



February 20, 2021 ~ Schedule of Activities

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9:00–9:50 a.m.	<p>NAS Summit Opening Ceremony Community Service & Senior Recognition Presentation Introduction by <i>Savanah Lares</i>, NAS State Vice President Welcome <i>Lawrence Morehouse, Ph.D.</i>, President & CEO, FEF Purpose <i>Lyra Logan, Esq.</i>, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, FEF Welcome <i>Arianna Jones</i>, NAS State President Greetings <i>Amanda Coleman</i>, President, NAS St. Petersburg COE “Lift Every Voice” <i>Cori’Anna White</i>, President, NAS South Florida COE NAS Pledge <i>Courtnee Scott</i>, President, NAS Pasco-Hernando COE Introduction of Speaker <i>Xavier Green</i>, President, NAS Santa Fe College COE Keynote Speaker <i>*Dr. Micah Johnson</i>, NAS Alumnus + Assistant Professor, University of South Florida NAS Litany <i>Makalia Lloyd</i>, President, NAS Palm Beach County COE</p>
10:00–10:50 a.m.	<p>Concurrent Workshops</p> <p>Grades K-5 Skill Build Bingo and 3rd–5th Grade Word Wizard Finals <i>Lyra Logan, Esq.</i>, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, FEF; <i>Ms. Monica Montes</i>, Program Manager & Graphic Designer, FEF — Room 1 (Meeting ID: 945 1379 0784;)</p> <p>Grades 6-8 Pre-Teen Social Justice Summit <i>*Dr. Micah Johnson</i>, Assistant Professor, University of South Florida — Room 2 (Meeting ID: 990 4729 2176; Passcode: 155685)</p> <p>Grades 9-11 One on One with University Recruiters <i>Mr. Les Ferrier</i>, Florida A&M University; <i>Ms. Faith Pieterse</i>, St. Petersburg College; <i>Mr. Elliott Warner</i>, Florida International University — Room 3 (Meeting ID: 947 7033 5345; Passcode: 174254)</p> <p>Grade 12 Developing a Personal Budget <i>Mr. Smiley Albert</i>, Associate; <i>Ms. Dariana Granados</i>, Audit & Assurance Intern; <i>Ms. Laura Hurd</i>, Partner; <i>Mr. Renato Miranda</i>, Advisory Director; <i>Mr. Andrez Roberts</i>, Associate, PwC — Room 4 (Meeting ID: 967 9768 9582; Passcode: 310869)</p> <p>Parents Education Roundtable: “Maximizing Your Child’s Success: Strategies for Gaining Admission to College” <i>Lawrence Morehouse, Ph.D.</i>, President & CEO, FEF <i>Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter</i>, Program Officer, National Science Foundation</p>

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	NAS Voices Speech & Oratory Contest Finals	
	Finalists	<i>Amanda Flynn</i> , Atlantic Coast COE <i>George Pickens IV</i> , South Florida COE <i>Cameron Temple</i> , St. Petersburg College COE <i>Arianna Jones</i> , NAS State President, Tallahassee Area COE
	Officials	<i>Dr. Vernetta Williams</i> , Chief Judge <i>*Dr. Charmane Caldwell</i> , Associate Judge <i>*Dr. Adrienne Stephenson</i> , Associate Judge <i>Ms. Felicia Pizana</i> , Timekeeper/Scorer <i>Ms. Gloria Bradley</i> , Contest Chair + Ombudsman <i>Ms. Connie Anderson</i> , Ombudsman
	Closing Remarks	<i>Aagust Anderson</i> , NAS State Secretary

**McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Graduate*

Speakers & Presenters

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Micah Johnson is a writer, monologist, social scientist and sociologist trained in psychiatric epidemiology who serves as an assistant professor of mental health law and policy at the University of South Florida. Dr. Johnson also is a pioneer of applied forensic sociology and founded Johnson Forensic Services, through which he serves in the state and federal court system as an expert witness and facilitator.

