

National Alliance Of Black School Educators

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Date of Report

Name & Commission: Stephanie Alexander-Johnson, NABSE Parent Commission

Meetings Held & Upcoming: 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7 pm EST

Commission Highlights:

The NABSE Parent Commission is igniting a powerful movement with its dynamic educational webinar series, designed to empower families and bridge critical knowledge gaps. Tackling essential topics like demystifying the FAFSA process and fostering respect for the vital perspectives fathers bring to education, these webinars are more than just discussions—they're calls to action. With an unwavering commitment to equipping parents with tools for success, the Commission is driving meaningful conversations that inspire collaboration, elevate voices, and redefine the future of parental engagement in education. Get ready to be informed, inspired, and transformed!



NABSE Parent Commission Webinar #1 with Tanika Magnum from Federal Student from the US Department of Education: **May 28, 2024 7:00-8:00 pm EST**



NABSE Parent Commission Webinar #2 with Kenneth Braswell from Father's Incorporated **June 25, 2024 6:00-7:00 pm EST**

<u>19th Annual Parent Summit</u>

The NABSE Parent Commission proudly hosted its 19th Annual Parent Summit on November 20, 2024, uniting over 100 parents, family engagement liaisons, and community leaders for a transformative day of dialogue, empowerment, and action. This year's pivotal panel discussion, *"Breaking the Chains: Uniting Schools, Churches, and Reform Programs to Dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline for Our Black Youth – Unveiling the Secret Sauce,"* featured powerhouse voices, including Dr. Brian Keith Hodges, Pastor Herman Andrews, Whitney Link Gibbs, Dr. Fludonia Jackson, and Demetria McCain of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, all guided by the dynamic moderator Marla Mitchell.

The summit kicked off with an inspiring breakfast keynote by Georgia PTA President Anita Hagin-Jones and concluded with a thought-provoking luncheon keynote by Dr. Anashay Wright of Disruptive Partners. Greetings were brought from Monique Toussiant, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans | U.S. Department of Education. The workshops delved into critical issues, from recognizing signs of child trafficking to fostering emotional well-being, dyslexia, fatherhood, AI and special education and empowering parent leadership. Presenters like Cindy Carraway-Wilson from the US Department of Education , Tacarra Williams, Kenneth Braswell, Dr. Amber Hill, Cheryl Conway-Jones and Larry Carey and experts from the United Way of Greater Atlanta brought actionable strategies to the forefront. We had a parent of the year and awarded \$1,000 Parent assistantship.

This event was a powerful call to action for collaboration and change, sparking the movement needed to empower families and dismantle systemic barriers. The NABSE Parent Commission continues to lead the charge, delivering the "secret sauce" for transformative progress in education and equity.

<u>NABSE Parent Commission and Instruction and Instructional Support Commission Luncheon at the</u> <u>Conference</u>



The NABSE Parent Commission will work in collaboration with IIS for this panel and then split off and have separate meetings. Our meeting will discuss strategies that will assist parents post election .

Gateway Community Service Project



The NABSE Parent Commission planned the Gateway Community service project that is taking place throughout the 52nd annual conference. In the heart of Atlanta, where challenges of homelessness loom large, a beacon of hope emerges as the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) joins hands with the Gateway Center. With an estimated 3,000 individuals grappling with homelessness annually, the need for comprehensive support is undeniable.

Since its inception in 2005, the Gateway Center has been a steadfast ally, offering innovative programs to address the multifaceted barriers that perpetuate homelessness. Their client-centered approach, rooted in trauma-informed care, aims not just at temporary relief but at sustainable solutions. By focusing on key pillars like housing stability, health, community engagement, job training, and financial literacy, they empower individuals to rebuild their lives.

Now, with the partnership of NABSE, a new chapter unfolds. Each region of NABSE that registers can contribute, not just with resources, but with the power of collective empathy and determination. Every donation becomes a symbol of solidarity, a message of hope to those in need. Together, they weave a tapestry of support, bridging communities and transforming lives.

In the midst of adversity, this collaboration stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of humanity. It's a reminder that even in the darkest of nights, a single act of kindness can illuminate the path to a brighter tomorrow. Through their partnership, NABSE and the Gateway Center are not just changing lives; they are sowing the seeds of hope and possibility in the very fabric of Atlanta's future. We are asking each registrant to participate by helping purchase an item or more.

New Affiliate Development Work (in conjunction with the Regional Representative):

N/A

Support Needed:

The NABSE Parent Commission wants to be considered as a vital part of this organization and continue to have a voice.

NABSE National Convention Attendance Goal (if applicable): Goal 200 we only had 100. Having a local point person is crucial at the local affiliate to work with the parent commission to help engage the initiative of getting parents to the summit. Our goal could not be met because we did not have a viable and consistent person.

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