



*Future Educators On-Campus Retreat*  
Kennesaw State University &  
Southern Polytechnic State University  
Collaboration  
October 23, 2009

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**Brad Cohen**



Brad is an Assistant Administrator at Mountain View and Chalker Elementary Schools. Prior to that he taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and was a technology lab teacher, and Area Lead Teacher. Brad has served as Vice President of the Board of Governors for the Tourette Syndrome Association of Georgia, and also founded an overnight camp, "Camp Twitch and Shout," for children with Tourette syndrome.

Brad was featured on Oprah, People Magazine, CNN and Inside Edition after the release of his award-winning book, **Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had**, in September, 2005. His book was named the "Education Book of the Year" for the Independent Book Publishers. CBS featured Brad's "Hallmark Hall of Fame" movie about his life in December 2008.

**Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University**  
**Future Educators On-Campus Retreat**  
**October 23, 2009**

Time		Location
9:00-9:15	<b>Arrival</b> <i>Welcome!</i>	<b>Arrival</b>
9:30-9:45	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Dr. Susan Brown</b> , Executive Director, Education Student Services, Bagwell College of Education, Kennesaw State University <b>Dr. Alan Gabrielli</b> , Dr. Alan Gabrielli, Academic Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, Southern Polytechnic State University	SPSU Auditorium Joe Mack Wilson Student Center
9:45-10:35	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Brad Cohen</b> Brad published a book <b>Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had</b> , in September, 2005. He is currently an Assistant Administrator at Mountain View and Chalker Elementary Schools.	SPSU Auditorium Joe Mack Wilson Student Center
10:35-10:45	<b>Break</b> ( <i>Dismissal to first round of Breakout Sessions</i> )	
10:45-11:30 <i>(Choose one session to attend)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round of Breakout Sessions</b> <i>(all students attend sessions)</i> *** If a room is full, please go to another session on the program. ***	<b>Room #'s</b>
1 K-12 10:45-11:30	<b>Session Title:</b> "Preparing for a Teaching Career" <b>Session Description:</b> This is your chance to hear "first hand" about the process of preparing for a teaching career from KSU education majors who are going through the program NOW! This will be a panel discussion. <b>Session Leaders:</b> , Kennesaw State University Education Majors - Jennifer Hutcherson, Autumn Mourdock, Beth Bohn	<b>Room 109 Student Center</b>
2 K-12 10:45-11:30	<b>Session Title:</b> "What do School Systems Look for in Hiring New Teachers?" <b>Session Description:</b> 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. <b>Session Leaders:</b> Tim Baker, Director of Employment; Laura Martin, Supervisor Hiring for Special Education and Paraprofessionals; Vicki Piedmont, Supervisor Hiring for Elementary Education, Cobb County	<b>Room 204 Student Center</b>
3 K-5 10:45-11:30	<b>Session Title:</b> "The Ever Changing Classroom" <b>Session Description:</b> What are your expectations for your classroom populations? Come learn about how to survive in a multicultural classroom world and how the ESOL experience might be right for you. <b>Session Leaders:</b> Candy Bennett, ESOL Teacher and Vilma Thomas, EIP/former ESOL Teacher, Hickory Hills Elementary, Marietta City Schools	<b>Room 206 Student Center</b>
4 K-12 10:45-11:30	<b>Session Title:</b> "Steps to Certification" <b>Session Description:</b> 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. <b>Session Leader:</b> Charles Guillory, Georgia Professional Standards Commission	<b>Room 213 Student Center</b>
5 High School 10:45-11:30	<b>Session Title:</b> "Why is teaching science so awesome!" <b>Session Description:</b> Being a teacher is a very rewarding profession, but being a science teacher is just plain fun. From doing labs and demonstrations, to having healthy discussions about the latest and greatest advances in our society, teaching science gives you the opportunity to be topical, relevant and interesting to your future students. <b>Session Leader:</b> Dr. Scott Schomer, Science Teacher and Science Department Chairperson, Harrison High School, Cobb County	<b>Room 214 Student Center</b>

