



## Southeast Regional Rural Education Summit @ Lipscomb University

**Tuesday, July 19**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration** *Collins Auditorium*
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Welcome** *Collins Auditorium*
- Dr. Bill Frist**  
Chairman, State Collaborative on Reforming Education  
U.S. State Senate (1994–2006)
- Dr. Candice McQueen**  
Dean, College of Education, Lipscomb University
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Rural Education in Tennessee** *Collins Auditorium*
- Jamie Woodson**  
President and CEO, State Collaborative on Reforming Education  
Tennessee State Senator (1998–2011)
- Dr. Bill Frist**  
Chairman, State Collaborative on Reforming Education
- Kevin Huffman**  
Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Education
- Bill Hagerty**  
Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Rural Education in the Southeast** *Collins Auditorium*
- John White**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Outreach, U.S. Department of Education
- Christopher Masingill**  
Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority
- Dr. Doris Williams**  
Executive Director and Director of Capacity Building Program, Rural School and Community Trust
- Tom Pittman**  
President, Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi
- Ted Abernathy**  
Executive Director, Southern Growth Policies Board
- Alan Richard**  
Director of Communications, Southern Regional Education Board (Moderator)
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch** *Allen Auditorium*
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions** *Ezell*
- Turning Around Low-performing Schools*
- Mark Willoughby**  
Director of Schools, DeKalb County Schools
- Dr. Shannon Grooms**  
Principal, Grassy Fork Elementary, Cocke County
- Dr. Pat Ashley**  
Executive Director, District and School Transformation, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

**Scott Warren**

Director of State Initiatives, Southern Regional Education Board (Facilitator)  
*Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Training*

**Dr. Gina Kunz**

National Center for Research on Rural Education

**Dr. Virginia Foley**

Educational Leadership and Policy, East Tennessee State University

**Dr. Candice McQueen**

Dean, College of Education, Lipscomb University

**Shani Dowell**

Executive Director, Teach For America Nashville

**Robbie Mitchell**

Director, Northeast Professional Development Center

**Dr. Tammy Grissom**

Executive Director, Tennessee School Boards Association (Facilitator)

*Middle Grades Education*

**Joseph Fisher**

Assistant Commissioner, Division of College & Career Readiness, Tennessee  
Department of Education

**Dr. Gene Bottoms**

Senior Vice President, Southern Regional Education Board

**Ashley Buckelew**

Higher Achievement Summer School at the University of West Alabama and  
Indian Springs School

**Laurie Brown**

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**Randall Bennett**

Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel, Tennessee School Boards  
Association (Facilitator)

*Improving Rural Education Through Community Development*

**Lisa Hankins**

Director, REDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative)

**Jan McKeel**

South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance

**Dr. Lionel “Bo” Beaulieu**

Director, Southern Rural Development Center

**Dreama Gentry**

Director, Externally Sponsored Programs, Berea College

**Brad Smith**

Chief of Staff, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community  
Development (Facilitator)

**2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Panel of Breakthrough Rural Educators**

*Allen Auditorium*

**Crissy Haslam**

First Lady of Tennessee

**Mark Willoughby**

Director of Schools, DeKalb County Schools

**Dr. Dale Lynch**

Superintendent, Hamblen County

**Barbara Hallums**

e4TN Teacher of the Year

**Carmen Andrews**

GEAR UP Coordinator, Meigs County Schools

**Linda Irwin**

Director of School Partnerships, Niswonger Foundation (Moderator)

**4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Using Technology to Enhance Rural Education** *Collins Auditorium*  
**Dr. Myk Garn**  
Director of Educational Technology, Southern Regional Education Board

Series of concurrent breakout sessions: *Ezell*

*Northeast Tennessee College and Career Ready Consortium*

**Linda Irwin**

Director of School Partnerships, Niswonger Foundation

*Kentucky's "Snow-bound" Pilot*

**David Cook**

Director of Innovation and Partner Engagement, Kentucky Department of Education

**Marty Park**

Regional Services Director, Office of Knowledge, Information and Data Systems, Kentucky Department of Education

*Student Perspective on Online Education*

**Dr. Wendy Oliver**

Director, e4TN

*District Perspective on Online Education*

**Dr. Kathleen Airhart**

Director of Schools, Putnam County Schools

**Sharon Anderson**

Virtual Learning Coordinator

*Using Technology for Teacher Professional Development and Instructional Support*

**Dr. Thomas Farmer**

Penn State

*National and International Context of Online Learning*

**Dr. Allison Powell**

Vice President, International Association for K-12 Online Learning

**6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Reception** *Governor's Residence*

**Wednesday, July 20**

**8:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m. Breakfast** *Allen Auditorium*

**9:00 a.m. -10:15 a.m. College-Readiness and Completion in Rural Education** *Allen Auditorium*

**Dave Spence**

President, Southern Regional Education Board

**Joe Barker**

Executive Director, Southwest Tennessee Development District

**Krissy Dealejandro**

Executive Director, tnAchieves

**Chuck English**

Director, Tennessee Appalachian Center for Higher Education

**Vivian Franklin**

Director of College and Career Counseling, Niswonger Foundation

**John Morgan**

Chancellor, Tennessee Board of Regents

**Susan Rhodes**

College Access Counselor, Ayers Foundation

**Bob Obrohta**

Executive Director, Tennessee College Access and Success Network (Moderator)

