

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6 –10
End-of-Year Star360
Assessments

May 16
End-of-Year SGOs due to
SACOE

May 22
Kindergarten Graduation

May 23
Grade 8 Graduation

May 24
Last Day of School
End of Second Semester (50
days)

GAAA Consecration

May 25
GAAA Baccalaureate

May 26
GAAA Commencement

May 27
Memorial Day—Holiday

May 28—31
Post Week

June 3
NAD Data Roll Up Due

June 6 –15
Camp Meeting



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To All SAC Educators,

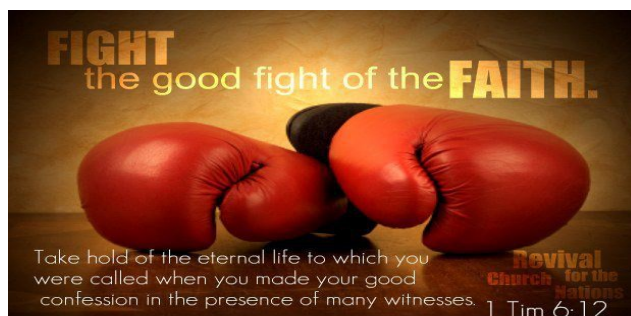
The success of our schools is built on the efforts of our dedicated teachers and principals; and in this past year, we have enjoyed many successes. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their efforts throughout the school year. It is gratifying to remember the list of accomplishments, acknowledgements and the victories we have seen through your diligent work – all reasons that South Atlantic Conference schools continue to be among the best in the Southern Union, offering top notch Adventist Christian education year after year.

We've come through a year filled with both challenges and victories. How reassuring it's been to know that we can count on each of you regardless of what may face your school, students, or you. While all of us are looking forward to a well-deserved break from the hustle and bustle of students this summer, I want to take this moment to express my sincerest gratitude for the energy and commitment you have given, and for the difference you have made again this year. Working with you this past year has been a pleasure, and we're proud to have you all with us.

There is much to look forward to in the coming year. Our new STARS program and student information system promises to be an excellent tool to help staff and families stay connected, and professional development will continue to be a key priority for the summer and the new school year to support our you and to ensure that we continue to excel.

We offer our best wishes for a safety and happiness to you and your families as you rest, rejuvenate, professionally develop and plan for the coming new school year during the summer months. And remember my friends, *"Keep Fighting the Good Fight"* -Get Ready— **JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!**