Dr. Johnson's work centers around childhood trauma, behavioral health, and juvenile justice, and he has been an advocate for social justice for the past 14 years. He trains, speaks, and teaches internationally on topics related to trauma, poverty, antiracism, and sustainable peace, and his philanthropic and research interests in these areas are fueled by his childhood experiences.

Dr. Johnson leverages his artistry as a poet, monologist, and speaker to share his peacebuilding efforts with a broad audience. He is an award-winning poet and wrote a children's book entitled *Never Had a Friend* that debuted as a #1 new release on Amazon in the poverty category. Also, Dr. Johnson can rap really well and once worked at a major record label in Miami. Dr. Johnson loves music, movies, writing, and conducting research that improves the lives of underprivileged families. He also is a proud National Achievers Society and FEF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Alumnus.

Grades K-5 Workshop: Skill Build Bingo and 3rd–5th Grade Word Wizard

Lyra Logan, Esq., is FEF's Executive Vice President & General Counsel. In addition to handling in-house legal matters, Logan directs FEF's pre-college programs, which include the Centers of Excellence as well as statewide academic enrichment programs. Logan developed, designs curricula for, and trains instructors to teach an expanding category of those camps known as FEF CodeMasters, where underserved youth year-round learn computer programming within the contexts of game design, web development, robotics, and mobile app development and prepare to earn tech industry certifications. Logan also serves as FEF's web applications developer and develops and maintains its web-based data collection, management and processing systems.

Logan earned her bachelor's degree from Fisk University and juris doctorate from Harvard; holds graduate certificates in Instructional Technology: Web Design, in Education Technology: Online Teaching and Learning, and in Educational Mobile Computing (MIT App Inventor); and is an industry-certified Perl, Python, JavaScript and Database Design Specialist. She has presented at national and international conferences and published articles on copyright, supplemental educational services, online learning, and MIT App Inventor, and recently authored the book *Learn to Program with App Inventor*, a computer programming text published by No Starch Press and distributed by Penguin Random House.

Ms. Monica Montes is Program Manager and Graphic Designer at FEF, where she manages the pre-college programs and interfaces with FEF's 60+ annual youth program coordinators and instructors, while serving as Executive Assistant to Executive Vice President Logan for the past 14 years. Montes also coordinates production of and designs all FEF publications, including the FEF Annual Report, conference program books, brochures, flyers, social media posts, and the semi-annual *FEF Focus* newsletter. Ms. Montes is proficient in the use of Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Office, Microsoft FrontPage, Dreamweaver, CSS and HTML, and others. She earned her bachelor's in graphic design from Full Sail University.

Speakers & Presenters (cont.)

Grades 6-8 Workshop: Pre-Teen Social Justice Summit

Dr. Micah Johnson (see Keynote Speaker bio above)

Grades 9-11 Workshop: One on One with University Recruiters - [Handout](#)

Mr. Les Ferrier is the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management at Florida A&M University. He earned his B.S. from Virginia Tech and his M.A. from the American Public University in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Faith Pieterse has been an Admissions Recruiter at St. Petersburg College for two years. She earned her bachelor's degree in Theology/Christian Education from Eastern Bible College in Canada. Faith spent most of her career working in media as a radio DJ, voiceover artist and copywriter for radio and TV stations. She has travelled extensively and has lived in four different countries, which is a whole education in itself. Before SPC, she taught at a media college in Africa. She loves to empower students and finds great joy in helping them find their path in life.

Mr. Elliot Warner has been an Admissions Recruiter at Florida International University for two years. He earned his B.A. from Florida International University as well.

Grade 12 Workshop: Developing a Personal Budget - [Handout](#)

Mr. Smiley Albert, Associate; **Ms. Dariana Granados**, Audit & Assurance Intern; **Ms. Laura Hurd**, Partner; **Mr. Renato Miranda**, Advisory Director, and **Mr. Andrez Roberts**, Associate, all from PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC), will present the "Developing a Personal Budget" workshop. PwC is a network of firms in 155 countries with more than 284,000 people who are committed to delivering quality in assurance, advisory and tax services. PwC's purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems.

