

News & Updates

Congratulations to the 2019 Robert Morton Award District Nominees

AASBO is pleased to announce the 2019 district nominees for the Robert L. Morton Award. This award is named in honor of the late Robert L. Morton, former assistant superintendent of administration and finance for the Alabama State Department of Education. This award recognizes outstanding Chief School Finance Officers devoted to going above and beyond to do their job and to serve their community. AASBO seeks to recognize individuals who are trying to make a difference in the lives of their peers and subordinates and have set new standards for themselves and their colleagues in their profession. Congratulations to the district nominees

District 1: Lori Zirlott, Mobile County Schools - Lori serves as the Chief School Financial Officer for Mobile County Public Schools. She has been with the district for 17 years, beginning her tenure as Accounting Supervisor, moving to Comptroller and was named CSFO in the Summer of 2017. Lori graduated the University of South Alabama Magna Cum Laude, with a major in Accounting and a minor in Computer and Information Science. Prior to her time with the LEA she spent 11 years in private accounting handling all facets of accounting both regionally and internationally.

District 2: Evelyn James, Demopolis City Schools - Evelyn has been employed with the Demopolis City Schools Board of Education for the past 7 years as the Chief School Financial Officer. She also was employed as CNP Director for 9 years in Demopolis and as CSFO in the Greene County School System for 5 years. Prior to her employment with Demopolis City she worked with Vanity Fair Mills, Inc. as Production Records Manager. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in Retail Management and a minor in Business.

District 3: Vivian Miller, Ozark City Schools - Vivian has been employed with Ozark City Board of Education for the past 9 years as the CSFO and for the Dale County Board of Education for the previous five years as CSFO. Prior to her employment as a CSFO she worked as a CPA in Public Practice for 21 years. She is a graduate of the University of West Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting. She is a Certified Public Accountant and avid Alabama Crimson Tide Fan.

District 4: Jason Mann, Elmore County Schools - Jason has been employed with the Elmore County Board of Education for the past 3 years as the Chief School Finance Officer. Prior to his employment with the Elmore County Board of Education he worked with the Alabama State Department of Education as a LEA Team Accountant. He earned his bachelor's degree from Troy University, and in addition, he earned his MBA from Louisiana State University (LSU). Jason has also completed the AASBO Certificate Programs for the Professional and Payroll/Personnel certificates.

District 5: Tina Hancock, Hoover City Schools - Tina has been employed with the Hoover Board of Education for the past 2.5 years as the CSFO. Prior to her employment with Hoover she was the CSFO at Jackson County Board of Education. She is a graduate of Jacksonville State University with B.S. with a major in accounting and a minor in Computer Information Systems and a M.S. in Business Education. She has 14 years of classroom teaching experience in technology.

District 6: Robert Jordan, Oxford City Schools - Robby has been employed with the Oxford City Board of Education for the past 23 years as the Chief School Financial Officer. Prior to his employment with Oxford City, he worked in public accounting for seven years. He is a 1988 graduate of Jacksonville State University with a B.S. in Accounting and has been a CPA since 1992. In addition to being a member of AASBO, he is a member of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

District 7: Julie Chaffin, Fayette County Schools - Julie has been employed with the Fayette County Board of Education for the past 18 ½ years as the Chief School Finance Officer. Prior to her

employment with Fayette County Board of Education she worked with NTN Bower Corporation as a cost accountant. She is a graduate of the University of North Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and an MBA. Julie is a member of AASBO, CLAS and SSA. She also belongs to various women's organizations in her community.

District 8: Connie Wallace, Florence City Schools - As Assistant Superintendent/CSFO, Connie is responsible for overseeing all of the financial aspects of the school system, construction, maintenance of facilities, the CNP, payroll and personnel related issues, legal assistance and athletics. Prior to joining Florence City Schools, Connie was CSFO at Scottsboro City Schools. Connie received her bachelor's degree from Athens State College and her Master of Business Administration from Jacksonville State University. She is a CPA and currently holds her instructional leadership certificate from the State of Alabama Department of Education.

District 9: Karen O'Bannon, Madison County - Karen has been employed with the Madison County Board of Education for 14 years as the Chief School Finance Officer. Prior to her employment with the Board, she worked with the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for 19 years as an auditor of governmental entities, including school districts across the State. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of Jacksonville State University with a B.S. Degree in Accounting.

Upcoming Events

Local School Financial Management Regional Continuing Education

District 2: April 2, 2019

District 3: April 3-4, 2019

District 4: April 15-16, 2019

District 6: April 10, 2019

District 8: April 15- 16, 2019

District 9: April 10-11, 2019

April 30 - May 3, 2019

Annual Conference

Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, AL



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