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2015 EDUCATION SUMMIT



Welcome

Winston McGregor, Executive Director Guilford Education Alliance

GREAT Club and Girl Talk

Keith G. Pemberton and Oak Hill Elementary Students

Opening Remarks

Mona Edwards
Board of Directors
Guilford Education Alliance

Rookie & Mentor Teacher of the Year Awards

William Laney, High Point Bank
Jamie Royster, Lenovo

The Poetry Project

Josephus Thompson, Director
William Manneh, Andrews High School
Chaborah Blackwell, Middle College at Bennett

Introduction

Jennifer Fountain
Education Summit Co-Chair

Keynote Address

Dr. Patrice Faison
Principal, Page High School
2012 North Carolina Principal of the Year

Call to Action

Charles C. Cornelio
Chairman, Guilford Education Alliance

Award Presentation

Jim Morgan, Founding Chairman
Guilford Education Alliance
Christine Joyner Greene
Margaret Bourdeaux Arbuckle Award Recipient

Closing Remarks

Maurice "Mo" Green
Superintendent, Guilford County Schools



Congratulations

Christine Joyner Greene

recipient of the

2015 Margaret Bourdeaux Arbuckle Award

honoring a passionate and tireless advocate
for children and education.

From serving as a classroom teacher and later as a high school counselor, to chairing local bond initiatives and leading in the policy arena at the state level, Chris Greene's wise counsel and relentless advocacy for students and education have left an indelible mark on our community. As one local leader said, "Her name has been synonymous with excellence and commitment to quality education in High Point, Greensboro and across the state."

Retirement eludes her. She still teaches regular classes for students in the evenings and last fall co-chaired the county-wide sales tax referendum.

Chris Greene – we salute you! And we thank you for your commitment to our kids!



"Dealing with kids is the greatest career in the world. I hope I have helped someone along the way." – Chris Greene

Established as a lasting tribute to Dr. Arbuckle's work on behalf of children, families and public education, the award is presented by the Guilford Education Alliance where she served as Executive Director before her retirement in 2013.



2013 Rookie Teacher of the Year Monica Doyle congratulating 2014's winner, Setoria Moore from Wiley Elementary.

2015 Rookie and Mentor Teacher of the Year Finalists

Rookie Teacher of the Year

Caryn Barricks

Millis Road Elementary

Amanda Bustle

Mendenhall Middle

John Gesiotto

Northeast Middle

Alana Howie

Brightwood Elementary

Lavasia Taylor

Andrews High

Mentor Teacher of the Year

Wanda Fedor

Northeast High

Charlene Marsh

High Point Central High

Talita McKoy

Southern High

Sabrina Peacock

Oak Hill Elementary

Elizabeth Sherrill

Simkins Elementary

GEA & Partners Say Yes!

After a national search, **Guilford County is the leading candidate to become the next Say Yes to Education Community.** Say Yes provides an unprecedented opportunity for our community to work together to ensure that every graduate of Guilford County Schools can get a post-secondary education.

GEA has been working with **Guilford County Schools**, the **Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro** and the **Community Foundation of Greater High Point** to explore this transformative partnership.

Say Yes to Education is a nonprofit founded in 1987 by money manager George Weiss when he promised 112 sixth graders at a Philadelphia public school that he would pay to send them to college if they graduated from high school. Since then, Say Yes has evolved into a national non-profit that galvanizes communities to get students to and through college.

How it Works: Say Yes works as an investor and facilitator bringing government, school, non-profit, community and parent leaders to the same table to make key decisions focused on building successful pathways for children. Say Yes invests \$15 million to help seed and expand key supports, develop common measures, and fund a core staff.

Scholarships: A Local Scholarship Endowment would provide last dollar tuition scholarships for all graduates of Guilford County Schools to attend N.C. state colleges and universities. These scholarships would pay the difference between other grants and scholarships and the cost of in-state tuition. GCS graduates would be eligible regardless of family income.

The Say Yes Higher Education Compact includes 70 private colleges and universities across the country. GCS graduates who are admitted to those institutions would also be eligible for scholarships. Students whose families have annual incomes of \$75,000 or less receive last dollar tuition guarantees directly from the college. Students who are admitted and have income greater than \$75,000 receive a \$5,000 annual Choice award from the local endowment.

Student Supports: Starting with our youngest learners and ending only after students reach the goal of a post-secondary degree or certification, the Say Yes investment would help us connect and

sustain the supports children and families need to clear the path to academic success. In other communities, this includes tutoring, after-school programs, summer programs, medical care, counseling and legal help.

School Success: As Say Yes works with the community to support children and families, they also work with school leadership to ensure students are on the academic pathway to post-secondary completion. Student achievement measures, graduation rates and other metrics are indicators of success along the pathway, but the ultimate measure of success is post-secondary completion.

Next Steps: Say Yes has outlined several contingencies – organizational and financial – that our community must meet to launch the partnership. A local Planning Group is leading the effort to move to full partnership and is already working with a wide variety of stakeholders in our community.

For more information and to learn how you can help Guilford County become the next Say Yes community, check out:

GuilfordSaysYes.org



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