<p align="center"><b>6</b> <b>Middle School</b> <b>10:45-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "The Art of Un-sticking the <i>Stuck</i> in the Middle"  <b>Session Description:</b> Come experience a few minutes in a middle school classroom...a place where hormones rage, first crushes develop, and students begin to develop a passion for their future and a lifelong love of learning.  <b>Session Leader:</b> Rhonda Lokey, Social Studies Teacher and Academic Coach, Smitha Middle School, Cobb County</p>	<p align="center"><b>Room 215</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>7</b> <b>Grades 3-5</b> <b>10:45-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Gone in Sixty Seconds, or How to Teach Upper Elementary School Students Who ALL Have Short Attention Spans!"  <b>Session Description:</b> Some students are not able to sustain attention to tasks; teachers have to have a bag of tricks to keep student's attention during instruction. See how one elementary teacher strives to keep his students engaged.  <b>Session Leader:</b> Andy Davis, Cartersville Elementary School Teacher of the Year, Cartersville City Schools</p>	<p align="center"><b>Room 216</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>8</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>10:45-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Alphabet Soup: Special Education from A to Z"  <b>Session Description:</b> This session will provide an overview of the vocabulary, knowledge and skills needed to deliver instruction to students with disabilities. What do all those letters (acronyms) mean?  <b>Session Leader:</b> Patricia Jackson, Supervisor, Professional Learning Department, former Supervisor, Special Education Department, Cobb County</p>	<p align="center"><b>Building D</b> <b>138</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>9</b> <b>K-5</b> <b>10:45-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Music- It's Fundamental!"  <b>Session Description:</b> Experience a selection of K-5 music lessons. This will be an active, hands-on session that will open your eyes to the everyday life of an Elementary Music Specialist.  <b>Session Leader:</b> Ashley Chatham, Music specialist, Summit Elementary School, Teacher of the Year</p>	<p align="center"><b>Building D</b> <b>156</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>10</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>10:45-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> Explore the World of Teaching Science  <b>Session Description:</b> Learn about teaching science by "doing" science. Join us for a fun filled session with activities. Hear from KSU instructors and education majors who will discuss why science is such an important content area.  <b>Session Leaders:</b> Terri Collins, KSU Adjunct Instructor, Bagwell College of Education, and KSU Education Majors</p>	<p align="center"><b>Building D</b> <b>252</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>11</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>10:45-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> Restructuring Schools for Academic Excellence for African American Males  <b>Session Description:</b> This will be a dynamic session with Lindley MS principal, Mr. Landon Brown. He will talk about some compelling statistics concerning the African American male and our schools. This is an important topic for "Future Educators".  <b>Session Leader:</b> Landon Brown, Principal, Lindley 6th grade Academy, Cobb County School District</p>	<p align="center"><b>Student</b> <b>Center</b> <b>Auditoriu</b> <b>m</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>11:35-12:15</b> <b>Green Group</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>1<sup>st</sup> LUNCH Group Green Group</b> <b>Marietta, Chattahoochee, Milton, North Cobb, Kell</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Ballroom A</b> <b>&amp; B</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>11:35-12:15</b> <b>Yellow Group</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Harrison, Sprayberry, Campbell, McEachern, Allatoona, Pope, Osborne</b> <b>attend 2nd Round of Breakout Sessions</b> <b>(Choose one session to attend)</b> <b>***If a room is full, please go to another session on the program.***</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Room #'s</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>1</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>11:35-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Steps to Certification"  <b>Session Description:</b> 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.  <b>Session Leader:</b> Charles Guillory, Georgia Professional Standards Commission</p>	<p align="center"><b>Room 213</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>

