



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Friday March 19: Doris Henderson Newcomers School International Celebration; 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Western High School

Friday March 19 - Saturday March 20: 2010 Urban Education Institute: "Making a Difference with Black Males"; hosted by the NC A&T School of Education; [click](#)

Welcome to the Guilford Education Alliance newsletter. We hope you find this informative and helpful!

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On Stage! 2010



On Thursday April 29, 2010 at 7:00 pm the Guilford Education Alliance will host the 4th annual *On Stage!*, a showcase of student talent in Guilford County Schools. Held at War Memorial Auditorium,

the show will feature more than 20 acts representing schools around Guilford County. Proceeds from *On Stage!* support arts education in Guilford County Schools and the day to day work of the Guilford Education Alliance.

Tickets are on sale now at the Coliseum Box Office, by calling 1-800-745-3000 or [click here](#) to purchase online!

Expert: High Schools, Colleges Should Team Up

Educators should work harder to align course offerings in high schools and community colleges so more students can succeed in college, a leading community college expert told a gathering of educators last week (March 10th)... [read more](#)

Board Approves Strategic Compensation Plan

The Guilford County Board of Education approved Tuesday (March 9th) a strategic compensation plan that will help the district recruit and retain employees for hard to staff positions.... [read more](#)

[here](#) for more information and to register

Friday March 26: Anti-Bullying Bill Sponsor, Rick Glazier, to speak at Temple Emanuel; 8:00 pm; for more information contact GSAFE by calling 327-7499 or [email](#)

Tuesday April 13: *Kids Are What They Eat, and I'm Scared!*; *Diet's Impact on Children's Development, Learning and Behavior*; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at The Piedmont School, 815 Old Mill Road, High Point; RSVP by April 9th to 803-1265 or [email](#) Debbie DeSpain

Thursday April 22: *Building Community Through a Forum for Diversity*; 7:45 am to 9:30 am at Smith High School Media Center; [click here](#) to register

Support Guilford Education Alliance

Guilford Education Alliance is dependent on donations from the community for its operating expenses. Please consider making a donation to support our initiatives and work to promote quality education in Guilford County. Together, we can motivate our entire community to promote and support education for our students and our future.

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Guilford County Schools Regions

[Click here](#) to view map of the new regions of GCS

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FIRST Robotics Competition

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), with the generous support of NASA, Credit Suisse, Cisco Systems, Time Warner and Google will host over 1500 high school students, corporate and educational sponsors and mentors at Dorton Arena in Raleigh on April 2-3, 2010. This is the first year a Regional Tournament is being held in North Carolina. Sixteen NC cities will be represented as 44 teams from across the United States and one international team, Brazil, compete for the opportunity to go to the FIRST Championship in Atlanta.

The FIRST Robotics Competition embodies all of the elements that North Carolina is seeking in STEM education and workforce development. Teams of 25-50 students work with mentors from the science and engineering community to design, build, program and operate a robot to play a challenging game in an alliance format against other robots.

Two teams are based at Guilford County Schools - Triple Strange Team 1533 at the Early College at Guilford, <http://www.team1533.org/>, and Team Prion Team 3215 at Grimsley High School www.teamprion.com.

The public is welcome to attend at any point throughout the day. For questions please email ncfirstregional@gmail.com or call 336-303-1704.

UNC-Greensboro Offers 3-Year Degree Program

Reflecting a trend that is picking up steam across the country, UNC Greensboro has become the latest college to offer students a pathway to a three-year degree program. Students who successfully complete the program will save about \$8,000 in tuition, fees, room and board by eliminating their senior year of college... [read more](#) (scroll to 2nd story)

Officials Pushing for More Early, Middle Colleges

Anna Batista didn't fit in at Ragsdale High. She was unhappy, felt neglected by school officials and her grades began to suffer. She was slipping through cracks and, by her own account, had it not been for the Middle College at GTCC-Jamestown, her future could look much different... [read more](#)

N.C. Named 'Race to the Top' Finalist

The U.S. Department of Education named 16 finalists in the first round of its "Race to the Top" competition, which will deliver \$4.35 billion in school reform grants... [read more](#)

Administration Warning Budget Cuts Ahead

Speaking to the N.C. Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, a group



