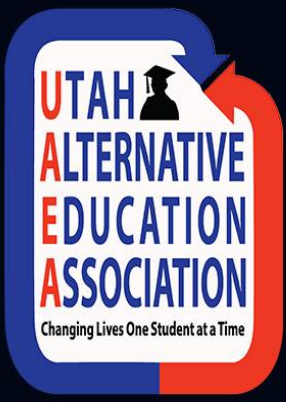


Ignite, Motivate, and Encourage

with  
**DR. LATESHIA  
WOODLEY**



# ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON **ALTERNATIVE** EDUCATION



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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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**March 21, 2025**  
Nebo Summit Center  
Nebo School District

# Conference Schedule

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8:15 am – 9:00 am	Registration, Breakfast, & Networking Opportunity
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Introductions Independence High School JROTC Flag Ceremony Pledge of Allegiance, led by Natalie Stromberg Housekeeping & Elections
9:15 am – 10:45 am	Opening KEYNOTE: Dr. Lateshia Woodley
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Session Surveys, Lunch Etiquette, and Map Review
11:15 am – 12:05 pm	Breakout Session #1
12:05 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH & Network Opportunity
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	Breakout Session #2
2:05 pm – 2:55 pm	Breakout Session #3
3:10 pm – 3:45 pm	Closing Session *Be sure to drop your name badge in the box for a chance to win PRIZES!*
	Thank You Recognition
	Election Results
	PRIZES

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## Breakfast Choices

A light breakfast is being provided from 8:15 – 9:00 am.

Choices are a variety of Einstein's bagels  
with different choices of Shmears.

Drinks: Coffee, juice, or water.

For our Gluten Free attendees, we will have Bobo's Oat Bites.

## Lunch Choices

Lunch is being served from 12:05 pm – 1:00 pm in the gym.

Lunch is being provided by



Pulled Pork Sandwich Box


Chicken Plate Box

Dessert: Banana Pudding or Peach Cobbler

We do have Gluten Free & Vegetarian options with a special dessert.

If you **pre-ordered** a GF or Vegetarian option,  
your badge is noted with a round sticker.

Your lunch will be located at the south end of the gym.



Drinks: Soda or water



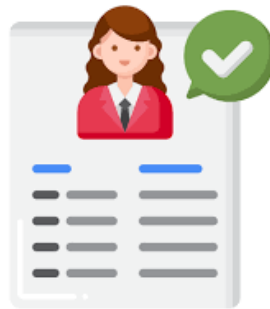
**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR LUNCH IN THE GYM.  
FIND A FRIEND AND HAVE LUNCH IN THE GYM OR IN ONE  
OF THE TWO LUNCH ROOMS MARKED ON THE MAP!**



# 2025 UAEA ELECTIONS

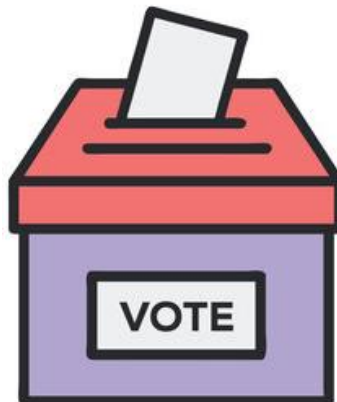
The 2025 Utah Alternative Education Association (UAEA) elections are pivotal for the advancement of alternative education and the success of our students. By selecting dedicated leaders who are committed to innovative educational approaches, we ensure that our programs continue to meet the diverse needs of all learners. These elections empower members to influence the direction of alternative education in Utah, fostering an environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

To view candidate biographies:



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If you are ready to VOTE:



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# Breakout Session Etiquette

Attending a breakout session at a conference typically involves proper etiquette to ensure a smooth and productive experience for all participants.

