

Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) 35TH State Conference

The 35th Annual Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) conference, “Empowering Educational Excellence through Equity,” brought together more than 600 African American superintendents, principals, teachers, and other district leaders for three days of professional development and celebration. The conference was held February 19-23 at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas.



During her address, President Dr. Kimberly McLeod said, “It has been an honor to serve this organization and work closely with some of the best educators in our state. During my time as president, one of my key areas of focus was strengthening our ties and exposure with Texas legislators. I am proud to say that our elected officials have a better understanding of the impact the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators has on our school systems across the state and our organization’s role in supporting all students, especially students of African descent and growing educational leaders.”



A Founders’ Day luncheon featuring Columbia University professor Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz helped to kick off the conference, and education thought leader Baruti Kafele spoke to principals and principal supervisors about 21st-century leadership.



The Parent and Youth Symposium was well attended with over 100 parents and students.

More than 79 school districts were represented, and Chartwells, TCG Holding LLP, and Mind Research Institute served as conference sponsors.



TABSE will host its next annual conference on February 17-21, 2021, at Horseshoe Bay Resort, near Austin, TX.

Arizona Affiliate (AzABSE) Leverages NABSE’s Partnerships with Grand Canyon University (GCU)

AzABSE has partnered with GCU to create the first NABSE Administration Cohort. The NABSE Member Cohort is a collaboration between Grand Canyon University (GCU) and the Arizona Alliance of Black School Educators (AzABSE),

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with the goal of increasing the number of Black Administrators at all levels.

AzABSE members are asked to identify potential school leaders on their campuses and invite them to participate to learn about the NABSE Member Cohort. School administrators are especially asked to nominate and invite their staff members to participate in the program. It is not necessary for future leaders to be NABSE members in order to join the Cohort. However, NABSE members will receive unique benefits as a result of our partnership with the GCU.

Additional information can be obtain by visiting the Arizona Alliance at www.azabse.org or by emailing Noel Lopez at Noel.lopez@gcu.edu or Zel Fowler at zfowler@azabse.org.

Arizona Forms a Superintendents Commission

On January 18th, 2020 the members of the Arizona Alliance of Black School Educators (AzABSE) founded the Superintendent's Commission of AzABSE.

Chaired by Dr. Arleen Kennedy, superintendent of St. David Unified Schools in Southeast Arizona, the Arizona affiliation of the Superintendent's Commission has embraced NABSE's Big Six Priority #2 by seeking to build a leadership pool of successful educators with a broad spectrum of experiences.

According to Dr. Kennedy, "With only five percent of Arizona's population being of African descent; it is important that as the state grows, the need for African American school or district leaders will increase as well. There are so few African American leaders in Arizona, that to effect change, the development of qualified superintendent candidates must be the Commission's top priority. The state is going through change and is seeking diversity and

equity. This is the perfect opportunity to increase African American representation in Arizona leadership in education. The Superintendents Commission is determined to support this opportunity in Arizona."



Commission Chair – Dr. Arleen Kennedy

Southeast Regional News

According to Dr. Betty Howell Gray, Southeast Regional Representative of NABSE, the Affiliates are the life blood of NABSE, and it is important that members highlight affiliates that are doing great work in their regions. She reported that the South Carolina ABSE (SC ABSE) held its Annual State Conference in January with extraordinary success in January 2020. Great networking opportunities.

North Carolina NABSE Affiliates: NC ABSE, ABSE at UNCC, Greater Charlotte and Wayne County ABSE offer professional workshops and conferences designed to involve youth, parents, school leaders, teachers in all phases of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) throughout the year. They also sponsored the Fifth Annual Leadership Conference with over 550 Males of Color and Educators in attendance. This work is

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replicated in counties throughout North Carolina working in partnership with superintendents of school districts in North Carolina. The Greater Charlotte ABSE holds its Annual Scholarship Reception for graduating seniors in May. They recently held a Reception for the new CMS Superintendent, Earnest Winston.

