



**2024 Administrators' Conference**  
 Tuesday through Thursday, May 28 - May 30, 2024  
 Orange Beach Event Center - Orange Beach, AL

The MAIS Administrators Conference is scheduled for May 29 – May 30, 2024. The conference will follow a similar schedule as in previous years.

The annual golf tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28 with conference sessions on Wednesday & Thursday. Detailed golf information [has been posted](#). Email [cchance@msais.org](mailto:cchance@msais.org) or [mclark@msais.org](mailto:mclark@msais.org) with any questions.

The Women in Leadership Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 28, from 9:30 am - 11:00 am at The Lodge at Gulf State Park. Detailed breakfast information [has been posted](#). Email [nking@msais.org](mailto:nking@msais.org) with any questions.

Registration cost is \$150. You may register for the conference on the MAIS Online Store or [click here](#).

Registrations made through the MAIS Online Store as of 4/29/24 at 8:30am:

Bayou Academy	Curt McCain	Head of School
Bayou Academy	Naomi Jennings	COLTS Director
Bayou Academy	Rebekah Meyer	COLTS Teacher
Bayou Academy	Jennifer Camponova	COLTS Teacher
Bayou Academy	Caroline Noe	COLTS Teacher
Bayou Academy	Will Reed	Upper School Head
Bens Ford Christian School	Sharon McGehee	Head of School
Bens Ford Christian School	Marsha Thibodeaux	Teacher/Guidance Counselor
Bowling Green School	Phill Junkins	Head of School
Briarfield Academy	Lisa Walters	Head of School
Briarfield Academy	Rachel Frith	Assistant Principal
Brookhaven Academy	Page Nelson	Elementary Principal
Calhoun Academy	Stephanie Hardin	Assistant Principal
Calhoun Academy	Donald Pendergrast	Assistant Administrator

Cathedral Catholic	Kimberly Burkley	Elementary Principal
Catholic Diocese	Karla Luke	Executive Director
Centreville Academy	Alice Lacoste	Elementary Principal
Centreville Academy	Jason Brabham	Headmaster
Christ Covenant School	Cathy Haynie	Head of School
Christ Covenant School	Malcolm Saxon	Dean of Students
Christian Collegiate Academy	Carol Roberts	Head of School
Claiborne Academy	Sue Barfield	Head of School
Clinton Christian Academy	B. Jason Taylor	Head of School
Columbia Academy	Angie Burkett	Head of School
Columbus Christian Academy	Rachel Thomas	Head of School
Copiah Academy	Mitch Mitchell	Head of School
Copiah Academy	Rita Henley	HS Principal
Copiah Academy	Joey Hydrick	Elementary Principal
Copiah Academy	Carol Rigby	Head of School Emeritus
Delta Academy	Craig Dailey	Headmaster
Delta Streets Academy	James Cheatham	Principal
Delta Streets Academy	T.Mac Howard	Head of School
Desoto School	Sam Pearson	Headmaster
Discovery Christian School	Wendi Teten	Head of School
Discovery Christian School	Preston Gordon	Secondary Principal
Discovery Christian School	Kelsey Jernigan	Athletic Director
Discovery Christian School	Stephanie McCrory	Counselor
East Rankin Academy	Robyn Winstead	Head of School
Emmanuel Christian School	Dr. Mary Seay	Head of School
Franklin Academy	Phil Jackson	Head of School
Hartfield Academy	David Horner	Head of School
Hartfield Academy	Paul Fryant	Director of Operations
Hartfield Academy	Lisa Lucas	Lower School Principal
Heritage Academy	Sean Harrison	Head of School
Heritage Academy	Matt Caldwell	Elementary Principal
Heritage Academy	Lynne Sneed	High School Principal
Hope Academy	Melanie Upton	
Humphreys Academy	Joe Taylor	Headmaster
Jackson Prep	Lawrence Coco	Head of School
Kaleidoscope Heights	Becky DeWett	Headmaster
Kemper Academy	Mary Ellen Waters	Head of School
Kemper Academy	Colt Kilpatrick	Athletic Director
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Kirk Academy	Rob Shillito	Head of School
Kirk Academy	Crissy Harrison	Principal
Laurel Christian School	Jamie Rogers	Head of School
Learning Tree Christian Academy	Maria Dorman	Administrator
Learning Tree Christian Academy	Larry Dorman	Office Director
Lee Academy-AR	Jeff Duvall	Headmaster
Lee Academy-MS	Rone Walker	Head of School
Lee Academy-MS	Beverly Antici	Counselor
Madison Ridgeland Academy	Termie Land	Head of School
Madison Ridgeland Academy	Ben Haindel	Middle School Principal
Madison Ridgeland Academy	Harry Hill	Director of Teaching and Learning
Madison Ridgeland Academy	Amanda Smillie	Elementary Principal
Magnolia Heights School	Ciff Johnston	Head of School
Magnolia Heights School	Bobby Bouchillon	Secondary Principal
Magnolia Heights School	Brooke Howell	Elementary Principal
Magnolia Heights School	Jacqueline Simpson	Director of Admissions
Magnolia Heights School	Lynn Savage	Communications Director
Magnolia Heights School	Jake Long	Secondary Principal
Manchester Academy	Bryan Dendy	Headmaster
Manchester Academy	Emily Poe	Business Manager
Marshall Academy	Jason Taylor	Head of School
McGill-Toolen Catholic High School	Ashley Johnson	Teacher/Asst. Athletic Director
North Sunflower Academy	Janet Ray	Headmaster
North Sunflower Academy	Penny Andrews	Assistant/Counselor
Northeast Baptist School	Anita Watson	Principal
Oak Forest Academy	Brad Humphreys	Principal
Oak Forest Academy	Drew Misita	Administrator
Oak Forest Academy	Amy McNeal	Lower School Principal
Oak Hill Academy	Cathy Davis	Head of School
Oak Hill Academy	Phil Ferguson	Principal/AD
Park Place Christian Academy	Larami Brunson	Middle School Principal & Director of Ac
Parklane Academy	Jack Henderson	Administrator
Pillow Academy	Mary Courtney Wilson	Elementary Principal
Pillow Academy	Natalie McLellan	Guidance Counselor
Pillow Academy	Barrett Donahoe	Head of School