Parent Workshop—Education Roundtable: "Maximizing Your Child's Success: Strategies for Gaining Admission to College"

Dr. Lawrence Morehouse is the current President and CEO of the Florida Education Fund. He is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Government and International Affairs at the University of South Florida, where he has won several Outstanding Teaching Awards. He has lectured at Cornell University, Louisiana State University, New College of Florida, and Tuskegee University and was a visiting Scholar at Stanford University. Dr. Morehouse has published several book chapters as well as articles in both refereed and non-refereed journals. He earned his B.S. degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and his Master's and Ph.D. from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Dr. Morehouse currently serves as a member of the board of directors for several public and private organizations, including Florida Memorial University, and has been appointed to several statewide commissions for higher education in the State of Florida.

Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter currently serves as a Program Officer at the National Science Foundation and is on professional leave from her role as the Assistant Vice Provost of Student Access and Success at Florida International University in Miami. Her portfolio at FIU includes leading initiatives and programs that provide increased access for underrepresented minorities and eliminate the achievement gap between majority and underrepresented students. In addition, she has provided supervision to TRIO programs, college bridge programs, and graduate access programs. She was previously the Associate Dean at the University Graduate School where she was responsible for the Graduate Student Professional Development Program, Recruitment, Diversity and Outreach. She served as the liaison to various academic and student-support efforts, such as the Florida Education Fund McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, the NSF Bridge to Doctorate, the Ronald E. McNair Scholars graduate fellowship and the National GEM Consortium. Dr. Montas-Hunter has been recognized for her work in helping increase the number of underrepresented students that pursue graduate education. She has published several articles on the advancement of equity and inclusion for academic excellence and is an alumni of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Fellowship program and the American Council of Education (ACE) Spectrum Executive Leadership Program. Dr. Montas-Hunter earned a B.A degree in English from Hunter College-CUNY; MA in English from Radford University; and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Barry University.



NAS Pledge

I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of the National Achievers Society into which I have been inducted.

I will be true to the principles for which it stands.

I will be loyal to my school and the Centers of Excellence and will maintain high standards of excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

NAS Litany

I am excellent. I am excellent. I am excellent.

My mind is a pearl. I can do anything.

Anything that my mind can conceive, I can achieve.

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- ***Be sure to visit the NAS Summit Virtual Exhibitor Hall [here](#)***
- ***[Summit Main Room](#)*** (Meeting ID: 992 6309 6116; Passcode: summit21)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	
9:00–9:50 a.m.	Welcome	<i>Arianna Jones, NAS State President</i>
	Purpose	<i>Ms. Monica Montes, Program Manager & Graphic Designer, FEF</i>
	Talent Extravaganza	<i>Mistress of Ceremonies Stephanie Wilks, President, NAS UCF-McKnight COE</i>
10:00–10:50 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops	
	Grades K-5	Fire Safety , <i>Ms. Lissandra Perez, Program Coordinator, Pre-College Programs, Florida International University</i> — Room 1 (Meeting ID: 948 8234 9538; Passcode: summit21)
	Grades 6-8	Income and Careers , <i>*Mr. Smiley Albert, Associate; Mr. Glyn Hunter, Assurance Senior Manager; Mr. Renato Miranda, Advisory Director; Ms. Kanika Pitterson, Manager; Ms. Safiya Syed, Audit & Assurance Intern, PwC</i> — Room 2 (Meeting ID: 939 7106 1395; Passcode: summit21)
	Grades 9-12	Teen Summit , Moderator <i>*Mr. Aaron Randolph, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Carolina Youth Coalition</i> — Room 3 (Meeting ID: 982 2472 2747; Passcode: summit21)
	Parents	Financing College , <i>*Ms. Jasmine Holmes, Senior Associate, PwC; Mr. David Ramnarine, Financial Aid Coordinator, University of Tampa; Mr. Terrell Wells, Financial Aid Coordinator, University of Central Florida</i>
10:00–10:50 a.m.	Word Wizard Competition (Grades 6-8)	<i>Competitors only</i> — Room 4 (Meeting ID: 918 4431 5014)
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony	
	Awards/Recognitions	<i>Lyra Logan, Esq., Executive Vice President & General Counsel, FEF</i> <i>Arianna Jones, NAS State President</i>
	Senior Recognition Presentation Closing Remarks	<i>Savanah Lares, NAS State Vice President</i> <i>Mariah Jones, NAS State Treasurer</i>