**10:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m. Concurrent Breakout sessions**

*Ezell*

*Administrator Success in Rural Schools*

**Dr. Pamela Scott**

Educational Leadership and Policy, East Tennessee State University

**Dr. Eric Glover**

Educational Leadership and Policy, East Tennessee State University

**Dr. Autumn Tooms**

Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Tennessee Knoxville

**Dr. Kathy O'Neill**

Learning Centered Leadership Program, Southern Regional Education Board  
(Facilitator)

*Early Childhood Education*

**Bobbi Lussier**

Assistant Commissioner, Division of School Readiness and School Learning,  
Tennessee Department of Education

**Barbara Lunnemann**

Regional Early Childhood Expert, Save the Children

**Sarah Belanger**

Regional Early Childhood Expert, Save the Children

**Dr. Lynne Vernon-Feagans**

University of North Carolina School of Education

**Dr. Tammy Mann**

President and CEO, Campagna Center

**Ralph Smith**

Executive Vice President, Annie E. Casey Foundation

**Dr. Cathy Grace**

Director of Early Childhood Development, Children's Defense Fund

**Dr. Doris Williams**

Executive Director and Director of Capacity Building Program, Rural School and  
Community Trust (Facilitator)

*Strategies for Improving High School Graduation and College Completion Rates*

**Steve Gass**

Tennessee State Agricultural Education Supervisor and Tennessee FFA Advisor

**Vivian Franklin**

Director of College and Career Counseling, Niswonger Foundation

**Susan Rhodes**

College Access Counselor, Ayers Foundation

**Bonnie Gordon**

Partners for Postsecondary Success

**Joan Lord**

Vice President, Southern Regional Education Board (Facilitator)

*Family Engagement Strategies*

**Beverly Raimondo**

Director, Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

**Penny Thompson**

Wilson County Parents as Teachers

**Denise McMillan**

Co-Director, Wilson County Parents as Teachers

**Karen Davis**

President, Tennessee PTA

**Dr. Gina Kunz**

National Center for Research on Rural Education

**Anne Foster**

Executive Director, Parents for Public Schools (Facilitator)

- 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m. Lunch** *Allen Auditorium*  
**Federal Policy Implications for Rural Schools**  
**Noelle Ellerson**  
Assistant Director, Policy Analysis and Advocacy, American Association of School Administrators  
**Robert Mahaffey**  
Director of Communications and Marketing, Rural School and Community Trust
- 1:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m. Philanthropy and Business in Rural Education** *Allen Auditorium*  
**Scott Niswonger**  
Niswonger Foundation  
**Jon Ayers**  
Ayers Foundation  
**Randy Boyd**  
tnAchieves  
**Gary Funk**  
Center for Midwestern Initiatives, Rural School and Community Trust  
**Jamie Woodson**  
President and CEO, State Collaborative on Reforming Education (Moderator)
- 2:30 p.m. -2:45 p.m. Thank You and Closing Remarks** *Allen Auditorium*  
**Jamie Woodson**  
President and CEO, State Collaborative on Reforming Education

## Lodging Information

### Preferred Hotels:

#### Hampton Inn and Suites- Green Hills

2324 Crestmoor Rd.  
Nashville, TN 37215  
(615) 777-0001

Discounted rates of:

- ✓ Single Occupancy: \$135 plus tax per night
- ✓ Double-Quadruple Occupancy: \$145 plus tax per night
- ✓ A complimentary shuttle between the hotel and the university will be available
- ✓ This rate does not include breakfast, parking, and high speed internet access

Ask for: SCORE Rural Summit at Lipscomb”  
Deadline: June 28

#### Courtyard by Marriott – Vanderbilt/West End

1901 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 327-9900

Discounted rates of:

- ✓ \$129 plus tax per night
- ✓ Rate includes high speed wireless internet service
- ✓ Complimentary parking is available
- ✓ This rate does not include breakfast

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#### Hilton Garden Inn Vanderbilt

1715 Broadway Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203  
615-369-5900

Discounted rates of:

- ✓ \$149 plus tax per night
- ✓ A reduced parking fee of \$12

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Deadline: June 18

### Other Nearby Hotels:

#### Renaissance Nashville Hotel

611 Commerce Street  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 255-8400

#### Hutton Hotel

1808 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 340-9333

#### Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt

2613 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 327-4707

#### Loews Vanderbilt Hotel

2100 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203

#### Union Station – A Wyndham Historic Hotel

1001 Broadway  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 726-1001