Pillow Academy	Sulee Blansett	Associate Head of School
Prairie View Academy	Perry Kelly	Headmaster
Prentiss Christian School	Dr. Josh Bowen	Head of School
Prentiss Christian School	Dr. Bo Huffman	High School Principal
Prentiss Christian School	Terrell Luckey	Athletic Director
Regents School of Oxford	Matt Schroeder	Head of School
Riverdale Academy	Hunter Brown	Principal
Riverdale Academy	Julie Page	Vice-Principal
Seminary Baptist Kinergarten	Kristen Scruggs	Assistant Director
Sharkey Issaquena Academy	Sadie Hester	Head of School
Silliman Institute	Leanna Cupit	Head of School
Silliman Institute	Kaylan Ledet	Elementary Administrator
Silliman Institute	Mike Todd	Assistant Administrator
Silliman Institute	Chet DeLee	Athletic Director
Simpson Academy	Nick Lee	Headmaster
St. Anthony Catholic School	Anne Cowger	Principal
St. Elizabeth Catholic School	Sarah Cauthen	Head of School
Starkville Academy	Jeremy Nicholas	Head of School
Starkville Academy	Carol Berryhill	High School Principal
Starkville Academy	Krista Vowell	Elementary Principal
Sumrall Baptist Kindergarten	Brittany Smith	Director
Sylva Bay Academy	Jerel Wade	Head of School
Tensas Academy	Dena Hale	Headmaster
The Redeemers School	Kelle Menogan, Sr.	Head of School
The Redeemers School	Lane Beasley	Associate Head of School
UMS-Wright	WES LATHAN	ASSOCIATE HEAD OF SCHOOL
UMS-Wright	Jeb Blackerby	MS Principal
UMS-Wright	Aldridge Marks	LS Principal
Union Christian Academy	Bobby Parnell	Head of School
Union Christian Academy	Ashlay Blanco	Administrative Assistant
Vicksburg Catholic School	Dawn Meeks	Principal
Vicksburg Catholic School	Mary Arledge	Principal
Washington School	Sarah Kaplan	Secondary Principal
Wayne Academy	Susie Kelley	Head of School
Wayne Academy	Heidi Leggett	Assistant Administrator
West Memphis Christian School	Darrow Anderson	Head of School
Wilkinson County Christian School	Randy Holloway	Hadmaster

Winona Christian School	Jimmy Pittman	Head of School
Winston Academy	Paul M. Hayles	Head of School