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representing the mayors of the state's 26 largest cities, Governor Beverly Perdue painted a bleak budget picture. Echoing the Governor's comments, Andy Willis, the Governor's governmental affairs adviser said, "Layoffs of state workers also looks likely . . . Two thousand to 3,000 employees will probably lose their jobs."... [read more](#)

More Systems Employing Drastic School Turnaround Plans

Under the provisions of the federal government's No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, failing schools - those not meeting NCLB standards - are offered a menu of "turn around" options. Those options range from outright closure of a failing school, to replacing the leadership and teaching faculty of the school, to converting the school to charter status and bringing in a new management team, to employing new and different approaches to teaching... [read more](#) (scroll to the 9th story)

Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

On Saturday, March 13, the Obama administration released its blueprint for revising the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which would ask states to adopt college-and career-ready standards and reward schools for producing dramatic gains in student achievement. The proposal challenges the nation to embrace educational standards that would put America on a path to global leadership.... [read more](#)

Building a Better Teacher

On a winter day five years ago, Doug Lemov realized he had a problem. After a successful career as a teacher, a principal and a charter-school founder, he was working as a consultant, hired by troubled schools eager - desperate, in some cases - for Lemov to tell them what to do to get better. There was no shortage of prescriptions at the time for how to cure the poor performance that plagued so many American schools... [read more](#)

Update Pre-Kindergarten in the South

The Southern Education Foundation (SEF) released on March 2nd a report warning Southern states against endangering critical, hard-earned gains in early childhood education - the South's most effective innovation in public education - as state legislatures in the region consider substantial cuts to education programs... [read more](#)

Panel Proposes Single Standard for All Schools

A panel of educators convened by the nation's governors and state school superintendents proposed a uniform set of academic

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standards, laying out their vision for what all the nation's public school children should learn in math and English, year by year, from kindergarten to high school graduation... [read more](#)

Draft Common Standards Elicit Kudos and Criticism

The first public draft of grade-by-grade common standards, released March 10th, is being greeted with a mix of praise and skepticism, illustrating both the mounting consensus that the country needs to set higher expectations for all students and the many problems that complicate their adoption... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

SEED Educational Grant up to \$20,000!

Deadline: March 24, 2010

The students of the undergraduate class "Philanthropy as a Tool for Social Change" at UNC-Chapel Hill are extending an educational grant opportunity. Their mission is to build and sustain strong communities by creating educational opportunities for those who are limited due to lack of economic and supportive resources. The grants support local efforts to protect, expand and create programs that increase education access throughout North Carolina.

<https://sites.google.com/site/seed2010app/>

Foundation Announces Silent Hero Grants for Summer Food Programs

Deadline: April 1, 2010

The got breakfast? Foundation, whose mission is to ensure that every child, regardless of background, starts the school day with a nutritious breakfast in order to learn, grow, and develop to his or her fullest potential, has announced the expansion of its Silent Hero Grant Program to participants in the federal Summer Nutrition Program.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=286500026

ING Run for Something Better Accepting Grant Applications for School-Based Running Programs

Deadline: April 15, 2010

The ING Run For Something Better program, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, seeks to increase physical activity in students and help fight childhood obesity nationwide through the creation of school-based running programs.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=2873000

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Target Stores Grant Program to Support Arts and Literacy Programs for Children and Youth

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Through its 2010 Store Grant program, Target will provide direct support to K-12 schools and other nonprofit organizations that foster a love of reading and provide art experiences.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=2873000

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Nominations Invited for World of Children Annual Awards Program

Deadline: May 1, 2010

The World of Children Awards program was created "to recognize and elevate those selfless individuals who make a difference in the lives of children here in the U.S.A. and across the globe, regardless of political, religious, or geographical boundaries."

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=2865000

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Dollar General Literacy Foundation Accepting Applications for Back to School Library Grants

Deadline: May 21, 2010

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation Back to School Grants provide funding to school libraries or media centers working to implement new or expand existing literacy programs, looking to purchase new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, and/or looking to purchase materials or software for literacy programs.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=2864000

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Keepers in the Classroom - NC Zoo

*Bring a NC Zookeeper to your classroom to present a fascinating program!

*Programs meet Standard Course of Study objectives and the zoo pays all the cost!

*If you want to implement a classroom environmental project- ie: a butterfly garden, bird feeding station, arts display around nature themes, compost site, recycling program- we will pay up to \$500.00 to support your efforts if you have a Keeper program. Go to www.nczoo.org and click on the Education Link to fill out an application.

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