“Special Thanks To...”

ABAC
Airgas
American Technical Publishers
Auburn University
Barefoot Athletics
CEV Multimedia
Country Meats/AFT
CTAE Resource Network
Dunn-Wright, Inc
FFA Cookie Dough
Florida Farm Bureau
Florida Indian River Groves
Fort Valley State University
Georgia Cotton Commission
Godfrey’s Feeds

Goodheart-Willcox Publisher
Merchney Greenhouses
National Geographic Learning/
Cengage
One Less Thing
Redmond and Sons, Inc.
River Brite Citrus
The Ken Young Co.
The Wear House ETC
UGA-Tifton Microgin
University of Georgia
USDA/NASS
Westel Greenhouse, LLC

2016
Summer Leadership Conference

GEORGIA VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION

PROGRAM

Savannah Marriott Riverfront
Savannah, GA

July 18-20, 2016
2015-2016 GVATA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President          Stacey Beacham
President Elect    Greg Waits
Past President     Todd Claxton
Executive Secretary Josh Allen
Area I Director    Lauren Jarrett
Area II Director   Constance Reid
Area III Director  Justin Bennett
Area IV Director   Hannah Elrick
Area V Director    Audrey Davis
Area VI Director   Michael Kirkland
GACTE Vice President Renee’ Smith
Advisor            John ‘Chip’ Bridges

“To provide agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.”
Greetings GVATA,

What a year this past school year has been for me! A year of many challenges from moving into a new school, to being down a teacher, to being President of this great organization. I am sure that you have had similar challenges of your own. All of this is a part of being involved in one of the greatest professions available. We all know that it is very challenging on those days that end in “y” but I hope we all have the resolve to keep going. I also continue to challenge you to be the most professional teacher in your school!

Let’s make sure that we continue to grow strong. Not so that we can boast or brag but so that we may accomplish our purpose… to provide quality agricultural education programs to all of our students. It does make a real difference in their lives. May we never lose our passion for this great organization!

A big thank you to Joel McKie, the PRC, our friends in the State Department of Education and our State Legislators for their work this year in getting the additional funding for our program. Please continue to make contact with legislators to say thank you and to tell our story of Agriculture.

I have enjoyed my time this year as President. The GVATA Executive Board is strong and wants to hear from you. As we have traveled to events this past year, the talk has always revolved around making our organization better. I hope that you will consider being a part of the board.

Congratulations to all of those teachers who will be retiring this year. I thank you for your years of dedicated service to the students. A special thank you to the members of the GVATA for your confidence and words of encouragement throughout the year. It has indeed been a pleasure to represent you this year.

God Bless,
Stacey Beacham
2016 GVATA SUMMER LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 17, 2016

3:00—5:00 p.m.  GVATA Board Meeting
(Forsyth)

5:00—7:00 p.m.  Early Registration
Vendor set up
(Atrium)

Monday, July 18, 2016

8:30—10:30 a.m.  Registration
(Prefunction)

8:30—11:00 a.m.  Vendor Visitation
(Atrium)

10:00 a.m.  Audit Committee Meeting
(Boardroom A)
Facilitator Meeting
(Boardroom A)

11:00—1:30 p.m.  Opening Session / Awards Luncheon
(Ballroom AB)

2:00—2:45 p.m.  Vendor Breakout Sessions
(Atrium)

3:00—5:00 p.m.  Agricultural Education Team Report &
GVATA Business Session
(Ballroom AB)

♦ Opening
Stacey Beacham

♦ 2017 Midwinter Conference Info
Greg Waits

♦ 2017 Summer Leadership Conference
Greg Waits

♦ Introduction of New Officers
Stacey Beacham

♦ Installation of New Officers
Dr. Dennis Sheppard

♦ Retiring Officer Presentations
Stacey Beacham

♦ Recognition of Star Teachers
and Teachers of the Year
Stacey Beacham

♦ Introduction of New Teachers
Regional Coordinators

♦ Supervising Teacher Recognition
Dr. Curtis Borne, FVSU

♦ Adjournment
Dr. Eric Rubenstein, UGA

Greg Waits
### PRC DATA

**as of 4/22/16**

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#### NUMBER OF NAAE MEMBERS

- **ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**: 438
- **LIFE (ACTIVE) MEMBERSHIP**: 3
- **LIFE (RETIRED) MEMBERSHIP**: 10
- **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**: 36
- **TOTAL NAAE MEMBERSHIP**: 487

**Note**: Not included in state wide PRC totals

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**Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

*See pages 10-11 for Breakout Session Schedule*

- **9:00—9:55 a.m.** Concurrent Breakout Session I
- **10:00—10:55 a.m.** Concurrent Breakout Session II
- **11:00—11:55 a.m.** Concurrent Breakout Session III
- **12:00—2:00 p.m.** Lunch On Your Own
- **2:00—2:55 p.m.** Concurrent Breakout Session IV
- **2:00—4:00 p.m.** GVATA Board Meeting (Forsyth)
- **3:00—3:55 p.m.** Concurrent Breakout Session V

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

- **8:00** GVATA Closing Session (Ballroom AB)

Following Closing Session

- **North Region Meeting** (Ballroom AB)
- **Central Region Meeting** (Ballroom D)
- **South Region Meeting** (Ballroom E)
GVATA Summer Leadership Conference
Opening Session / Awards Luncheon
Monday, July 18, 2016
11:00—1:30 p.m.

