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The Alabama Supercomputer Authority Newsletter

SENATOR ORR VISITS SUPERCENTER IN HUNTSVILLE

On June 2, 2021, Senator Arthur Orr visited our Supercomputer Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Senator Orr represents Morgan, Madison and Limestone counties in the Alabama Senate. We appreciate Senator Orr and the Alabama Senate's continued support of ASA.



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L-R: Crystal Maylin, Senator Orr, Debra Wallace, Cary Hill, and Jay Naves.



E-RATE CORNER

Nichole Gipson
Program Administrator, Member Services

CONFERENCE SEASON 2021

ASA is excited to attend education conferences once again. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and speaking with our friends/members at the conferences we have attended thus far. Many of you stopped by to visit with us at our booth at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference (AETC), School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) Conference, MEGA Conference and the ALAPCAE Adult Education Conference. We hope you will plan to visit us at the Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) Conference this month at the Perdido Beach Resort. We look forward to meeting you!



AETC

L-R: Andy McClure, Tyler Carr, and David Ivey



SSA

L-R: Crystal Maylin, Debra Wallace, and David Ivey

CONFERENCE SEASON 2021



MEGA

L-R: Eric Dorr, David Ivey, Erin Keniston, Nichole Gipson, Cary Hill, and Tyler Carr



ADULT ED

L-R: Nick Castellani, Lucas Owens, Debra Wallace, Cody Easley, Phillip Brunner, and Eric Dorr

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT - BARBARA LEWIS



Barbara Lewis (Left)
Executive Assistant

1. How long have you worked for ASA?

Since Dec. 16, 2002. I retired on March 1, 2010, but came back to work on September 1, 2011. Best decision I have ever made.

2. How long have you worked for the State of Alabama?

Started working in the Constituent Affairs in the Governor's Office on February 16, 1999.

3. What was your first job?

Information Telephone Operator with Southern Bell (later became South Central Bell).

4. What do you like most about working for ASA?

Our dedication to the education community.

5. What three words would you use to describe ASA?

Dedicated, Determined, and Focused.

6. What is something that you would like to learn how to do?

I play the piano but I would love to learn to play the mandolin, banjo, or any bluegrass instrument.

7. If you could do any other job for one day, what would it be and why?

Any job in law enforcement. I admire their dedication to "Protect and Serve."



Debra Wallace, CEO

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The summer has been a busy but productive time for ASA, and I am very happy with our progress thus far. ASA has been intentional with more outreach to our schools to explain our services and provide assistance where needed. Our on-site visits to schools have proven to be beneficial for ASA as we gathered feedback along with answering questions from tech directors.

As a result of this additional outreach, ASA added new sites to our network and many new services such as internal network scanning, firewall reviews, and cyber event reports. Beginning in October 2021, ASA's technical staff will hold quarterly "Tech Talks" to provide technical training along with answering questions concerning ASA services. These will be scheduled in areas convenient for attendance in North, Central, and South Alabama. We will have virtual attendance available as well. Be sure to watch for more information on these upcoming events.

Conference attendance this summer has been extremely successful; record crowds have attended, and ASA staff were fortunate to meet with many tech directors, teachers, and superintendents. We are working on updating our website to give a more modern and informational website that will serve as a repository of information. I look forward to working with each of you in the upcoming year ahead.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Wallace".



2022 Consortium Announcement & Tech Talks