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NEWSLETTER

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION

From the Desk of the President



GAWHE Family,

As we step into September, I am reminded that there are seasons when we prepare, seasons when we wait, and seasons when we must move. For GAWHE, it's time to move forward, move upward, and move together.

Our 2027 Annual Conference is quickly approaching, and I am excited as we prepare to gather February 18–19, 2027, at Savannah State University.

IT'S TIME.

It's time to reconnect.

It's time to grow.

It's time to lead.

It's time to share what we know.

And it's time to make room for the women who will come after us.

I encourage you to begin making plans now to join us in Savannah. This conference will be an opportunity to strengthen relationships, expand our professional networks, sharpen our leadership, and celebrate the collective impact of women throughout higher education.

I also encourage our members to answer the Call for Proposals and consider presenting. Your knowledge matters. Your research matters. Your professional experiences matter. Your story matters. You do not have to hold the highest title in your organization to have something valuable to contribute. Whatever your area of expertise, there is room for your voice at GAWHE.

This year, let's move beyond simply attending. Let's participate, contribute, connect, mentor, learn, and lead. There is something powerful that happens when women intentionally create space for one another to grow. When one woman advances, she can reach back. When one woman discovers her voice, she can encourage another to use hers. Together, our experiences, talents, and perspectives strengthen GAWHE and the communities we serve.

As we move through September, I leave you with one question:
What is it time for you to do?
Is it time to submit that proposal?
Time to step into leadership?
Time to find a mentor or become one?
Time to reconnect with GAWHE?
Or perhaps, simply, time to believe that you belong in the room?

Whatever your answer may be, I hope you will act on it. Savannah is waiting. And GAWHE is moving forward.

I cannot wait to see what happens when we collectively decide:
It's Time.

With Purpose and Anticipation,

Dr. Shontell Stanford

“When women support women, extraordinary things happen.”





Dr. Sonya McCoy-Wilson
Vice President of Programs
Conference Chair



Conference *Registration* IS OPEN!

The GAWHE 2027 Annual Conference will be located in the historic Savannah, Georgia, at Savannah State University. This year's conference will bring together women from across Georgia and beyond for two days of inspiration, learning and connection. Prepare for empowering sessions, meaningful dialogue, and opportunities to strengthen your leadership, expand your network, and make a lasting impact in higher education. Registration is now open.



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REGISTER

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Call for *Proposals!* NOW OPEN!

We invite you to share your knowledge, research, and experiences. Whether your expertise is in leadership, student success, academic affairs, institutional effectiveness, enrollment, research, technology, professional development, wellness, career development, or another area impacting higher education – there is room for your voice at GAWHE.



SCAN TO SUBMIT
YOUR PROPOSAL

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Women Leading Change

IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND BEYOND

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN
IN HIGHER EDUCATION





LEADING
Beyond **LIMITS**
COURAGE, COMMUNITY, AND IMPACT

Savannah
Awaits

2027 GAWHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 18-19, 2027 | SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY | SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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SUPPORT WOMEN. STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP. CREATE IMPACT.

To Sponsor Prospect,

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education (GAWHE), thank you for considering partnering with us. Your support can play a pivotal role in empowering women and advancing leadership opportunities in higher education across Georgia.

This year, we invite you to help us build on that legacy. Last year's GAWHE Conference was an extraordinary success, bringing together over 180 women – both in person and virtually – to connect, learn, and inspire one another. With your support, we can create an environment where leaders emerge, ideas flourish, and women feel empowered to make meaningful change in their institutions and communities.

We are thrilled to announce that the 2027 conference, themed **Leading Beyond Limits: Courage, Community, and Impact**, will take place **February 18-19, 2027**, at the beautiful **Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia**. This year's program will feature dynamic speakers, transformative workshops, and unparalleled networking opportunities. But to make this vision a reality and to grow our impact, we need your help.

Your sponsorship isn't just a contribution; it's an investment in the future of women leaders in higher education. Together, we can extend our reach to inspire more women to pursue their leadership aspirations and create even greater opportunities for professional growth and empowerment.

Your support truly makes a difference. Will you join us in advancing this important mission? If you're ready to make an impact as a sponsor, we would be honored to partner with you. Complete the online **Sponsor Registration Form** to pledge your organization's sponsorship for the 2027 Annual GAWHE Conference. Once the registration form is received, an invoice will be emailed to you for your selected sponsor package.

If you have questions, please contact directly at Fundraisingchair@gawhe.org.

