



**Future Educators On-Campus Retreat
Kennesaw State University & Georgia Highlands College Collaboration
October 30, 2009**

KEYNOTE

Ms. Gwen Deselle

2010 Georgia Teacher of the Year

*"The best way to engage today's learners is through
Facebook, not just textbooks."*

Gwen Desselle

Gwen Desselle is a social studies teacher at Colquitt County High School. Gwen has taught many of the social sciences in her long career, but most of her classes have been World History and US History. She has taught advanced level classes, but the last few years she has concentrated on teaching inclusion classes that combine regular and special education instruction. Her determination to ensure that all students graduate led her to accept a position with the local night school program, teaching students challenged by socioeconomic or behavioral issues.



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Mr. Landon Brown

Landon Brown, the 2008-2009 GAE
Outstanding Administrator

Mr. Brown has served Lindley Middle School for 12 years. He was a math teacher for four years and school administrator for five years. This is Mr. Brown's third year as a school principal. The Sixth Grade Academy has flourished under his leadership into a model school of excellence. Mr. Brown daily asserts, "Do what you do IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE." Mr. Brown is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and 100 Black Men of North Metro, Inc.



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Time		Location
9:15-9:30	<i>Welcome!</i> Dr. Randy Pierce , President, Georgia Highlands College Renva Watterson , Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Highlands College Dr. Darrell Sorrells , Assistant Professor of Education, Georgia Highlands College Carolyn Hamrick , Director, Georgia Highlands College at Cartersville Dr. Arlinda Eaton , Dean of Bagwell College of Education, Kennesaw State University	Lobby of Georgia Highlands

NOTE:

The Keynote session will be repeated four times during the day.
 The Keynote room has limited seating for 70 students each scheduled rotation.
Please follow the scheduled Keynote time for your color group (red, blue, yellow, green).
 When you are not attending the Keynote session, you will be able to choose from the menu of breakout sessions scheduled for each round.

******If a room is full, please go to another session on the program. ******

Time	1 st Round of Breakout Sessions	Room
9:40 - 10:25	Keynote-Gwen Desselle, Georgia 2010 Teacher of the Year RED GROUP ATTENDS	160
9:40-10:25	(Blue, Yellow and Green Groups choose one session to attend)	
Session 1 Middle School	Session Title: "Edible Algebra and Slope-tacular Cheers!!!" Session Description: Come hear about how to make math engaging for middle school students one bite at a time. Use cheers, food, and fun fables to entice students to the world of Algebra. In this session, you will learn insightful, effective methods to introducing pre-teens to challenging Algebra concepts such as slope, linear inequalities, number sense, and simplifying radicals. This session is not only for those interested in teaching middle school math, because these strategies work for any content area. Session Leader: Nanette Davis, Math Specialist, Adairsville Middle School, Bartow County	Room 122
Session 2 K-12 Special Education	Session Title: "What is Special Education Exactly?" Session Description: Are you interested in teaching Special Education and not quite sure what that means, or what type of students may be involved? Come and get a glimpse of what it is like to spend a day in a very "special world". It is great fun with lots of rewards! Session Leader: Karen Cole, Special Education Teacher, Forsyth High School	Room 166
Session 3 K-12	Session Title: "Applying to College...How Do I Know What to Do?" Session Description: This is an opportunity to hear all about the steps to applying for college. Applying to a 2 year college or a 4 year college can be a frustrating process, but here is an opportunity to find out about the application process. There will be time for you to ask questions!!! Session Leader: Jordan Turner, Director of Admissions, Georgia Highlands College	Room 211
Session 4 K-2	Session Title: "Get a Grip on Writing" Session Description: Develop confident writers from kindergarten and moving forward grade by grade. This fast paced, interactive session will engage the participants in how to build simple sentences into complex sentences. Learn Dr. Ross' unique method of building a story through creating a reading/writing journal and effectively utilizing graphic organizers. Session Leader: Dr. Kimberly Ross, Boston Elementary 2009-10 TOTY, Cherokee	Room 239

Session 5 High School	<p>Session Title: "What's my line?"</p> <p>Session Description: Learn about the creative challenges that await the Fine Arts Teacher. What are some of the skills and tactics to help develop the creative mind? Learn about how to use both the visual and performance arts to create artistically challenging lessons. These skills empower students with a new sense of self esteem and confidence. We will be playing games and exploring the concept of "one breath"! Join us for the fun!!!</p> <p>Session Leader: Catherine Johnson, Woodland High School, Associate Theatre Teacher, Woodland School of the Arts, Bartow County</p>	Room 313
Session 6 K-12	<p>Session Title: "Steps to Certification"</p> <p>Session Description: This is a very important session for all prospective teachers. Did you know there are many routes to teacher certification? Be prepared to discuss not only certification, but professional ethics as well.</p> <p>Session Leader: Charles Guillory, Georgia Professional Standards Commission</p>	Room 321
Session 7 K-2	<p>Session Title: "Once Upon a Time....."</p> <p>Session Description: Experience the K-2 classroom. Writing in 1st grade is as easy as "Pie." In our first grade classrooms, the "recipe" we use for writing is known as Writer's Workshop. Because first-graders are developing their writing skills at different rates, this approach allows the teacher to develop instruction that meets the various needs of the students.</p> <p>Session Leader(s): Jenni Eitenmiller, 1st Grade Teacher and Felecia C. Ingram, ESOL Lead Teacher, Paulding</p>	Room 322
Session 8 3-5	<p>Session Title: "Gone in Sixty Seconds, or How to Teach Upper Elementary School Students Who ALL Have Short Attention Spans!"</p> <p>Session Description: Some students are not able to sustain attention to tasks, teachers have to have a bag of tricks to keep a student's attention during instruction. See how one elementary teacher strives to keep his students engaged.</p> <p>Session Leader: Andy Davis, Cartersville Elementary School Teacher of the Year</p>	Room 324
10:25 - 10:35	Change to Next Round of Sessions	
10:35- 11:20	<p>2nd Round of Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Keynote-Gwen Desselle, Georgia 2010 Teacher of the Year</p> <p>BLUE GROUP ATTENDS</p>	Room 160
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12:00-12:45	<p>(Red, Blue and Green Groups choose one session below to attend)</p>	
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Session 8	Session Title: "What do School Systems Look for in Hiring New Teachers?" Session Description: Participate in a hands-on session interacting with supervisors who recruit for Cobb County Schools. Shared information will be: What school systems look for in new teacher hires, What you can do now to prepare for a teaching career, benefits of the teaching profession, and What are the characteristics of a good teacher. Session Leaders: Tim Baker, Director of Employment; Laura Martin, Supervisor Hiring for Special Education and Paraprofessionals; and Vicki Piedmont, Supervisor Hiring for Elementary Education, Cobb	Room 324
12:45 - 12:50	Change to Next Round of Sessions	
12:50- 1:35	4th Round of Breakout Sessions Keynote-Landon Brown, Lindley,6th grade Academy GAE 2008-2009 Outstanding Administrator of the Year GREEN GROUP ATTENDS	Room 160

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1:35 PM Dismissal to Buses



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