

# 2023 ACHIEVE Transfer Student Success Conference

## Event Schedule

Wed, Mar 01, 2023

10:00 AM **Exhibitor Set-up**  
🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 1  
📍 Carter Gymnasium

11:30 AM **Conference Check-in**  
🕒 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Carter Gymnasium

Pick up your name badge and conference bag.

1:00 PM **Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
🕒 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Carter Gymnasium

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### 🗣️ Speakers



**Dr. Keith Sessions**

Executive Director  
Alabama Transfers



**Dr. Bruce Crawford**

Vice President for Instructional Services & AGSC Chairperson  
Lawson State Community College



**Dr. Catherine Wehlburg**

Interim President  
Athens State University

1:15 PM **Opening Keynote Plenary – Presidents’ Panel**  
🕒 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Carter Gymnasium

Join us for a panel featuring six presidents currently leading two- and four-year institutions within the State of Alabama, moderated by Alabama Community College System Vice Chancellor, Dr. Vicky Ohlson, as they discuss the current state of transfer in Alabama.

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## 🔊 Speakers



**Jimmy Hodges**  
President  
Calhoun Community College



**Dr. Patricia G. Sims**  
President  
Drake State Community & Technical College



**Dr. Charles K. Karr**  
President  
University of Alabama in Huntsville



**Dr. Vicki Karolewics**  
President  
Wallace State Community College - Hanceville



**Dr. Catherine Wehlburg**  
Interim President  
Athens State University



**Dr. Vicky Ohlson**  
Vice Chancellor of Instruction, Research, and Development  
Alabama Community College System

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## 🔊 Introductions



**Dr. Keith Sessions**  
Executive Director  
Alabama Transfers

2:30 PM

## Concurrent Sessions I

🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1

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### 8 Subsessions

- **Alabama Transfers, Powered by AGSC&STARS Website Update**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Classroom Building 106
- **Not Always Right? Customer Service in Higher Education Institutions**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Waters Hall N105
- **Classroom Experiences: When Time is Against Students**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Waters Hall N205
- **Keeping Your Head Above Water: Solutions for Academic Advising**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Waters Hall N206
- **Achieving Success Through Effective Onboarding of Transfer Students**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Waters Hall S104
- **The Pell Grant Program as A Driver of Alabama Public Higher Education**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Waters Hall S105
- **Sponsor Spotlight: How to Automate Articulation, Reverse Transfer, and Credential Discovery in Alabama**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Carter Gymnasium
- **A Key to Success - Developing Executive Function**  
🕒 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 1  
📍 Classroom Building 201

3:30 PM

### Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

🕒 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM, Mar 1

📍 Carter Gymnasium

3:45 PM

### Plenary Session II - Transfer Student Panel

🕒 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM, Mar 1

📍 Carter Gymnasium

Join us for a panel discussion with currently-enrolled transfer students from Alabama community colleges as they discuss their experiences as transfer students.

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#### 👤 Panel Moderator



#### Brandi M. Stacey

Project Manager  
University of Alabama; Alabama Transfers

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#### 👤 Speakers



#### Levi Seibert

Transfer Student  
Athens State University



#### Brooke Sinyard

Transfer Student  
Athens State University



#### Niteya Baker

Transfer Student  
Alabama A&M University



#### Marcus Jackson

Transfer Student  
Alabama A&M University



#### Fletcher Wilson

Transfer Student  
University of Alabama at Huntsville

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#### Dr. Keith Sessions

Executive Director  
Alabama Transfers

5:30 PM

### Reception

🕒 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Mar 1

📍 Alabama Center for the Arts: Decatur, AL

Join us for an evening reception at the Alabama Center for the Arts in downtown Decatur, AL. Attendees will enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres, tour the facilities, and have the opportunity to participate in a group art activity.

Directions to the Alabama Center for the Arts – 133 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, Decatur, AL:

- Turn left (east) from the parking lot at Athens State onto Hobbs St
- Turn right (south) on Highway 31 and drive 12 miles
- After crossing the Keller Memorial Bridge, stay straight on Highway 31/Sixth Ave NE
- Turn right on Lee St.
- Turn left at the light on Second Ave SE
- The Alabama Center for the Arts is on the right (with plenty of parking in front)

**Thu, Mar 02, 2023**

8:00 AM

**Breakfast with Exhibitors**

🕒 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

9:00 AM

**Welcome Remarks**

🕒 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

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**Dr. Keith Sessions**

Executive Director  
Alabama Transfers



**Dr. Eva Lewis**

Vice Provost, Institutional Effectiveness & Academic Planning & AGSC Vice Chairperson  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

9:15 AM

**Plenary Session III - Student Perspectives on Transfer: Before, During, and After**

🕒 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

Each year, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society helps thousands of students successfully transfer to four-year colleges and universities across the nation. Along the way, we have listened and learned what students need to make the process a smooth one. This session aims to provide insight into proven policies and practices that are known to increase student transfer efficacy and transfer success.

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🗣️ **Speaker**



**Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner**

President & CEO  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

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🗣️ **Introductions**



**Dr. Patricia Wilson**

Vice President of Student Services  
Calhoun Community College

10:30 AM

**Concurrent Sessions II**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

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7 Subsessions

● **Alabama Transfers, Powered by AGSC&STARS Website Update**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

📍 Classroom Building 106

● **Translating Transfer - Prepare everyone in your office to speak to the needs of transfer students**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall N105

● **Transfer Monitoring: The Financial Aid Relay**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall N205

● **The Path Back to Class: How to support your readmission students**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall N206

● **Transferring the Untransferrable: PLA Partnerships for Student Success**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall S104

● **I Wanna Hold Your Hand: Supporting Incoming Transfer Students Through the Registration Process**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall S105

● **Associate of Applied Science to Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education at Troy University**

🕒 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Mar 2

📍 Classroom Building 201

11:30 AM

**Lunch & Exhibitors**

🕒 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

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1 Subsessions

● **Sponsor Spotlight - EduNav**

🕒 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

1:00 PM

**Concurrent Sessions III**

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

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## 7 Subsessions

### ● Alabama Transfers, Powered by AGSC&STARS Website Update

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Classroom Building 106

### ● National Transfer Student Week: Community College approach to assisting students with transferring

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall N105

### ● Transition from High School to College Open Educational Resources Workshop

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall N205

### ● What's Financial Aid Got to Do With it?

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall N206

### ● ActiveFlex: Classes that Adapt to Your Life and Schedule

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Classroom Building 201

### ● Personal Support and its Impact on the Mental Health of First-Generation and Transfer Students

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall S104

### ● How students transferring with a technical degree from a community college to Athens State can benefit from PLA credit

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Mar 2

📍 Waters Hall S105

2:00 PM

### Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

🕒 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

2:15 PM

### Closing Plenary – Rethinking Transfer in the Time of Swirl

🕒 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

Dr. McGill will take a new look at the transfer landscape in public higher education in Alabama, focusing on student swirl. She will share data and insights from Alabama's Statewide Student Database about students who attend multiple postsecondary institutions, and she will consider changes we can make to better serve the needs of transfer students.

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#### 👤 Speaker



#### Dr. Robin McGill

Deputy Director for Academic Affairs  
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#### Dr. Keith Sessions

Executive Director  
Alabama Transfers

3:15 PM

### Conference Wrap Up

🕒 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Mar 2

📍 Carter Gymnasium

Closing remarks and announcement of Whova Engagement Contest winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)!

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