Speakers & Presenters

Grades K-5 Workshop: Fire Safety

Ms. Lissandra Perez-Brito is the Program Coordinator for the Pre-College Programs at Florida International University (FIU). She earned her bachelor's degree in Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies and her Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from FIU.

Grades 6-8 Workshop: Income and Careers - [Handout](#)

Mr. Smiley Albert, Associate; **Mr. Glyn Hunter**, Assurance Senior Manager; **Mr. Renato Miranda**, Advisory Director; **Ms. Kanika Pitterson**, Manager; and **Ms. Safiya Syed**, Audit & Assurance Intern, all from PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC), will present the "Income and Careers" workshop. PwC is a network of firms in 155 countries with more than 284,000 people who are committed to delivering quality in assurance, advisory and tax services. PwC's purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems.

Grades 9-12: Teen Summit - [Handout](#)

Mr. Aaron Randolph is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Carolina Youth Coalition, a college-access nonprofit organization that prepares high-achieving, under-resourced high school students to enter, excel in, and graduate from college so they can become full participants in society. He joined NAS as a member of the North Florida Center of Excellence in 2002 and competed on several History and Culture and Math Brain Bowl Teams. He is a proud member of the 2005 state champion History and Culture Brain Bowl Team and served as NAS State Vice President in 2006.

Parent Workshop: Financing College

Ms. Jasmine Holmes, a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) is a NAS graduate from the Tallahassee Area Coalition Center of Excellence and past statewide president of NAS. As a result of creating and executing a strategy for scholarships, she was able to complete her post-secondary studies at a private institution without loans. She obtained her bachelor's in Business Administration (BBA) and master's in Accounting (M.Acc) from the University of Miami. Following her experience as a Miami Hurricane, she started her professional career at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (PwC), a major, international accounting and professional services firm, where she became a Certified Information Systems Auditor. Today, she is a Senior Associate in PwC's Florida Risk Assurance Practice, where she specializes in Internal Audit. Outside of work, she loves spending time with loved ones, traveling, going to the beach, painting, and supporting other visual artists.

Mr. David Ramnarine is the Associate Director of Financial Aid at the University of Tampa (UT) and has worked in the financial aid field for 8.5 years. From the U.S. Virgin Islands, he received a merit scholarship to attend UT, where he earned his bachelor's in Economics and master's in Instructional Design and Technology. While in graduate school, he helped form the first Graduate Instructional Design student organization on campus. David began working in higher education after earning his undergraduate degree as an enrollment adviser for a private Florida institute, after which he eventually began working in the Financial Aid Office at UT. He is a volunteer member of LEAP Tampa Bay College Access Network, whose primary goal is to increase the number of working age adults in Tampa Bay with a post-secondary degree or high-quality certificate to 60 percent by 2025. He is also a founding member of the recent Alumni Bridging Gaps Endowed Scholarship at UT, which will assist an undergraduate minority student in financial need.

Mr. Terrell Wells is a Financial Aid Coordinator at the University of Central Florida, Downtown Campus. He earned his B.A. from Kean University in Union, NJ. He is a trumpet player and was the High Brass Captain in his high school marching band. He enjoys playing video games, road trips, and playing with his French bulldog, CoCo.

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DAY 2

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