

GASSP

Serving Georgia's Principals Grades 6-12



Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals



FROM NASSP EMAIL

October is National Principals Month (NPM) and now is the time to start planning actions to highlight the great work of America's principals, assistant principals, and school leaders, as well as their crucial role in fostering student success. Want to get involved? Check out the National Principals Month website for ways that you can elevate the voice of school leaders! Here are a few campaigns that we need your help with right now:

- Principals Shadowing Week (October 15–19): Invite your member of Congress or other elected officials to visit your school and shadow you for the day.
www.principalsmonth.org/shadowing-visits
- Social Media Toolkit: Use these social media resources to promote NPM. Be sure to use #ThankAPrincipal all month long! www.principalsmonth.org/social-media-toolkit
- 2018 NPM Student Video Contest: Encourage your students to submit a video highlighting what your principal means to the school and community
www.principalsmonth.org/video-contest





WANDA LAW, GASSP PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!

I hope the start of the school has been smooth for you and your staff. I always look forward to the start of a new school year when the students return and the school building becomes noisy and active after a quiet summer! Talking with students and watching them learn each day is rewarding and fun. As a principal, I believe I have the best job ever! I am looking forward to serving as the President of GASSP this year and supporting you in your leadership role.

How can GASSP support you and your school? First, we serve as an advocate for you at the national and state levels. We send our legislative representatives to Washington DC to talk directly with Senators and

Representatives about important educational issues. Chip Lundy and Kerensa Wing are our state coordinators and they will be glad to talk with you about concerns/issues that you may have throughout the year. We also have two representatives on the NASSP Board which strengthens our voice on national issues.

GASSP serves as a provider of professional development for Georgia leaders. We will host a Fall Conference in Savannah on November 10-13 in Savannah at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel. This conference will feature excellent leaders from throughout the state who will share the work that is happening in their buildings. Along with listening to presenters, participants will collaborate with one another and share everyday strategies and procedures that have been successful for their students. Professional dialogue is one of the best ways to learn new strategies and ideas. We will hear from our Middle School Breakout Schools on how they have improved student achievement. Registration is currently open and we would love to have a large number of conference participants.

Finally, GASSP representatives for your district will contact administrators in their areas about district meetings. These meetings vary in format, but are wonderful net-working opportunities. If you do not know your district representative, check the GASSP website. Please encourage all the middle and high schools in your district to join GASSP. As professionals in our field, we should belong to a professional organization that is responsive to our concerns and knowledgeable of educational trends.

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed your membership and registered for the fall conference. If I can be of assistance to you this school year, please don't hesitate to contact me through email or phone call to North Gwinnett Middle School. Thank you for what you do each day and for making a difference with the adolescents of Georgia!

Wanda Law
President



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Being a member of the NASSP Board of Directors representing the state of Georgia and GASSP is one of the finest honors I have received in my 34 years in public education. In addition being on the NASSP with Dr. Gwen Taylor from Georgia, two members from Georgia is a special time that I will cherish. Dr. Taylor and I have served on the GASSP board as Presidents and executive committee members for GASSP together for over 8 years so it is a special time to do this together.

Our duties at the National level are to serve all secondary principals across the nation through advocacy, conferences, and membership promotion. This is important work for the support of all administrators across our nation, and a role I take very seriously. I will serve on various committees, as assigned, that address certain issues in our nation. I look forward to the partnership with administrators from across the nation and most of all representing GASSP.

Again I thank the membership of GASSP for selecting me for this role and I will represent Georgia well!

Yours in Education,

Dr. Alan Long



In 2016 I was honored and humbled to be appointed to fill the vacant position of Middle Level At Large Officer for the NASSP Board of Directors. I also served for two years on the Policy and Governance Committee where I participated in discussions and advocated policies. In July of this year I was elected to serve a four-year term on the NASSP Executive Board of Directors as the Middle Level At Large Officer. I will also be serving the Board of Directors as part of the Financial Committee. I have attended meetings on Capitol Hill where I met with Legislators to advocate policies. I am a proud GASSP member and privileged to serve in both organizations.

Dr. Gwendolyn S. Taylor

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

GASSP FALL CONFERENCE
November 10-12, 2018 - Savannah, GA

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE
January 15, 2019 - Macon, GA



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