Thank you for considering this impactful opportunity. Together, we can break barriers and shape the future for women in higher education leadership.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Dr. Shontell Stanford, President
Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education

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Women Leaders



EXPAND
Opportunities



INCREASE
Your Impact



BUILD
Stronger Communities

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Women Leading Change
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INVEST IN *Your Journey*

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OUR MISSION

The Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to providing professional support for women educators, administrators, and researchers in higher education in Georgia.



OUR PURPOSE

The Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education (GAWHE) is dedicated to providing professional support for women in higher education organizations through networking, professional development, advocacy, and publications. GAWHE is part of the ACE Women's Network and as such, seeks to develop programs that identify, develop, encourage, advance, link and support (IDEALS) women in higher education careers in Georgia.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ✓ Priority registration for the Annual Conference and other events which require paid registration
- ✓ Virtual networking sessions and professional development opportunities
- ✓ Regular updates from the ACE Network
- ✓ Formal and informal opportunities to lead, follow, and learn from women across Georgia who represent a wide variety of institutional types, departments, and levels of experience



JOIN TODAY

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO BECOME A MEMBER

Be Part of Something Greater

Join GAWHE

THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Greetings Colleagues,

As we begin a new academic year, we invite you to consider joining the Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education (GAWHE), a professional organization dedicated to supporting, developing, and advancing women in higher education.

Membership offers opportunities to:

- Build connections with colleagues across Georgia
- Participate in professional development programs
- Engage in leadership and service opportunities
- Expand your professional network
- Support the advancement of women in higher education

Our goal is to connect women across Georgia's colleges and universities with opportunities for networking, leadership development, mentoring, and professional engagement. Together, we can continue to advance GAWHE's mission, expand our impact, and build a lasting legacy for women in higher education.

To learn more about membership opportunities and how to join GAWHE, please use the QR code or visit our [membership page](#).

We encourage you to share this opportunity with colleagues who may be interested.

Warm regards,

Elnora Farmer

Vice President Membership Committee
vpofmembershp@gawhe.org

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GAWHE
FELLOWS PROGRAM

Invest in Your Next Chapter.

*A Cohort-Based Leadership Experience
for Women in Higher Education*

*Lead
Learn
Connect
Make an
Impact.*

STRONGER
WOMEN.
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS

The GAWHE Fellows Program is designed to strengthen the leadership capacity of women working in higher education across Georgia. Fellows participate in executive coaching, a 360 evaluation and debrief, monthly cohort sessions, peer mentoring, and GAWHE leadership development opportunities.



EXECUTIVE
COACHING



360 EVALUATION
AND DEBRIEF



MONTHLY
COHORT SESSIONS



PEER
MENTORING



LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

WHO SHOULD APPLY?



Current
GAWHE member



Employed full-time
at a higher education
institution in Georgia



Leadership experience,
including direct
supervision

Know a woman in higher education who may be ready for this opportunity?
Encourage her to apply!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN



Deadline: November 20, 2026 at 11:55 p.m.



APPLY: <https://connect.ung.edu/submitter/form/start/733900>



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*From
Firsts
to Many*



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LEADING *Beyond* LIMITS

COURAGE, COMMUNITY, AND IMPACT



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE. INSPIRING WHAT'S NEXT.



EMERGING PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes an early- to mid-career GAWHE member who shows exceptional promise through her commitment to professional growth, leadership, and institutional engagement. The recipient exemplifies initiative, innovation, and dedication to excellence, representing the next generation of leaders shaping higher education.



SUBMIT A NOMINATION



INNOVATION AND IMPACT AWARD

This award honors a GAWHE member who has introduced innovative ideas, programs, or practices that made a meaningful impact within her institution or the broader higher education community. The recipient embodies GAWHE's mission, promoting professional growth and advancing opportunities for women through lasting, innovative work.



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WE ARE NOW
ACCEPTING

*Award
Nominations*



DEADLINE
DECEMBER 11, 2026

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*“Recognizing
today’s leaders.*

*Inspiring
tomorrow’s possibilities.”*

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Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education
EDUCATE | EMPOWER | ELEVATE

Stay CONNECTED WITH GAWHE

PEOPLE | PURPOSE | POSSIBILITY

GAWHE 2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD



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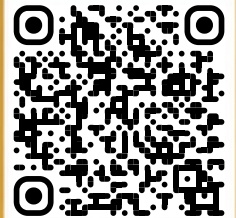
2027 CONFERENCE

MARKETING TOOLKIT

Help Us Spread the Word!

Access ready-to-use graphics, sample messages, and other resources to share the GAWHE 2027 Annual Conference with your networks.

SHARE | PROMOTE | MAKE AN IMPACT



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SEE YOU IN SAVANNAH!

FEBRUARY 18-19, 2027

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