. Busby assigned each student based on what she knew they could achieve. She saw potential in each of the students involved and gave them the ability to demonstrate leadership and invest in young individuals throughout the community. Her work raised expectations and respect for the Peer Helpers and transformed the group into a model of excellence for similar school programs across the county.

Busby considers her greatest contribution to be her work leading seniors to graduation and into their next season of life. She enjoys getting to know them, their academic history, family history, goals, and aspirations. She takes all of this information and turns it into plans for seniors to have a prosperous, happy future. Watching students become the first in their family to attend college, having students be awarded college scholarships, and observing students
graduate from boot camp are all proof of her greatest accomplishments.

“Carrie has improved the lives of numerous stakeholders throughout her career as an assistant principal and mentor to students and staff,” states Hoover High School Principal, Don Hulin. “Not only students and staff, but our community has benefited from her commitment to excellence. She makes everyone on a team better because of her professional commitment to education. She is just a winner.”

A panel of judges selected Busby from numerous applicants across the state of Alabama. She will represent the state as the nominee for the National Assistant Principal of the Year Award. The Alabama Assistant Principal of the Year program is sponsored by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals. Busby will also serve a one-year term on the AASSP Board of Directors.

Busby’s award was announced at a school pep rally November 29. The announcement was a staged surprise. The staff at Hoover High School and Hoover City Schools were able to bring in guests and family members to be a part of the award presentation.

“It is an immense honor for Hoover High School and the Hoover City Board of Education to have an educator selected for this impressive award,” states Dr. L. Earl Franks, CAE, AASSP executive director. “On behalf of the school administrators of the great state of Alabama, I am proud to congratulate Mrs. Carrie Busby, the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals, Assistant Principal of the Year.”

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**Dates to Remember**

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**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
Nearly 500 middle and high school student leaders converged on the University of Alabama at the Bryant Conference Center for the Alabama Student Council Association (ASCA) Spring Conference. The conference spanned April 9th and 10th, and provided students an opportunity to also visit the University of Alabama’s campus.

This year’s conference was an outstanding success due to the efforts of the schools serving on the ASCA Board and this year’s President School, White Plains High. Themed around “Unleash Your Super Leader,” conference attendees were challenged to find their inner hero and make a difference in their local schools.

Highlights from the conference include dynamic general sessions with speakers Harriet Turk, Reynolds Wolfe, and Cedric Sparks. The closing session included speeches from the oratorical contest winners Laura Moxim (Odenville Middle) and Taylor England (St. Clair County High).

The conference included not only outstanding speakers and breakout sessions, but the students were also able to attend a televised UA softball game against LSU. This year’s state service project focused on donations to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The students were also challenged to bring canned goods to benefit a local food bank in Tuscaloosa.

ASCA is moving forward with plans for next year’s conference; with Baldwin County High being elected the 2017-2018 President School. Encourage your school to join and become an active member of the Alabama Student Council Association next year and mark your calendar to send your advisor to their free workshop in September. Contact Katrina Akers katrina@clasleaders.org for more information.
In Oxford City Schools this year we are extremely excited to be able to implement student led conferences on two designated early dismissal days. These days provide an opportunity for students to lead their parents in a conference. The student led conference is very different than the traditional conference in that the students are leading the discussion with their parents, whereas in the traditional conference the teacher is doing most of the talking.

After holding our first student led conferences in the fall, I am excited to say that they were a huge success! The students’ hard work in preparing for their conferences was evident as they led their parents in conversation and dialogue while the teachers observed. Students presented their digital portfolios, which included their strengths and areas of needed growth in regard to their learning targets. Students were able to set goals and discuss their goals with their parents.

The majority of feedback from parents and students was extremely positive. Parents seemed to like this method and learned more about what their children are learning as the children explained each subject or learning target and the goals they set for growth. Based on feedback from the students it appears they agree. Upon asking several seventh grade students about their experience, I received the following responses:

- “I think it’s better to have the student leading the conference where we are doing the talking and not just the teachers or parents. I was able to talk about my strengths and weaknesses”, said Tasia Phillips.
- Cameron Miller stated, “In the past when my parents have asked me about school I usually answered with “it’s fine” or when asked what we have been doing, I have answered “nothing”. Now I was able to actually discuss what I am doing and my strengths and weaknesses.”
- In regard to the students focusing on their learning Cole Painter said, “The learning
targets helped because I was able to show my parents and discuss my self-reflection of how I am doing on my learning targets.”

As a principal and parent of Oxford students, I am very elated and proud to hear students discussing their learning and actually setting goals to get better. I look forward to the future as we continue allowing our students to take ownership in their learning and lead their parents in student led conferences.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**AASSP and AAMSP Members:**

Be sure to attend your affiliate meeting at convention

Important topics will be discussed and decisions will occur at the meetings.

**AASSP & AAMSP affiliate meetings**

Monday, June 12

4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
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APPLICATION FORM

The Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP) recognizes the need to prepare qualified persons to fill the future needs for secondary school administration. To assist in fulfilling this need, AASSP will offer two scholarships annually in the amount of $500 each. The purpose of the scholarships is to assist qualified individuals who wish to pursue a degree or certification in the area of secondary school administration. To qualify, an individual must be working on initial certification in the specified field.

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Address __________________________________________________________________________________

Name of School _____________________________ School System _________________________________

Are you presently in an Administration Program?         Y           N

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

Are you presently tenured?           Y           N

If no, name of system where you previously achieved tenure ________________________________________

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The following documents must accompany this application:

I. Recommendation from current or most recent principal
II. A written explanation (150 words or less) of your reasons for entering the field of secondary school administration
III. Recommendation from another educator
IV. Any other information you believe will be helpful

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

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Signature       Date

Please return application and documentation to:

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

Circle the appropriate registration fee

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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
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4. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____________________________________________
Relationship: ______________________________________
Daytime Phone: _____________________________________
Other Phone: _______________________________________

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☐ Check (enclosed)  # ________________________________
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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:

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