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Moving Forward. Staying Focused

All Students are Growing Academically at Holly Pond Elementary School!

We love hearing stories like this! Holly Pond Elementary School in Cullman, Alabama joined the BRSE journey and has come leaps and bounds! The school recently received their state report card and moved two letter grades - from C to A! This is a HUGE accomplishment and we want to congratulate Holly Pond on all the hard work. This is an excellent example of moving forward and staying focused!

"We are so excited about our great news! Alabama State Report Cards have just been made public. We received an A (overall score of 92) putting us in the top 2% of schools in Alabama. Our score of 92 was the highest of any school in Cullman County. Grades are given for Academic Proficiency, Academic Growth, and Attendance. We received a score of 100 for Academic Growth, which was an area of need identified by Blue Ribbon Schools. We are appreciative of Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence for challenging us to change the way we thought and the way we approached instruction. After working through the recommendations and attending Mrs. Guzman's training, our teachers were able to implement many of the suggested practices into the classroom. The ideas provided to us helped our teachers to improve their instruction, which resulted in increased student achievement."
- Karen Sparks, Principal, Holly Pond Elementary School, Alabama



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**We are busy making plans for the BRSE annual conference and have a great lineup!
Meet two of our keynote speakers - nationally recognized educators!**

Dr. Lucas Clamp, 2019 NASSP National Principal of the Year, will kick off our 20th Anniversary Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Conference at Disney! Dr. Lucas "Luke" Clamp, principal of River Bluff High School in Lexington, South Carolina, is a native of Williston, SC, fulfilling his calling as principal and educational leader in public education. Earlier this year, he was selected as the 2019 NASSP National Principal of the Year and River Bluff was just announced as South Carolina's 2019 Palmetto's Finest High School!

Since being chosen as the founding principal of River Bluff in 2011, with doors opening in 2013, Dr. Clamp has fostered a culture of leadership and engagement. Through the unique desire to connect with each person, whether student or staff, Dr. Clamp is devoted to developing individual skills and talents that ultimately lead to a collective contribution that will change the world.



Mr. Dave Beal will be our keynote speaker on Saturday, December 14. Beal is the Executive Director and Head National Trainer for Brain Power Wellness (BPW) and the author of the new book "The Brain Power Classroom". After several successful years of teaching brain-based strategies as a classroom teacher in Brooklyn and Freeport, NY, Dave has spent the last twelve years training thousands of administrators, teachers, parents and students.



"Mr. Dave Beal is a passionate educator who believes that emotional well being is at the core of a successful student, classroom and school. After attending one of Mr. Beal's workshops, I felt energized and wanted to hear and learn

more about his ideas and strategies regarding "Brain Power 10," an approach he developed to motivate students to use their full brain potential to achieve high levels of academic, social and emotional achievement. His approach involves engaging students through movement and mindfulness and using a students' multiple intelligence. You will feel great and truly inspired once you walk out of Mr. Beal's session." – Josephine Sportella-Giusto

We are thrilled to have Dr. Clamp and Mr. Beal at our event this year. You won't want to miss this!

** If you are interested in presenting a session at this year's event, email Dr. Judy Warden Fields at judy@blueribbonschools.com

REGISTER TODAY!!

DECEMBER 12-15, 2019

Make your plans to attend our 20th Annual BRSE Conference



Attendees at 2018 conference from Dawes Intermediate in Mobile, AL

"It is a tremendous professional development event with educators looking for practices and solutions to move their school forward. Focus, Mindfulness and Emotional Wellness (for all stakeholders) are critical to the success of any school." – Dr. Judy Warden Fields

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