



# NAEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 5-7  
2026

Baltimore Marriott  
Waterfront

700 Aliceanna St.  
Baltimore, MD  
21202

\*Schedule in DRAFT and subject to change\*

MONDAY

7:00-9:00 AM

## REGISTRATION

Registration & Exhibits Open

8 AM - 9 AM

## COFFEE & NETWORKING

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and connect with other alternative educators and practitioners

9 AM - 11 AM

## PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Extended Sessions offered for each content strand: - Alternative Education Programming (funding, attendance, processes, etc.), Trauma Informed, SEL & Restorative Practices, CTE, Adult Ed/Justice Impacted Youth, Advocacy

11 AM - 12 PM

## LUNCH

Enjoy a provided lunch while connecting with peers from your region in a relaxed, collaborative setting. This is a valuable opportunity to share ideas, build relationships, and strengthen your regional network.

12 PM - 2 PM

## OPENING CEREMONY

Join alternative educators from across the country as we kick off the conference with an inspiring opening ceremony designed to bring our community together. This is your moment to connect, reflect, and fill your cup for the impactful days ahead.

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION A

Attend breakout sessions across key strands — Alternative Education Programming, Trauma-Informed/SEL & Restorative Practices, CTE, Adult Education/Justice-Impacted Youth, and Advocacy — to gain targeted insights, practical strategies, and innovative approaches to strengthen your work.

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION B



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TUESDAY

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

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8:00 AM-9:30 AM

## KEYNOTE: ERIN GRUWELL

Hear Erin Gruwell, author of *"The Freedom Writers Diary"* share an inspiring keynote tailored for alternative educators. Leave motivated and reenergized to make a lasting impact on your students.

9:45 AM-10:45 AM

## BREAKOUT SESSION C

11:00 AM-12:00  
PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION D

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

LUNCH/MEET & GREET WITH ERIN  
GRUWELL FROM FREEDOM  
WRITERS

1:15 PM - 2:15  
PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION E

2:30 PM- 3:30 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION F

3:30 PM-4:00 PM

AFTERNOON SNACK &  
NETWORKING

4:00 PM-5:00  
PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION G

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

## EVENING RECEPTION

Join us for an evening reception featuring light hors d'oeuvres, music, and continued networking with fellow attendees. It's a relaxed opportunity to connect, unwind, and strengthen new and existing relationships.



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WEDNESDAY

8 AM - 9:30 AM

**BREAKFAST & SYLVIA  
HOOKER KEYNOTE**

9:45 AM - 10:45  
AM

**BREAKOUT SESSION H**

11:00 PM - 12:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION I**

12:00 PM

**ANNUAL BUSINESS  
MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Join us for our annual business meeting as we reflect on organizational progress, share key updates, and outline priorities for the year ahead. Attendees will have the opportunity to stay informed and engaged in shaping the future of our work.