- **EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY SESSION OF THEIR CHOICE. There are NOT any sessions reserved for specific attendees.**
- Arrive on time to the session.
- Maintain respectful behavior throughout the session.
- Actively engage with the speaker and the content being presented. This could involve asking questions, participating in discussions, or taking notes.
- Respect the speaker's time and expertise.
- Show appreciation to the speaker and session organizers for their efforts in planning and delivering the session. A simple thank-you goes a long way in acknowledging their hard work.
- If you arrive and the session is over-booked with attendees, please choose another session to attend.

By following these guidelines, we can all contribute to a positive and productive breakout session experience for yourself and your fellow attendees.

Please provide honest and give us constructive feedback.

This helps us improve future sessions and ensures that the content remains relevant and valuable to attendees.

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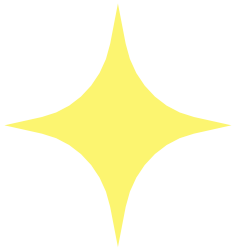
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# Breakout Session 1

## 11:15 am – 12:05 pm

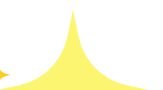
Session Title	Presenter	Room
Gang Culture and Identification (Repeat in Session 3)	Robert Tycz	AUDITORIUM
Trauma-Informed Practices for Adult Educators (Part 1 of 2)	Jessica Hercules	MAPLE
Engaging Passive and Reluctant Learners	Sue Ann Harding	OAK
Striving to Make the Math Classroom Engaging for Extra Reluctant Learners	Grant Bangerter	PONDEROSA
The Culture Quest: Strategies for Success in Dynamic Learning Environments	Ashley Robins Katie Badger	POPLAR
DISCOVERY at Mountain	Wendy Marland Kenna Jacobs	SAGE
<b>YIC:</b> Seeing Student Strengths: A New Vision for Education	Nathan Auck	PINE
<b>YIC:</b> Education Transition and Career Advocates (ETCA) and Check and Connect Mentors Session	David Sollami Amanda Charlesworth Julie Armstrong	BIRCH
Increasing Student Attendance	Garrett Russell Megan Menlove	ASPEN
More than Band-Aids and Ice Packs - What Can a School Nurse Do for Us?	Melissa Busse	MT NEBO



## Breakout Session 2

1:00 pm – 1:50 pm

Session Title	Presenter	Room
Ignite, Motivate, and Encourage!	Dr. Lateshia Woodley	AUDITORIUM
Trauma-Informed Practices for Adult Educators (Part 2 of 2)	Jessica Hercules	MAPLE
The AI Advantage: Revolutionizing Alternative Learning	Dr. Brooke Martinez	OAK
Social Work in Alternative Education: Creating A Statewide PLC for Providers (Part 1 of 2)	Jennifer Christensen	PONDEROSA
Best Practices with Gang-Involved Youth	Kylie Lo	POPLAR
		SAGE
<b>YIC:</b> Trickle UPgagement!: Parent, Family, and Community Engagement	Susie Estrada	PINE
<b>YIC:</b> Dive Deeper with Division of Child and Family Services Experts	Julia Armstrong	BIRCH
Creating Motivating Environments	Nicole Baird Liz Green	ASPEN
Utilizing the New Focused Graduation Pathway to Keep Students Engaged	Stephanie Patton Ann Evers	MT NEBO





## Breakout Session 3

### 2:05 pm – 2:55 pm

Session Title	Presenter	Room
YIC: Gang Culture and Identification (Repeat from Session 1)	Robert Tycz	AUDITORIUM
Mentoring - How it can work in your world	Ann Jones Erin Gubler	MAPLE
Curing the Case of the F*** its: Growing School Culture to Motivate Students.	Lindsay Casper Matthew Davies Nicole Glasgow	OAK
Social Work in Alternative Education: Creating A Statewide PLC for Providers (Part 2 of 2)	Jennifer Christensen	PONDEROSA
IEPs are Not Tic Tacs, and Other Adventures in Special Education	Dev Wilkinson	POPLAR
Make School Not School - Adjusting Education to the Student, Not the Student to Education	Stephen Solen	SAGE
YIC: Using Evidence Based Instructional Practices to Reach All Students	Katie Hill	PINE
Student Online Education Program - SOEP	Cynthia White Meagan Johnston	BIRCH
What is the difference between a 'D' and a 'F'? It is 'E' for Effort	Scott Bigger	ASPEN
Take A Look Into the Weber Basin Job Corps	Tammy Humphrey	MT NEBO









