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Georgia Association of Media Assistants

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"We serve to further knowledge."

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After the general session, workshops were offered concerning college life outside the classroom, e-books and the ELHS SWAT team.



Convention News

The GAMA State Convention was held on March 10th, at Clayton State College and University. Saturday morning everyone checked in by 9:30, in order to begin the general session. Thomas called the meeting to order and Shannon McNeil of Peach County High School read the inspiration. Robert led the GAMA creed and motto. Thomas then presented the board and Michelle conducted a roll call of clubs. Officers for the 2001-2001 year were elected. They are:

President and Webmaster	Brian Davidson
Vice-President	Carlos Harper
Secretary	Allen Butler
Treasurer	Michelle Oelsner
Historian	Nikeisha Randall
Reporter	Brittany Fyffe
Parliamentarian	David Allen
Corresponding Secretary	Joanna Young
Co-Webmaster	Alexander Spear

Members enjoyed a snack break and a tour of Spivey Hall. The Awards luncheon was held in the Student Center. We were very privileged to have Dr. Stephanie Dirst, the Director Emeritus of the Georgia Center for Students with Disabilities and adjunct professor of education at Kennesaw State University, as our keynote speaker. Eagle's Landing High School was awarded the top honor club. Deborah Del Agulia and Thomas Mittenzwei were awarded scholarships.



Eagle's Landing High School

The Eagle's Landing High School's GAMA Club and SWAT Team are very excited that so many of you came to our presentation at the GAMA Convention. As mentioned at our demonstration, GAMA members, especially the SWAT Team, have been extremely active in promoting technology at our school.

ELHS' GAMA Club will finish the year with staff development training to teachers on our new wireless mobile computer lab. We have just received the mobile lab of 32 laptop computers, and we will be instructing teachers on how to use wireless technology. SWAT members will be the computer assistants who will setup the lab and provide technical assistance to students and faculty. Later this month, SWAT Team will be giving training on Excel and Access.



For Technology Awareness Week in April, the club hosted a Technology Fair for parents, students, and faculty. We had demonstrations in the media center on various software and computer accessories. It was fun, and enlightening for all who attended.



Of course, we always enjoy having a good time after working hard in the computer lab, so an end of the year party is planned for May. We will have plenty of pizza, chips, and drinks for everyone who attends.

We are extremely proud of Thomas Mittenzwei who was the recipient of the GAMA Scholarship. Thomas is an honor student at Eagle's Landing High School and will be

attending either Mercer or Vanderbilt University in the fall.

Thanks to all of you who made the GAMA Convention so very special. We wish you a happy and restful summer.



Reported by
Matt Sechrist
Secretary

Cross Creek High School

During the past few months, CCHS has been working to improve our school's reading programs and encouraging students to enjoy reading more. The books were donated by the community. The most recent thing that has been done by our club is a Candy-Gram drive. This was accomplished by GAMA members going around the school and selling candy-grams to their fellow students. The money that was raised will be used to pay for an ad in the school yearbook to announce the winner in the Favorite Book Contest and to possibly pay for more comfortable furniture in the school library.

In October, we sponsored Teen Read Week. During this time, students were encouraged to read more than they usually do. Activities included a candy prize drawing, a RazorBack Reader Take Time to Read Contest, Favorite Book Contest, special displays and free bookmarks.

Another way that CCHS hopes to raise money and to fund its many projects is to sell used books for 25 cents each. These books are kept in the back conference room of the library and sold during first and second lunches, allowing students to choose at their own discretion.

Altogether, it is our hope that our club will be able to influence the student body to read more in their lives.

Reported by
Heather Jones

Stockbridge High School

The Stockbridge High School GAMA chapter has been extremely busy. The current President, Brian Davidson; Secretary, Allen Butler; and Corresponding Secretary, Joanna Young are learning their new responsibilities and duties via The Lamppost and the careful guidance of Stockbridge's GAMA Advisor, Ms. Leslie Wantland.

