

50th Annual GACIS Fall Conference

Tentative Agenda

Pre-Conference, September 22, 2021

GACIS Board of Directors Meeting

GACIS Past Presidents & Board of Directors Dinner

Beyond 50: Exploring New Frontiers

Thursday, September 23

7:00 a.m. Registration opens

Breakfast and Visit Exhibits

Atrium

Atrium and Grand Hall 1-6

8:15 a.m.

Opening General Session

Theatre

Welcome

National Anthem and Pledge

Program Overview

Keynote Address

Douglas Fisher, Ph.D.

Leading the Rebound

Since the pandemic had us innovate a new normal of schooling, we now have the potential to fully change the grammar of schooling as we know it. Leading the rebound for your school or district is your opportunity to improve the schooling system to ensure greater impact on the learning of students.

During this professional learning session, you will engage in an active and empowering learning experience that will help your school(s):

- Rebuild teacher agency and collective efficacy
- Ensure the highest quality teaching and learning
- Maintain and strengthen the climate and culture of the school
- Address the collective traumas experienced during the pandemic and rebuild sense of agency and self

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Break and Visit EXPO

Atrium and Grand Hall 1-6

10:30-11:30 a.m.

General Session

Theatre

Presiding: Dr. April Aldridge, GACIS President

Douglas Fisher Ph.D.

11:30 a.m.

Awards and Special Recognitions

Lunch and Visit EXPO

Grand Hall 7 & 8

1:30 p.m.

General Session

Theatre

Presiding: Dr. April Aldridge, GACIS President

The Visible Learning Journey of South Effingham Elementary School

Presenters: Mark Weese, Principal; Jessica Javo, Instructional Supervisor and Assistant Principal; Asia Klassen, Kindergarten Teacher; Morgan Davis, 1st Grade Teacher; Rachel Stephens, 3rd Grade Teacher; and Nivea Lee, 5th Grade Teacher, South Effingham Elementary School; Travis Nesmith, Assistant Superintendent, Effingham County Schools; and Tara Noe, Visible Learning Consultant

Faculty and administrators of Effingham County School District and their *Visible Learning* consultant will describe the journey that led them toward sustained and continuous development of Visible Learners, even during a global pandemic. The creative approach taken to collect evidence of their impact and determine intentional actions steps to create a schoolwide common language of learning will be described. Artifacts, evidence, and videos will showcase what *Visible Learning* can look like, amidst COVID-19 and other challenges students, teachers, and leaders face each day. Key concepts described will include learning dispositions, teacher clarity, student assessment capability, and feedback.

2:30

Visible Learning+ School Award

The Visible Learning+ School Award recognizes the achievement of schools that have made the commitment to implement the Visible Learning School Impact Process, use Visible Learning principles in their daily work, and systematically embed these principles at all levels within the school.

2:45

Break and Visit EXPO

Atrium & Grand Hall 1-6

3:15 p.m.

General Session

Theatre

Presiding: Dr. April Aldridge, GACIS President

Matt Jones,

Chief of Staff

Georgia Department of Education

GADOE Update

The Georgia Department of Education is working closely with the Governor's office, the Georgia Department of Public Health and other agencies to provide up-to-date information regarding COVID and provide support to local school districts, parents, and students. Matt will share systems in place and support structures to assist school districts weather the pandemic storm. An update on the review of the Georgia Standards of Excellence, implementation timeline and process for new mathematics standards, assessments, EIP, and other information will also be shared.

4:00 p.m. GACIS Business Meeting Theatre
Presiding: Dr. April Aldridge, GACIS President

5:00 Door Prizes (must be present to win)

Friday, September 24

7:00-8:00 a.m.

Registration

Networking Breakfast

Visit EXPO

Atrium
Grand Hall 7 & 8
Atrium & Grand Hall 1-6

8:30-10:00 a.m.

General Session

Theatre

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Keynote Address
John Almarode, Ph.D.

***Tools for Teaching and Learning –
Clarity about How Learning Works***

This keynote unpacks how learning works and our role in being clear about how learning works. Teachers will take an in-depth look at how to make learning visible to each and every student in the classroom. This action-packed, edge of your seat keynote builds understanding of the relationship between clarity about learning and student learning in my classroom. By practicing what we preach, audience members will take part in an "out of your seat and on your feet" experience that models the science of learning and promising principles for deep thinking and understanding: simple to complex, concrete to abstract, and students only remember what they think about.

John will address classroom and student engagement in a cognitively rich environment making sure that students remain engaged in relevant content, regardless of the medium.

10:00 a.m.

Break and Visit EXPO

Atrium and Grand Hall 1-6

10:30 a.m.

Closing General Session

Presiding: Dr. April Aldridge, GACIS President

John Almarode, Ph.D.

11:45

Conference concludes