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## Dr. Lateshia Woodley, LPC, NCC

*Professional Educator, Counselor, Lead Dream Builder*

Dr. Lateshia Woodley was an alternative education student now district administrator that specializes in working with at promise students and turnaround school transformation initiatives. Since 2008, Dr. Woodley has worked as a turnaround leader to help bring about positive changes in some of the lowest performing schools in Georgia and Missouri.

While serving as the Principal of McClarin Success Academy, Dr. Woodley, led the implementation of a community school model to assist students in overcoming barriers that hinder successful completion of high school graduation requirements. During her tenure McClarin's graduation rate increased from 19% in 2012 to 75% in 2017. She is the author of three books titled "Why Did You Choose to Get Pregnant", "Issues of the Heart" and "Transforming Alternative Education," that details her journey as a student then as an administrator. Through her leadership McClarin was recognized as a 2017 National Model School, 2016 NAEA Exemplary Practices School, and 2016 GAAE Spotlight School.

Believing passionately in the impact of supporting the whole child, Dr. Woodley ventured to work for the Kansas City Public School District. She had the honor of serving along side the Superintendent as an Assistant Superintendent supporting School Leadership and Student Support Services implementing a district improvement transformation model which resulted in the school district becoming fully accredited after two decades challenges. She received local, state and national recognition for her work leading the charge to become a model trauma informed school district.

Dr. Woodley has received numerous awards and accolades which include the 2011 Outstanding Woman in Education Award, 2012 Resolution from the Georgia House of Representatives, 2013 Acknowledgments from the US Department of Education, 2016 National Dropout Prevention Center Crystal Star Award, 2016 GAAE Administrator of the Year Award, 2017 Central Learning Community Principal of the Year, 2017 ASCD Emerging Leader, 2017 IALA Author of the Year for Education, 2017 Shining Star Educator and 2021 Education Week Leader to Learn From.

Dr. Woodley serves on the board of the Center for Family and Community Wellness and Empowering Lives, Inc. Her life principle is to be a catalyst that ignites, motivates, encourages individuals and organizations to reach their full potential.

### Awards and Accolades:

- ▶ Harvard University Women in Leadership Alumni
- ▶ National Superintendent's Academy Alumni
- ▶ ASCD Emerging Leader Surge Fellow
- ▶ National Dropout Crystal Star Award
- ▶ Outstanding Women in Education Award
- ▶ Shining Star Educator Award
- ▶ Education Week Leader to Learn From

# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS & PRESENTER BIOS

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Due to the size of the file, please click the unicorn above to access the **magic** of our session descriptions, our presenter bios, and their presentation assets.

It is alphabetized by session title.

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# Links & Things You Need



## **Elections:**

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[Candidate Bios](#)

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## **Overall Conference Evaluation:**

We truly value your feedback!

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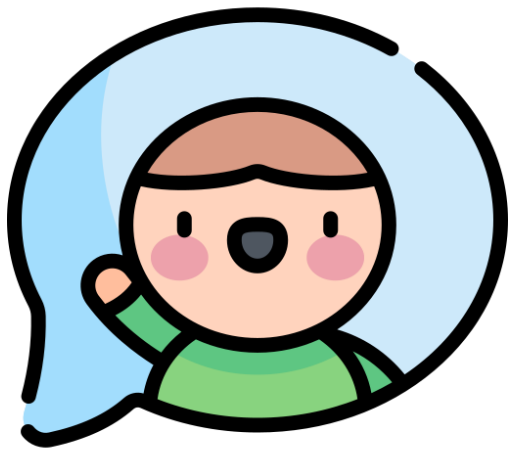
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We look forward  
to seeing you at the  
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again!

Thank you to the  
**UAEA Board**  
for a great conference!



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