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:30-8:00                    **Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibitor Introductions**

8:00-8:15                    **Welcome, Invocation, MAIS Updates**

8:15-9:00- ***Three Stories and Seven Lessons About Imagination, Community, and Joy- Jason Patera*** - In this humorous and moving talk, Patera describes what a teen’s film can teach us about “achievement,” how magic is better than compliance, and what “Jake from State Farm” was like when he was 16. Inspired by students who became Grammy winners, bestselling authors, and Broadway stars (and physicists, entrepreneurs, and attorneys), *Three Stories and Seven Lessons* will resonate with school leaders, teachers, and anyone else who wants to help young people lead meaningful lives. His 2018 TED Talk, *Life at the Intersection of Excellence, Purpose, and Passion*, has inspired educators and ambitious dreamers around the world.

9:05-9:50- ***Leading & Teaching in the Era of Spatial Computing- Adam Mangana***- Join us as we delve into cutting-edge instructional models that are reshaping education through the use of extended reality and spatial computing. We focus on innovative instructional models that harness the potential of immersive learning to transform the educational landscape. Join us for a journey filled with actionable insights on integrating immersive techniques into your teaching practices, paving the way for the future of education. Be part of this transformative experience – a convergence of extended reality, spatial computing, and educational excellence – and learn how to empower your students in an era of digital innovation.

9:50- 10:00- **MAIS Updates**

10:00-10:30- **Break: Refreshments and Exhibitor Introductions**

10:35- 11:35- ***Making a Difference: Living a Life that Counts- Andy Andrews***- Did you know that every action you take – and every move you make – matters forever? In this keynote address created specifically for service organizations, Andy Andrews proves just how much of a difference one person can make. Andrews weaves wisdom, stories, laughter and emotion into an unforgettable audience experience that includes a climax taken from his

PBS television special. **This is the presentation that a TV Guide reporter recently called, “Stunning! Simply stunning!”**

11:40- 12:40- ***Leading Innovation at an Institutional Level* - Matt Scully & Ryan Welsh** - More and more people and places recognize that growing a capacity for change might be the single most important area of development for an organization. Within that context, how can we help individuals and groups grow their ability to be uncomfortable. We strategize about and engage in difficult conversations with school leaders and faculty at all levels.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:30-8:10 **Breakfast and Exhibitor Introductions**

8:15 -8:30 **MAIS Updates**

8:30-9:15- ***Mental Health in Today's Students*- Lee Smith-** The average high school student today has the same level of anxiety as the average psychiatric patient in the 1950's. We will take a look at the impact of mental health among students, how we can build classrooms and conversations that are safe and helpful and discuss strategies for your own health. Finally, we will share partnership opportunities for your school and Cornerstone Counseling.

9:20-10:05- ***Jazz and Controversy: Leadership Lessons from Both Sides of the Curtain*- Jason Patera-** As school leaders, we build culture, make difficult decisions, navigate crisis and controversy, and manage risk every single day. Some of the time we are in a position to draw upon formal training and high-quality mentorship (both of which have their own unique limitations), but much of the time we have to rely on our instincts, professional experiences, and informal training for the perspective we need to effectively lead our communities. In this workshop, we'll explore an arts-inspired framework for learning and leading, and attendees will leave more ready to manage culture, controversy, and crisis.

10:05-10:35- **Break: Refreshments and Exhibitor Introductions**

10:40-11:30- ***Winning Tools* - Matthew Mitchell-** If passion and personality were all it took to make it big, you'd have it made. Don't let procrastination, lack of focus, and uncertainty derail your dreams of living like a champion. In clear, straightforward style, Matthew Mitchell reveals the tools that made him and his teams successful: honesty, hard work, and discipline. He details how leaders who make decisions based on the Winning Tools enjoy added benefits. Personal satisfaction, professional success, and financial rewards naturally follow. Discover the power of character-based leadership.

Find out how to form solid foundations for progress and prosperity, regardless of the industry or your role in it. You've got vision. Winning Tools is the playbook.

11:35-12:20- ***Navigating the Academic Challenges of Today AND Tomorrow: School Leaders Share their Perspective-*** Independent school leaders from around the MAIS will share their thoughts and perspective on a range of topics – curriculum development and management, academic funding, teacher training and retention, academic culture, standardized testing, and more. This session will be interactive and engage the audience with input throughout.

12:20-12:30

**Closing Announcements and Door Prizes**