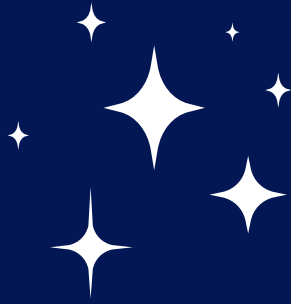


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# *The Academy Awards*



**April 14, 2022**



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# **Welcome to the Inaugural Academy Awards**

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# ABOUT SOUTH GWINNETT CAREER ACADEMIES

Gwinnett County Public Schools transitioned to college and career academies in the 2014-15 school year to promote on-time graduation and student engagement. This approach allows students to make connections between what they are learning in the classroom and how they can apply their learning to the real world. Our careers associated with the college and career pathways are considered high skill, high wage, or high need, based on Georgia's labor forecast for 2025. Our area of concentration includes Health and Human Services, Public Service, Law, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Business and more. We take pride in the education we provide, and we are excited about building partnerships with our community as we develop a strong foundation for a world-class school.



# Meet our Principal

## Ms. Dorothy P. Jarrett



Ms. Dorothy P. Jarrett earned her undergraduate degree in Home Economic/ Merchandising from Western Michigan University after being awarded the MLK, Jr. scholarship. She moved to California where she became the Advertising Director at Motown Records. She continued her education earning a Master degree in Special Education, and later her Leadership certification from the University of Georgia in partnership with Gwinnett County Public Schools.

Ms. Jarrett was appointed principal of Summerour MS in 2009 where she was laser focused on creating a culture of excellence for 1800 students. She was named the 2012 National Counseling Advocate of the Year. Under her leadership Summerour MS administrators, faculty and staff were the proud recipients of the Distinguished

Breakout School by the Georgia Department of Education and a High Flying School by the National At-Risk Association in the 2015 and 2016 school years. Ms. Jarrett was named principal at South Gwinnett HS in May 2019. She is honored to continue to serve the students of Gwinnett County Public Schools. She is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, served as Chairman of SW Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves as a Board member of the Teachers as Leaders Program. She is a proud member of the Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated since 2011.

Since returning to SGHS in 2019, she has emmersed herself in the world of career academies which are designed to prepare students for both college and careers. The schools within schools model links students with peers, teachers, and community partners in a structured environment that fosters academic success. These small learning communities provides student an opportunity to experience a college-prep sequential curriculum with a career theme attached with relevant work-based learning opportunities through our partnerships with employers, higher education institutions, and the community. A real formula for success for ALL students.

Ms. Jarrett has raised a son JR, who lives in London with his wife Sarah and their four children, Noah, Kira, Lily, and Maris. Her daughter, Parker, earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology at the University of Georgia where she is currently enrolled in the Neuroscience Doctoral program.



# *Meet our Career Academy Coach* **Ms. Franchesca Thompson**



Franchesca Thompson is an accomplished educator, community advocate, and creative entrepreneur. Driven by a passion to empower both teachers and students, providing diverse educational resources to amplify marginalized voices in the classroom. She's the kind of person who identifies a lack in a region or community, then creates innovative tools or programs that are needed to fill that gap. With nearly two decades of experience teaching business, technology, marketing, and entrepreneurship classes, Franchesca has been recognized as a leader and a change-maker throughout her career.

Franchesca earned her M.A.T. in Business Education from the University of Georgia and began teaching at North Atlanta High School in 2006. There, she developed partnerships with a wide range of major corporations including Technology Association of Georgia, AT&T, Georgia Power, Georgia Pacific, Apple, Code.org, and Microsoft IT Academy.

In 2015, Franchesca brought the same networking and innovation to her new role teaching at South Gwinnett High School, spearheading Youth

Entrepreneurship of Georgia programs throughout Atlanta and developing partnerships with more major corporations on behalf of her students. She is now serving as the Career Academy Coach for South Gwinnett High School. Her job provides her the opportunity to formalize a structured framework that prepares students for their postsecondary life by getting them on a path for a future that begins prior to graduation from high school. She enjoys collaborating with industry partners and the community to provide students with the optimal learning experience. Her goal is to make sure that every student at South Gwinnett High School is committed to a personalized learning plan that leads to a fulfilling career.