Dr. Betty Howell Gray recently received the Educational Award by the Black Political Caucus of Charlotte Mecklenburg and the NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor for extraordinary community volunteer service bestowed by the governor.



The Southeast Region is in the early stage of planning a NABSE Southeast Regional Conference which is scheduled for April 29 -May 1, 2021 in Charlotte, NC. It is believed that the Regional Conference will be an excellent way to mobilize the region, organize more affiliates and utilize the resources that Charlotte has to offer.

Additional information can be found at www.ncnabseaffiliates.org.

The Broward Alliance of Black School Educators holds its 2020 Conference on March 20 at the Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

For registration and other information, please contact:

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S.L.I.C.E. Conference 2020

Conference Keynote Speaker
MICHAEL BAISDEN
Radio-Show Personality,
Author, Community Activist

Scholarship Keynote Speaker
Desmond Blackburn, Ph.D.
CEO, New Teacher Center

The 2020 Leadership Award Recipients
Rocky Gillis **Wylie Howard Jr.** **Antonio Burgess**

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020
7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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NABSE at AASA

Several NABSE superintendents, current and former Board members and the Executive Director attended the recently held National Conference on Education. A feature of the conference was the Dr. Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award Luncheon which honors leadership in educational equity and excellence. Those recognized must be AASA members who demonstrate a commitment to address social justice issues among children, youth and adults in schools and/or evidence commitment to the advancement and mentorship of women and minorities into positions of educational leadership.

Several members of NABSE are past recipients of the award.



The luncheon was co-hosted by NABSE and the Association of Latino Administrators and Supervisors (ALAS).

Black Female and Male Summits

NABSE is partnering with the NABSE Foundation (NABSEF) to convene the NABSE Youth Summits at Clark Atlanta University on June 26, 2020 – June 28, 2020. According to the summit’s convener, Dr. Emma Epps, African American Youth Leadership Summits are among NABSEF’s Signature Programs and contain customized, engaging and interactive workshops designed to inform, nurture, support, prepare, inspire, reward and empower African American young people. For additional information please contact:
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Ontario Alliance 2020 Conference

The Ontario Alliance of Black School Educators convenes its Sixth Annual Provincial Conference and Annual General Meeting on April 17-18 at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Among the presenters are:

- Principal Baruti Kafele – Educator and Author
- Natasha Henry – President of the Ontario Black History Society
- Pat Case – Assistant Deputy Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Education.

The Ontario Alliance of Black School Educators (ONABSE) Presents
The 6th Annual Provincial Conference & AGM
 April 17-18, 2020
 Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
 252 Bloor Street West Toronto, ON

THEME:
 Empowering Educational Excellence Through Equity

STRANDS:
 Equitable & Inclusive Leadership - Diverse Learners - Student Achievement
 Mental Health and Well Being - Parent and Community Involvement
 Higher Education/Research - College/Career Readiness
 Educational Technology - Discipline Cultural Responsiveness & Restorative Practice

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
 Principal Baruti Kafele, School Leadership Expert, Author & Education Speaker
 Natasha Henry, President, Ontario Black History Society, Black History Curriculum Specialist
 Asst. Deputy Min. Pat Case, Education Equity Secretariat, Ontario Ministry of Education

Registration: [HTTPS://ONABSE2020CONFERENCE.EVENTBRITE.CA](https://onabse2020conference.eventbrite.ca)
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 WEBSITE: WWW.ONABSE.ORG

Call For Proposals & ONABSE Awards Nominations
 Visit www.onabse.org for details and deadlines!

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Nigeria Alliance of Black School Educators

On March 26-27, the Nigeria Alliance of Black School Educators (Nigeria -ABSE) convenes its *21st Century Pedagogical Styles: Learner-Centered Pedagogy*. a workshop for primary school teachers of the Ohafia Local Government Area of Abia State, Nigeria.

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NABSE's Conference 2020

NABSE's 48th National Conference on Education will be held on November 18 – 21 2020 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. We are excited about this conference as we build on the success of last year's conference and look forward to our 50th in 2022.

Visit our website for conference updates

<https://www.nabse.org/conference>

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