



Disney in December

We want YOU there!! Join us for a truly magical event! Our 20th Annual BRSE Conference is for all schools - anyone interested in learning and sharing best practices for improving education. This event is a great learning opportunity for low performing schools looking for turn around programs and strategies! Educators from around the world will attend this empowering event. With more than 60 sessions to choose from, you will have a chance to discover new ideas from other educators to take back to your school. Discover innovative, creative strategies that yield results from award winning schools.

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This year's conference program is jam-packed!! Session Highlight >>>

A Conversation with Award Winning High School Principals. NASSP National Principal of the Year program recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession. This is an opportunity to bring your current challenges and issues to an informal session with three national awarding winning high school principals.

Presented by: Dr. Lucas Clamp, 2019 National Principal of the Year, South Carolina; Dr. Akil Ross, 2018 National Principal of the Year, South Carolina; and Jayne Ellspermann, 2015 National Principal of the Year, Florida

The Path to Magical Leadership Where Individual Choice Matters. Growing leaders internally is critical to attaining a sustainable mission and vision. Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD is a fast growth district in Texas that has built a leadership program, which allows for individual choice in leadership development. From teacher leader development including Professional Learning Communities, Continuous Improvement and Coaching Conversations to the development of future administrators including Curriculum and Instruction, Special Programs, and the Principalship, EMS ISD provides learning and growth opportunities for all its employees. Come join us and learn specific techniques to grow your own. You will leave with invaluable information including course descriptions, class agendas, book titles, and branding your program so you have a magical path to follow.

Presented by: Dr. Dana Barnes, Executive Director of Educational Services and Lisa Dunn, Executive Director of Elementary; Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District, Texas.

Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain. Adolescence has been described as a "normally abnormal stage of life." This workshop, based on Dr. David Walsh's best-selling book, explains exactly what happens to the adolescent brain on the path from childhood into adulthood. Revealing the latest scientific findings in easy-to-understand terms, Dr. Walsh shows why moodiness, quickness to anger, willingness to take risks,

miscommunication and other familiar teenage behavior are so common—all are linked to physical changes and growth in the adolescent brain. This workshop goes beyond the well-known issues of hormones and peer pressure. Dr. Walsh also shows parents and anyone who works with youth how to use this information to understand, communicate with, and stay connected to their kids.

Presented by: Dr. David Walsh, Co-Founder of the Spark & Stitch Institute, award-winning psychologist, best-selling author, and international speaker

Meet Our 2019 Conference Keynote Speakers!!



Dr. Lucas Clamp, 2019 NASSP National Principal of the Year, will kick off our 20th anniversary 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 -awarded to the top high school annually in the state.

Since being chosen as the founding principal of River Bluff in 2011, 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.



Dr. Marcia Tate, Developing Minds, Inc., will deliver the Friday luncheon keynote – “*Worksheets Don’t Grow Dendrites – 20 Instructional That Engage the Brain*”. “If students don’t learn the way we teach them, then we must teach them the way they learn.” Experience 20 brain-compatible strategies that maximize understanding and memory. Use music, metaphor, and movement to increase academic achievement for all students. Explore research that shows why these strategies are preferable to others. Ensure that brains retain key concepts, not only for tests but also for life!

Dr. Tate is the former Executive Director of Professional Development for the DeKalb County School System, Decatur, Georgia. During her 30-year career with the district, she has been a classroom teacher, reading specialist, language arts coordinator, and staff development executive director.



Mr. Dave Beal will be our luncheon keynote speaker on Saturday, December 14. “Mr. Dave Beal is a passionate educator who believes that emotional wellbeing is at the core of a successful student, classroom and school. After attending Mr. Beal’s workshop 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 which also involves using a students’ multiple intelligence.

“You will feel great and truly inspired once you walk out of Mr. Beal’s session” – Josephine Sportella-Giusto

You Won't Want to Miss these Dynamic Speakers!

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