She is married to Mark Thompson and they have three children, Onexia, Mark II, and Alyssa Thompson.



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# *Program*

**Pre-Show and Hors d'oeuvres**  
Jazz Band

**Welcome to the Academy Awards**  
Coach Nrgy and Mr. Jarvis Denmark

**Chorus Performance**  
SGHS Advanced Chorus  
Dr. Lawrence Robinson, Director

**Orchestra Performance**  
SGHS Advanced Orchestra  
Ms. Erma Davis, Director

**Academy Excellence Award**  
Presented by: Ms. Janet Leahr, Educator

**Exceeding Expectations Award**  
Presented by: Mr. Kennard-Weever, Academy Specialist

**Dance Performance**  
South Dance Alliance  
Ms. Shelly Collins, Artistic Director

**Humanitarian Award**  
Presented by: Ms. Carla Jordan, Educator

**Academy Rising Star Award**  
Presented by: Ms. Lois Sanders, Academy Principal





# *Program*

## **Academy Innovation Award**

Presented by: Ms. Kandra Malone, Educator

## **Key Contributor Award**

Presented by: Dr. Lawrence Robinson, Academy Lead

## **Monologue**

**SGHS Drama Team**

Ms. Precious Hicks-Mitchell, Director

## **Business Engagement Award**

Mr. Kevin Smith, Educator

## **Principal Award**

Presenter: Ms. Dorothy Jarrett, Principal

## **Pianist Recital with Painting Demonstration**

Artist and Performers

## **PBIS Student Award**

Presenter: Ms. Natalie Brown-Van, Co-Organizer

## **PBIS Teacher Award**

Presenter: Ms. Natalie Brown-Van, Co-Organizer

## **PBIS Administrator Award**

Presenter: Ms. Natalie Brown-Van, Co-Organizer

## **Closing Remarks**

Principal Jarrett and Ms. Franchesca Thompson



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# STAR ACADEMY (9TH GRADE)

The mission of SGHS 9th Grade Academy is to ensure a smooth transition into high school by providing a rigorous academic foundation to develop confident, self-directed problem-solvers who are college and career ready. Vision - The SGHS 9th Grade Academy will cultivate a community of students who embody the principles of the PROUD motto - Proactive, Respectful, Organized, Unified, and Dedicated.



STAR Assistant Principal  
Dr. Lorie Bishop

Academy Lead Teacher  
Ms. Carla Jordan

Academy Counselor  
Ms. Monica DeBowles





About the Academy

# BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND HOSPITALITY (BEH)

The Business, Entrepreneurship, and Hospitality Academy will become the premiere vessel to address student preparedness to compete to in the global marketplace. Through our community and stakeholder involvement, our academy provides relevant, innovative, and rigorous learning experiences to ensure college and career readiness for lifelong success.