In HIS Service,
Kim M. Gaiter
Vice President for Education



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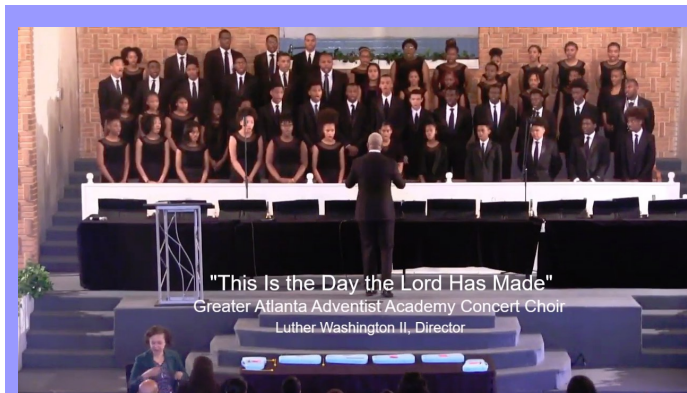
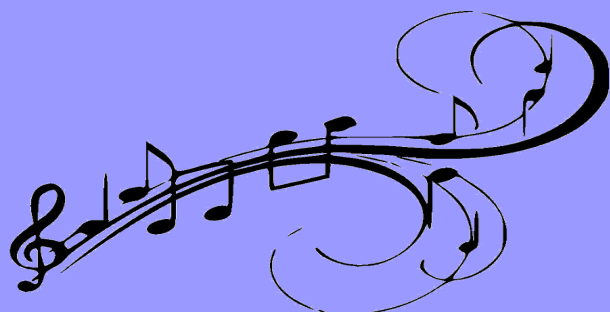
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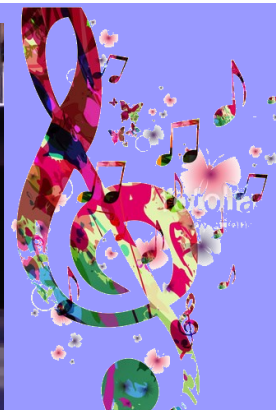
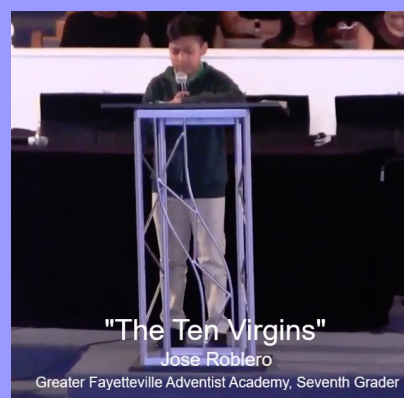
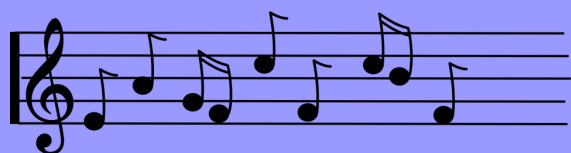
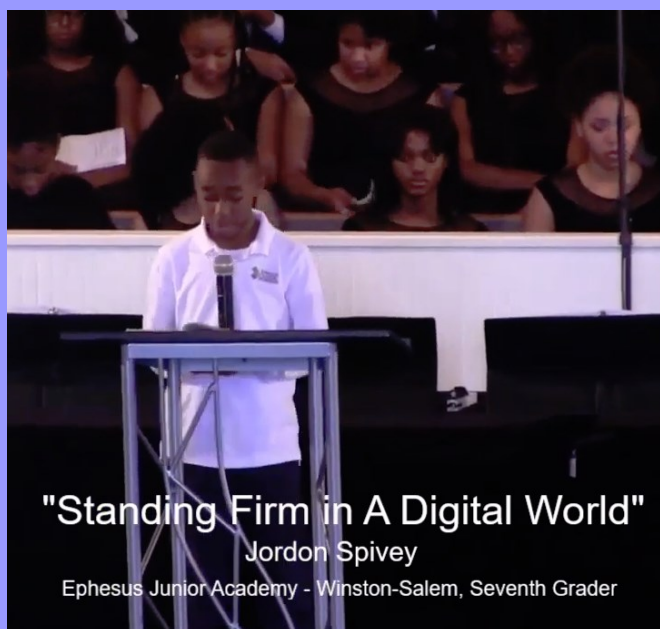
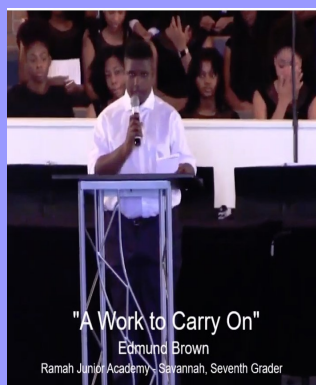
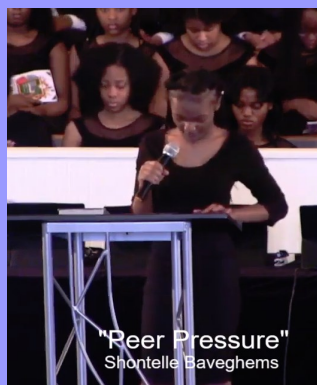