<p align="center"><b>2</b> <b>High School</b> <b>11:35-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Why is teaching science so awesome!" <b>Session Description:</b> Being a teacher is a very rewarding profession, but being a science teacher is just plain fun. From doing labs and demonstrations, to having healthy discussions about the latest and greatest advances in our society, teaching science gives you the opportunity to be topical, relevant and interesting to your future students. <b>Session Leader:</b> Dr. Scott Schomer, Science Teacher and Science Department Chairperson, Harrison High School, Cobb County</p>	<p align="center"><b>Room 214</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>3</b> <b>Middle School</b> <b>11:35-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "The Art of Un-sticking the <i>Stuck</i> in the Middle" <b>Session Description:</b> Come experience a few minutes in a middle school classroom...a place where hormones rage, first crushes develop, and students begin to develop a passion for their future and a lifelong love of learning. <b>Session Leader:</b> Rhonda Lokey, Social Studies Teacher and Academic Coach, Smitha Middle School, Cobb County</p>	<p align="center"><b>Room 215</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>4</b> <b>Grades 3 - 5</b> <b>11:35-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Gone in Sixty Seconds, or How to Teach Upper Elementary School Students Who ALL Have Short Attention Spans!" <b>Session Description:</b> Some students are not able to sustain attention to tasks; teachers have to have a bag of tricks to keep student's attention during instruction. See how one elementary teacher strives to keep his students engaged. <b>Session Leader:</b> Andy Davis, Cartersville Elementary School, Teacher of the Year, Cartersville City Schools</p>	<p align="center"><b>Room 216</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>5</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>11:35-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Alphabet Soup: Special Education from A to Z" <b>Session Description:</b> This session will provide an overview of the vocabulary, knowledge and skills needed to deliver instruction to students with disabilities. What do all those letters (acronyms) mean? <b>Session Leader:</b> Patricia Jackson, Supervisor, Professional Learning Department, former Supervisor, Special Education Department, Cobb County</p>	<p align="center"><b>Building D</b> <b>138</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>6</b> <b>K-5</b> <b>11:35-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Music- It's Fundamental!" <b>Session Description:</b> Experience a selection of K-5 music lessons. This will be an active, hands-on session that will open your eyes to the everyday life of an Elementary Music Specialist. <b>Session Leader:</b> Ashley Chatham, Music specialist, Summit elementary School, Teacher of the Year</p>	<p align="center"><b>Building D</b> <b>156</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>7</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>11:35-12:15</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> Explore the World of Teaching Science <b>Session Description:</b> Learn about teaching science by "doing" science. Join us for a fun filled session with activities. Hear from KSU instructors and education majors who will discuss why science is such an important content area. <b>Session Leader:</b> Terri Collins, KSU Adjunct Instructor, Bagwell College of Education, and KSU Education Majors</p>	<p align="center"><b>Building D</b> <b>252</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>12:20-1:00</b> <b>Yellow Group</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>2<sup>nd</sup> LUNCH Group – Yellow Group</b> <b>Allatoona, Campbell, Harrison, McEachern, Pope, Osborne, Sprayberry</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Ballroom A</b> <b>&amp; B</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>12:20-1:00</b> <b>Green Group</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Marietta, Chattahoochee, Milton, North Cobb, Kell</b> <b>attend 3rd Round of Breakout Sessions</b> <b>(Choose one session to attend)</b> <b>***If a room is full, please go to another session on the program.***</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Room #'s</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>1</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>12:20-1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Preparing for a Teaching Career" <b>Session Description:</b> This is your chance to hear "first hand" about the process of preparing for a teaching career from KSU education majors who are going through the program NOW! This will be a panel discussion. <b>Session Leaders:</b> Kennesaw State University Education Majors - Jennifer Hutcherson, Autumn Mourdock, Beth Bohn, Kennesaw State University Education Major; Tara Fiterman</p>	<p align="center"><b>Room 109</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>12:20-1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "What do School Systems Look for in Hiring New Teachers?"  <b>Session Description:</b> 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.  <b>Session Leaders:</b> Tim Baker, Director of Employment; Laura Martin, Supervisor Hiring for Special Education and Paraprofessionals; Vicki Piedmont, Supervisor Hiring for Elementary Education, Cobb County</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room 204</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b> <b>K-5</b> <b>12:20-1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "The Ever Changing Classroom"  <b>Session Description:</b> What are your expectations for your classroom populations? Come learn about how to survive in a multicultural classroom world and how the ESOL experience might be right for you.  <b>Session Leaders:</b> Candy Bennett, ESOL Teacher and Vilma Thomas, EIP/former ESOL Teacher, Hickory Hills Elementary, Marietta City Schools</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room 206</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <b>High School</b> <b>12:20-1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> So you want to be a high school teacher? Why teaching math is the icing on the cake!"  <b>Session Description:</b> Teaching high school mathematics can be very rewarding experience especially if you have the right combination of passion for mathematics as well as teaching adolescent students. Join this session for a look at mathematics teachers "behind the scenes" as they work together to make classroom instruction the best it can be!  <b>Session Leader:</b> Carla Bidwell, Secondary Mathematics Coach, Marietta City Schools</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room 214</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b> <b>Middle School</b> <b>12:20-1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Meet me in the Middle: Why teaching middle school is such a unique, rewarding, and often overlooked opportunity."  <b>Session Description:</b> Middle school students aren't as scary as you think! The education young adolescents experience during this formative period of life will, in large measure, determine the future for all citizens." Come find out how exciting, important, and enriching teaching middle schoolers can be!  <b>Session Leader:</b> Dr. Kim Ligon, MGE, KSU Bagwell College of Education</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room 215</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>12:20-1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "5 Ways to Show You Love What You Do and Who You Do It For"  <b>Session Description:</b> In this session you will discover the amazing teacher that lives within your soul, leaving with a "roadside assistance" kit that will assist you on your remarkable journey to teacherhood.  <b>Session Leader:</b> Raine Hackler, Thomasville Heights Elementary, Atlanta Public Schools, system Teacher of the Year, 11 Alive News Teacher of the Week, Atlanta Families Teacher Excellence recipient, International Teacher</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room 216</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b> <b>K-12</b> <b>12:20-1:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session Title:</b> "Teaching students with Intellectual Disabilities"  <b>Session Description:</b> Are you becoming a special educator? Come and hear an overview of what the job entails and find out if this is the career path for you. Teaching students with intellectual disabilities in a small group setting is rewarding while very challenging at the same time. An overview of both the rewards and challenges will be provided.  <b>Session Leader:</b> Kelly Bramblett, Special Educator, Allatoona High school, Cobb county teacher of the Year 2009-10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Building D</b> <b>252</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:05-1:30</b></p>	<p><b>General Session – Q &amp; A</b>  <b>All Students Attend</b>  <b>Dr. Ron Koger</b>, Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services, SPSU  <b>Kelly Oxford</b>, Certification Officer, KSU, Bagwell College of Education  <b>Tim Baker, Vickie Piedmont, and Laura Martin</b>, Human Resources, Cobb County School District</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Auditorium</b> <b>Student</b> <b>Center</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1:30</b></p>	<p><b>Dismissal</b> <i>Have a safe trip!</i></p>	

We wish to thank the following organizations for their support and sponsorship of this event.:

***Kennesaw State University Foundation***



***Southern Polytechnic State University Student and Enrollment Services***



***GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS***



***PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA EDUCATORS***



**PARTNERS**

Georgia Department of Education  
Georgia Professional Standards Commission  
University System of Georgia Board of Regents