## BEH PATHWAYS

- **3DE (Marketing)**
- **Culinary Arts**
- **Entrepreneurship**

BEH Assistant Principal  
Dr. Phil Lawal

Academy Lead Teacher  
Mr. Ajene Adderly

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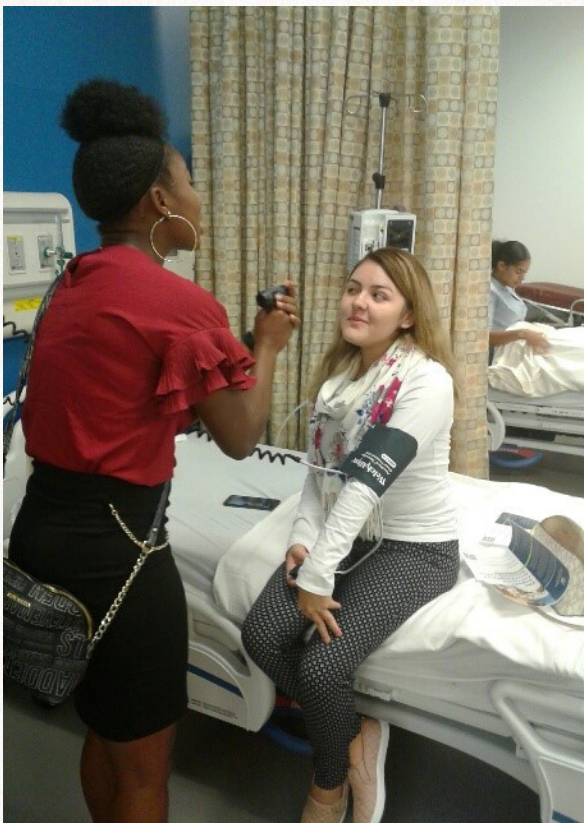


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# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

The mission of the Health and Human Services Academy is to prepare students for life after graduation through a rigorous academic and career-education program. We will provide a school environment with high expectations and high standards centered on the core values of: Respect, Relationships, and Responsibility.



## HHS PATHWAYS

- **Therapeutic Services/Allied Health and Medicine**
- **Nutrition and Food Science**

HHS Assistant Principal  
Ms. Lois Sanders

Academy Lead Teacher  
Dr. Lawrence Robinson

Academy Counselor(s)  
Ms. Anna Martirosyan



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Track and Field

Athletic Director: Jeff Taylor [Jeff.Taylor@gcpsk12.org](mailto:Jeff.Taylor@gcpsk12.org)  
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**Playing Together Winning Together PreK-12**



About the Academy

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# PUBLIC SERVICE, LAW, AND MEDIA (PSLM)

The mission of the Public Service, Law, and Media Academy is to deliver a rigorous course of study through an academic themed program and provide opportunities for developing leadership and character that will prepare them for a lifetime of responsible active citizenship and career success.



## PSLM PATHWAYS

- **Law Enforcement Services/ Forensic Science**
- **Legal Services/ Application of Law**
- **Audio/Video Technology and Film**
- **Army JROTC**
- **Teaching as a Profession**

PSLM Assistant Principal  
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Dr. Rebecca Streetman

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## About the Academy

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# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

Within the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy, students will experience a rigorous and integrated curriculum that is aligned and focused toward preparing students for college and/or a career. GCPS courses and electives will be taught using student-centered projects and activities. STEM will partner with businesses to provide opportunities for internships and externships. Students will pursue one of three pathways within the academy: Biotechnology Research and Development, Computer Programming, or Engineering and Technology.



## STEM PATHWAYS

- **Computer Science**
- **Engineering and Technology**
- **Cybersecurity**



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# About the Host

## COACH NRGY



Coach Nrgy Abrams is a Transformational Keynote Speaker, Certified Breakthrough Life & Relationship Coach and Author. Known as both “The Self-Mastery Coach” and “The Single Parents’ Coach”, she transforms the lives of the listening audience each time she speaks as she teaches and demonstrates that when you master your mind, you master your emotions, and therefore, you master your assignment. Nrgy coaches and mentors high achievers with the use of practical solutions to effect change within their personal and/or professional lives.

Additionally, Nrgy is a Court Registered Mediator & Arbitrator where she uses her conflict resolution and effective communication skills to facilitate negotiations and resolve disputes, both in civil and family/divorce cases. She immediately captures the attention of individuals with her positive energy and caring spirit as she has the ability to connect with each person and understand the WHY behind the choices they have made, which is the starting point of the journey she travels on with each client who chooses to work with her.

# About the Co-Host

## MR. JARVIS DENMARK

Mr. Jarvis Denmark is a language arts teacher at South Gwinnett High School in the 3DE program. He has been a passionate English teacher for 13 years. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. He is currently a graduate student at Kennesaw State University working to complete a doctoral degree in English education. He is the proud father of 15 year old twins.

Mr. Denmark encourages his students to invest in themselves. He promotes healthy living through social emotional learning.





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