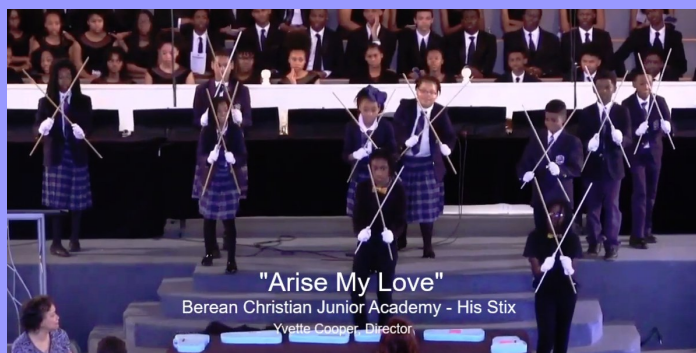
South Atlantic Conference

This year's Festival Expo 2019 was an amazing hit. We wish to thank the planning committee (Michael Cookenmaster, Yvette Cooper, Judith Darden, Currine Harris, Thomasa Henry, Jo Hollis, Jasmine Johnson, Angie Mahone, Victoria Robinzine, and Karen Jones-Thomas) for their hard work in planning, setting up, cleaning up and executing a marvelous event. Special thanks also goes to our dedicated principals, teachers, students, families and the team at BCJA- Atlanta and GAAA.

Take a moment to enjoy some photos of this year's event. And if you haven't watched the video, click the picture below.









All schools are expected to join in the upcoming Festival Expo 2020. You and your school are encouraged to begin planning now. One way to help offset the cost of the trip is to increase your registration fee for each child by \$25.00. Also, the *Triple Your Donation Value for Adventist Education* by 3ABN is another way for your school to help offset the cost of the trip (click on the picture for more information).



South Atlantic Conference

Click **HERE**
to learn more!



SCHOOL MARKETING essentials

Did you know there are ten marketing strategies that will effectively increase enrollment inquiries and community engagement? There are also specific strategies to maximize the benefits from social media, print, traditional media, and relationship building that energize word-of-mouth marketing. The key is to learn how to tell a compelling story, increase engagement of faculty and parents, and maximize your school's visibility.

The first strategy in improving the marketing results for your school is defining and understanding your target markets. (Yes, you have more than one market target) Market knowledge and research is essential for any school that wants to grow. To do this you must understand:

- What drives your target market to make decisions.
- The gaps between who you serve and who you want to serve.
- Your value proposition.

To learn more, we encourage you and your boards to engage with Scott Barron, at [School Growth](#). The Southern Union has begun to move the various Conferences into understanding that we are not isolated in the arena of private education any longer, and what we must effectively do to compete for students.



Teaching is like no other career. It is a 10 month working agreement that is paid over 12 months. The typical teacher in the USA works 180 days with his or her students, known as contact days. However, this excludes the work that the teacher is doing after school, on the weekends, and through the summer. During the summer hours, when most Americans think their child's teacher is off hiking the Appalachian Trail or building sandcastles in Cancun, the teacher is actually curriculum mapping for the next school year, ensuring bulletin board materials are purchased so the room looks fresh, and participating in professional development to help keep them up-to-date with current issues, trends, and best practices within their field. South Atlantic Conference teachers are no exception to that hearty work ethic rule, found only in the profession of teacher.

This summer will be no different. Some of you may be taking classes to reinstate your credential. Some may be working toward classes so you can move from basic to standard. Others may be working to move from standard to professional. Whatever you will be doing to increase your knowledge base, this summer's opportunities for professional growth are plentiful.

For those needing to reinstate or move from conditional to basic or standard, you are asked to work toward completing your needs list on your certification. This may be found on your NAD dashboard employee portal.

For those needing CEUs to keep your certification current, SACOE has sent you a personal email inviting you to attend one or all three of our summer workshops. If you attend all three, you could be eligible for up to 4.8 CEUs or 48 clock hours.

There are also PD credits you may obtain through the various

opportunities listed on the [SACOE website under Employee Portal > Professional Development](#).

If you are needing training or a refresher on Bible Encounter, you may participate in the Adventist Learning Community (ALC) course, or join live in Peach Tree Corners, GA session. For more information, check out the [Encounter Training Online](#).

SULIR will be also doing Zoom PD for principals, teachers and librarians on how to effectively use the resources available for library services in our Union. These trainings will be held each Tuesday from June through July.



