

# THE HUB

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### 2025: BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR THE FUTURE

It's been a productive and fast moving year at ASA!

- Project Elevate is our exciting, multi-year initiative to bring all services in-house and build an even stronger foundation for the future. Elevate continues to progress steadily as we concentrate our efforts on Phase 1 sites. We remain committed to transparent communication throughout this initiative and appreciate the ongoing support and engagement of our members and partners.
- ASA's staff has doubled in size to support Project Elevate while continuing to deliver high quality services our members rely on. We are excited to be expanding our workforce in Alabama!
- The Business office staff in Montgomery is settling into our new office space. The new office brings the team together in a more collaborative and connected environment that supports faster communication and stronger teamwork.



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### **MEMBER SERVICES**

For Funding Year 2025, ASA certified 261 E-Rate applications for K-12 schools and libraries and received more than \$21 million in funding commitments. Included in those applications were an additional 58 new sites.

We also happily provided service for 130+ E-Rate-ineligible sites.

# FINISHING STRONG: ASA WRAPS UP CONFERENCE SEASON 2025

### **Engaged with Future Leaders at the CEO Expo**

ASA proudly participated at the Career Exploration Opportunities (CEO) EXPO 2025 at the Kevin Dukes Career and Innovation Academy in Hollywood, AL. During the event, we connected with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from Jackson County Schools and Scottsboro City Schools who are beginning to explore innovative career paths. Events like the CEO Expo play a vital role in shaping the workforce of tomorrow by sparking curiosity, expanding awareness and encouraging early career preparation.

# Connected with Future Innovators at the Student Technology Ambassador Conference

ASA attended the Student Technology Ambassador Conference at Park Crossing High School in Montgomery, AL. We partnered with Montgomery Public Schools (MPS) and engaged with MPS students, staff and IT professionals. ASA was honored to meet with the future workforce and leaders of MPS and discuss potential career pathways.

#### Closed out the 2025 Conference Season at SC25

ASA wrapped up its 2025 conference season by attending SC25, the International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis in St. Louis, MO. ASA staff engaged with hundreds of attendees at our booth providing virtual tours of our Supercomputer Center in Huntsville and hosting a fun round of Star Wars trivia. We also shared insights into how ASA delivers HPC services to our members across the state, helping visitors to understand our mission and impact.



## Message from the CEO - Debra Wallace

As we wrap up 2025, I want to share my sincere appreciation with each of our members for your continued partnership and support. This year has been one of steady progress and meaningful improvements across our services.

### **Elevate Project Transition**

One of our major efforts this year was the Elevate Project, where we began transitioning several services from an external

contractor to our in-house team. It positions us well to continue meeting your needs in the years ahead. To support this transition, we expanded our internal staff throughout the year. Bringing these roles in-house adds depth to our team and strengthens our ability to deliver high-quality service and the personalized support you rely on.

### Looking Ahead to 2026

The work completed in 2025 sets the stage for continued growth and modernization as we move toward our long term goals for 2026. Our focus remains on enhancing services, building our agency's capacity and delivering even greater value to the educational entities we serve.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to working with you in the year ahead and continuing to support your needs.

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