

**AAGC 2023 Conference
Oct 11-13, 2023
Marriott Birmingham
Draft Schedule
Patti Wood, Program Chair**

Wednesday Oct 11

7:30 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 - 11:00	Workshops
11:00 - 12:30	Lunch on your own/Visit vendors/Network with colleagues
12:30 - 3:00	Workshops
5:00 - 6:00	Creativity Night

Thursday Oct 12

7:30 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 - 8:30	Welcome: Kim Stephenson, AAGC President
8:30 - 8:50	Teacher Grants & Scholarships
8:50 - 9:10	Guest Speaker: Rep. Terri Collins
9:15 - 10:15	Keynote: Dr. Emily Mofield
10:30 - 11:15	Breakout Sessions
11:15 - 12:30	Buffet Lunch at Marriott/Visit vendors/Network with colleagues
12:30 - 12:45	AAGC Business Meeting
12:45 - 1:00	University Pictures/Visit Vendors/Network with colleagues
1:00 - 1:45	Breakout Sessions
2:00 - 2:45	Breakout Sessions
3:00 - 3:15	Door Prizes
4:00 - 5:30	Trivia Night: Dr. Brian Housand
6:00 - 7:00	Parent Session (Zoom)

Friday Oct 13

7:30 - 8:15	Registration/Coffee & Snacks/Visit vendors
8:15 - 8:30	Welcome: Kim Stephenson, AAGC President
8:30 - 9:00	Student Awards & Awards of Excellence
9:15 - 10:15	Keynote: Dr. Brian Housand
10:30 - 11:30	Breakout Sessions
11:30 - 1:00	Conference Culmination: Door Prizes; Network with colleagues

AAGC 2023 Wednesday Workshops

Whole Day Sessions: 8:30-3:00				Seats
A	So, You Are a New Gifted Specialist... Now What?	Amy Waine	If you are new or relatively new to the field of gifted education and want to experience a deeper understanding about your job description, please join us for this session! We will take a deeper look into 2 nd grade child find procedures, concept-based units, referrals, and much more! Bring computer/device with charger.	75

Half Day Sessions – Morning 8:30-11:00				
B	Curriculum Matters: Boost Student Learning with High-quality Concept-based Units Part I	Patti Wood	Are you looking for high-quality concept-based units to engage your students and add spark to your curriculum? Join us as gifted specialists across Alabama discuss how they developed and implemented their units. As an added bonus, you will be provided with links to all units shared in this session. While this is Part I, a stand-alone half-day session, the topic will be repeated in the afternoon as Part II with additional units presented.	75
C	Gifted Trekking into the Future: Exploring AI-nnovation with Your Students	Shirley Farrell	Bring your own device to discover how to use artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance students' learning experiences and explore the latest AI innovations and their potential applications in the classroom. By the end of the workshop, you will have gained a deeper understanding of AI and how it can be used to inspire your gifted students to explore new horizons.	100
D	What's New in Neuroscience?	Sherri Spears	This session will offer current TOP 10 findings in adolescent neuroscience and the implications these findings may have for the classroom. You will leave with a new perspective and deeper understanding of the beautiful brains you are charged to serve and grow.	35
E	Put a little Zen in Your Life... Zentangle for Beginners!	Debbie Dumais	New to Zentangle? Join Alabama's renown certified Zentangle expert, Debbie Dumais, to learn the Zentangle method! Release your creativity with simple meditative drawing techniques that everyone can accomplish. NOTE: Bring sharpened regular and colored pencils. Paper will be provided.	100
F	Continued Commitment Through Consultation	Ashley Strickland Traci Ingleright Emily Hurst	Within the general classroom, gifted learners need challenging and stimulating lessons, activities, and centers. This session will focus on methods and resources to support collaboration efforts and consultative services in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-12. If you want to improve your services, join this session to support and impact gifted learners all day, every day!	45

Half Day Sessions – Afternoon 12:30-3:00				
G	Curriculum Matters: Boost Student Learning and Engagement with High-quality Concept-based Units Part II	Patti Wood	Are you looking for high-quality concept-based units to engage your students and add spark to your curriculum? Join us as gifted specialists across Alabama discuss how they developed and implemented their units. As an added bonus, you will be provided with links to all units shared in this session. While this is Part II, a stand-alone half-day session, the topic is a repeat of Part I with additional units presented.	75
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I	Dopamine: The Chemical Ruler of the Human Race	Sherri Spears	You're sure to soar to new heights of understanding in this session. You will examine the current research on the chemical functions of the brain with a focus on the power of dopamine. This chemical is what drives us... it is the seeker that brings us success, but also the gambler that brings us loss. Come learn how this paradoxical chemical exhilarates and endangers us!	35
J	Put a Little MORE Zen in Your Life... NEW Advanced Zentangle!	Debbie Dumais	Get ready to explore the NEWEST Advanced Zentangle techniques with certified Zentanglist Debbie Dumais. Create fun Picasso-like abstracts, unique family trees, watercolor surprises, and energized journaling art. NOTE: You should have acquired basic Zentangle skills prior to this workshop.	100
K	ALSDE Gifted Updated	Emily Hurst Ashley Strickland	Gifted Updates will support administrators and gifted specialists with resources and strategies to ensure the unique intellectual and social-emotional needs of gifted learners are met across Alabama. This session will mirror the Gifted Regional Training sessions that took place in August and September.	45