During the week of March 19, the members sold chicken biscuits in hopes of raising money. The endeavor was successful, raising over \$500 for the club.

We worked hard on several book displays to promote reading. The displays for Black History and Women's History Months were a great success. The display's new theme will be "Poetry with a Burst of Spring."

The SHS chapter of GAMA enjoyed the conference and found the workshops to be very informative. We really liked the tour of Spivey Hall.

Reported by
Joanna Young
Secretary

Union Grove High School

Union Grove High School opened in August 2000. We are the newest high school in Henry County. Currently, we only have grades 9-11 and have an enrollment of 800 students. Dr. Gordon Baker and Mrs. Priscilla Echols are our sponsors.

We had our first meeting in September and elected our "charter" officers. They are:

President:	Michelle Oelsner
Vice-President	Robert Curry
Secretary	Ebony Ellis
Treasurer	Chase Masters
Historian	Jared Wicker
Reporter	Whitney Pelissier

Our year started slow, but gained speed! We sold Chick-Fil-A biscuits each Wednesday. The money we raised helped defray our expenses to the GAMA state convention. We also run the Wolverine Store!

Our major project for this year was working at the Henry County Student Media Festival. Dr. Baker is the chairman of our county festival. It was a lot of fun helping the judges and watching the projects.

Reported by
Whitney Pelissier, Reporter

Camden High School

This first year has been one of challenges for the Camden Middle School GAMA club. Camden Middle's Book Worms Library Club consists of 22 members, 14 of which are active GAMA club members. The Book Worms Library Club was established in accordance with the GAMA Club by-laws and in an effort to get more students interested in the media center as the "hub" of the school --- offering something for everyone.

The club members have been involved in promoting National Children's Book Week, Dr. Seuss Day and the visit of writer, Nicole Rubel to Camden Middle School.



In addition, they have been working in the media center shelving books. In the future, they will be working with the orientation of the 5th graders to the school and organizing a school reading club.

Hats off to all the Camden Middle School Book Worms Library Club members.

Reported by
Janice Casey, Media Specialist
Lynda Nugent, Teacher
Stacie Mizell, Teacher

Peach County High School

The Peach County High School GAMA club elected their officers and committees. The new elected officers are as follows:

President	Tiffany Brown
Vice-President	Carlos Harper
Secretary	Keytrick Jones
Treasurer	Shannon McNeil
Reporter	Elisha Simmons
Historian	JaKenya Thomas
Parliamentarian	Tamara Johnson

During homecoming week, Keytrick Jones and Elisha Simmons were chosen as Mr. and Miss GAMA. PCHS GAMA members are active in various school activities and projects. We have had a great year!

Reported by
Elisha Simmons, Reporter
Naomi R. Simmons, Advisor

Kendrick Middle School

The Kendrick Middle School GAMA club has had a busy year. In the fall we elected officers and they are:

President	Erica Holland
Vice-President	Danielle Wynn
Secretary	Breontae Williams
Treasurer	Marisa Gordon
Historian	Corlis Carlisle
Reporter	Jessica Holland

We had great Halloween and Christmas parties, with a costume contest, a gift exchange, food, and drink.



We sponsored the 11Alive Canathon at our school. We collected over 1,100 canned goods for the less fortunate. Bake sales at PTSA meetings provided money to purchase teleprompter software for our TV studio.



At GAMA meetings, we prepared plastic bags for recycling, made tri-boards to promote reading, and prepared our club scrapbook. Each day we help Mrs. Goff and Mrs. Houlihan in the media center. We are in charge of updating a slide show program that runs on TV's throughout our school. We also update the marquee in front of our school and shelve books. The state convention was a lot of fun, although we missed the sleepover parties at a hotel!



Currently we are writing to e-mail pals across the country.

We would like to thank Mr. Borhauer, one of our sponsors, for all his work. This is his last year at KMS and we will miss him!

Reported by
Brittany Fyffe, State Reporter
Cheryl Goff, sponsor

*Take a trip this summer
without leaving home -
Read a book!*