"How lucky we are that we have had you, which makes saying goodbye so hard." - Winnie the Pooh



We bid a fond farewell to the following educators who are retiring or moving on from South Atlantic:

- ✧ Lisa Marshall-Smith—EJA-Winston-Salem
- ✧ Ahkime Gordon—RJA-Savannah
- ✧ Debra Bowers—RJA-Savannah
- ✧ Yvette Cooper—BCJA-Atlanta
- ✧ Bedminster King—BCJA-Atlanta
- ✧ Ann Reynolds—BCJA-Atlanta
- ✧ Judy Bartlett—GFAA-Fayetteville
- ✧ Karen Jones-Thomas—LAA-Stonecrest

MISSION TRIPS 2019

This year BJA—Charlotte went on a mission trip to Panama. They were able to experience the local culture, help with a restroom refurbishment project, and even participate in going to school with the local Adventist students. Here are some pictures of their exciting trip.



Beginning the 2019-2020 school year, K-8 mission trips will be limited to the NAD projects within NAD.



Ramah Jr. Academy STORYBOOK BALL

Students arrived in their best fairytale and storybook attire on Sunday for Ramah Junior Academy's inaugural storybook ball.

The academy used the event to immerse their students into the stories they were reading. Tables were decorated to feature classic stories that have been shared from generation to generation.

They covered everything from Dr. Seuss classics to "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie."

"So what we decided to do is that we would come together with all of our students, introduce them to something that's new," said Interim Principal Louise Golden. "At least it's a first in the history of Ramah Jr. Academy and also a first in the history of Savannah, Georgia."

There were also authors on hand signing their very own books and the school actually had 100% attendance from their school at Sunday's event.

Source: WTOC (2019, March). Local school hosts inaugural storybook ball. Retrieved <https://www.wtoc.com/2019/04/01/local-school-hosts-inaugural-storybook-ball>.





Adopt A School Program... **THE RESULTS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD**

MISSION SERVICE CLOSE TO HOME

Adventist education is the greatest direct influence the church can have on a child. Even if your local church does not have a school, every Adventist church has an opportunity and duty to support the mission of Adventist education in the Conference.

SCHOOL BENEFITS

Increased support from all our churches strengthens our school programs and provides access to new learning opportunities and resources.

STUDENT BENEFITS

Preparing students not just for success in this life, but for a relationship with Jesus through eternity.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Students who attend Seventh-day Adventist schools are more likely to attend college. Over 85% of graduates from Seventh-day Adventist high schools attend college and over 80% of them complete college degrees. This is compared to 66% and 14% of public high school students respectively.

WAYS TO ADOPT

- ❖ Local Church—give an annual percentage of your church budget to your closest SAC school
- ❖ Groups—Sabbath School or auxiliary group
- ❖ Personal—large or small monthly donation and/or gift in kind to your closest SAC school

REGION 1—METRO ATLANTA

ATLANTA ADVENTIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (K-8)
(678) 545-3656

BEREAN CHRISTIAN JUNIOR ACADEMY (K-8)
<https://bcjaschool.com/>

DECATUR ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY (K-8)
<http://dajaschool.org>

GREATER ATLANTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY (9-12)
<https://gaaaschool.org>

LITHONIA ADVENTIST ACADEMY (PK-8)
<https://www.lithoniaadventistacademy.org>

REGION 2—GREATER GEORGIA

BETHANY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (K-8)
(478) 746-0202

EBENEZER ADVENTIST SCHOOL (1-8)
(706) 733-9922

EMANUEL ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY (1-8)
<https://eja-albany.org>

NEW BETHEL ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (1-8)
(706) 569-0604

RAMAH JUNIOR ACADEMY
(912) 233-3101

REGION 3—SOUTH CAROLINA

BEREA JUNIOR ACADEMY (K-8)
(803) 773-6875

NORMA D. RICHARDS ADVENTIST SCHOOL (K-8)
<http://normadrichards.org>

REGION 4—NORTH CAROLINA

BEREAN JUNIOR ACADEMY (K-8)
<http://www.bereanjracademy.org>

CAROLINA ADVENTIST ACADEMY (K-8)
<http://www.carolinaadventistacademy.org>

EPHESUS JUNIOR ACADEMY (K-8)
<https://www.ejacademy.org>

GETHSEMANE CHRISTIAN ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY (K-8)
<https://gethsemanesdaschool.org>

GREATER FAYETTEVILLE ADVENTIST ACADEMY (PK-9)
<https://www.gfaaeagles.org/>