- Welcome
  Stacey Beacham, GVATA President
- National Anthem
  Chad Crews, Brantley Co High Advisor
- Recognition of Special Guest
  Greg Waits, GVATA President-Elect
- Greetings from:
  - GYFA
    Derick Wooten, GYFA President
  - Georgia FFA
    Courtney Barber, State FFA VP
  - Georgia FFA Alumni
    Jim East, Alumni Council President
  - National FFA
    Frank Saldana, LPS Specialist
- Blessing of the meal
  Todd Claxton, GVATA Past President
- Meal
- Greetings From:
  - Georgia DOE
    Dr. Barbara Wall, State CTAE Director
  - CTAERN
    Lynn Wilson, Director
  - Sunbelt Ag Expo
    Chip Blalock, Executive Director
  - FFA Foundation
    Katrina Jones, Director
- Awards
  - Years of Service
    Hannah Elrick, Area IV Director
  - 30 Minute Club
    Hannah Elrick, Area IV Director
  - Teacher of Teachers
    Lauren Jarrett, Area I Director
- Awards
  - Outstanding Young Member
    Lauren Jarrett, Area I Director
  - Outstanding Teacher
    Audrey Davis, Area V Director
  - Teachers Turn the Key
    Audrey Davis, Area V Director
  - Outstanding Ag Program
    Justin Bennett, Area III Director
  - Ideas Unlimited
    Justin Bennett, Area III Director
  - Outstanding Adult Ag Ed
    Michael Kirkland, Area VI Director
  - Outstanding State Staff
    Michael Kirkland, Area VI Director
- First Year Teacher Scholarship
  Hannah Elrick, Area IV Director
- Industry Certification
  Region Directors
- GGIA Certification
  Melissa Riley, Central Region Horticulture
- Conference Overview
  Greg Waits, GVATA President-Elect
- Adjournment
  Stacey Beacham, GVATA President

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**MEMBERSHIP DATA**
as of 4/22/16

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**June 30, 2016**

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### GVATA Award Winners

#### *5 Years*
- Valerie Bennett
- Joseph Dean
- Kedrione Harris
- Susan Jones
- Dixie McCarty
- Michael Slick
- Travis Walker
- Jeff Wilson

#### *10 Years*
- Ben Brand
- Quinton Hadsock
- Joey Montford
- Sue Trammell

#### *15 Years*
- Ryan Ayers
- Chad Crews
- John Harrison
- Paul Little

#### *20 Years*
- Lynn Barber
- Garvie Nichols

#### *25 Years*
- William Hammond
- Michael Stalvey

#### *30 Years*
- Barry Bailey

#### *35 Years*
- John Allen Bailey

*Years of Service*

- Julie Anna Boyd | Cate Buchanan
- Hannah Elrick | Malone Harrell
- Cody Herndon | Bennett Jacobs
- Mark Lashley | Ben Lavender
- Dale McWhorter | Rachel Patrick
- Adrienne Smith | Clay Walker
- Ashley Whiddon | Josh Whitworth
- April Davis | Glen Gosier
- Trisha Lastly | Nancy Meyers
- Mack Ross | Gayla Singletary
- Greg Waits | Dixie Wyatt
- Jay Borden | Tyrone Casteel
- Peter Davis | Matthew Ehlers
- Kipp Jackson | Ben Lastly
- Eric Sellers | Jerry Stone
- Vincent Cutts | Marvin Kersey

*GVATA Award Winners continued on pg. 8*
**Thirty Minute Club**

- Cecily Bullock
- Jody Cravey
- Catrina Pollard
- Kelly Smith
- Tracy Champagne
- Erica Frost
- Marcus Pollard
- Lula Curry Williams
- Tom Cranford
- Ruby McCracken
- Veronica Sanders

**Teacher of Teachers**

*Bronze*  
Josh Allen  
Melissa Riley  
Christa Steinkamp

*Silver*  

*Gold*

**NAAE Awards**

- Outstanding Young Member: Adrienne Smith
- Outstanding Teacher: Nelson McCracken
- Teachers Turn the Key: Hannah Elrick
- Outstanding Agriculture Program: Miller County High, Kitty Bodiford
- Ideas Unlimited: Myria Shipman
- Outstanding Post Secondary Program: Murray Co Young Farmers, Kip Williams

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**GVATA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016**

- Public Relations and Communication – Report from Taylor Brown - approved
- Government Relations – Report from Matt Howell - approved
- Professional Improvement – Report from Constance Reid - approved
- Professional Leadership – Report from CJ Pinson - approved

9. Old Business
   a. None
   b. New Business:

GACTE VP/Representative  
GVATA Board nominated Kedrione Harris.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Harris was named as the new GACTE Ag Ed Division VP.

Harris introduced himself to the assembly.

11. Beacham gave closing remarks

Being no further business, the business session adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Josh Allen
1. The GVATA Mid-Winter business session was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by President Stacey Beacham on Friday, January 15, 2016 at the Georgia FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington.

2. Beacham gave brief remarks thanking teachers for their professionalism and thanked our supervising teachers for working with apprentice teachers. Elizabeth Beacham spoke on the EMC Washington Youth Tour. Mr. Beacham gave update on the NAAE Region V Conference.

3. PRC Update was given by Joel McKie.


5. GACTE Update was given by Renee Smith.
   a. Smith mentioned we will be electing new GACTE Rep. and gave out door prizes.
   b. Allen gave financial report – GVATA is in good financial standing, taxes were filed, we have covered our PRC financial needs for the year, but still need to have buy in from all members.
   c. Allen gave membership report.

Tactical Plan Committee reports were made as follows:
   Professional Membership – Report from Brandon Ray - approved
   Research and Development – Report from Lynn Barber - approved
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Young Farmers’ Georgia Ports Tour—All Young Farmer teachers need to meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00am