

Session Descriptions Yes! You Can Teach!

February 7, 2014 **TENTATIVE**

Break-Out Sessions: (Breakout sessions are tentative and subject to change depending upon numbers of registrants)

♣ **Session A: Heed the Signals: You Might Want to Be a Teacher If...**

What are the signs that teaching is the profession for you? Did you play “school” as a child? Do you enjoy coaching little league, babysitting, or tutoring peers? Maybe you enjoy volunteering for Vacation Bible School or being a summer camp counselor. Come explore the signals for a career in teaching that you cannot ignore! In this session, a panel of preservice and inservice educators will share their particular stories about how they came to realize that teaching was to be their chosen profession.

♣ **Session B: What Do teachers Do?**

What in the world do teachers do when they aren't teaching? In this session, a panel of teachers from a variety of disciplines and extracurricular sponsorships will tell about their typical schedule and their responsibilities on any given day. Come hear what life is like once you become a teacher!

♣ **Session C: What Other Doors are Open to Me?**

There's a saying, “Once a teacher, always a teacher”. This statement is true to an extent, but being a teacher can lead to other education-related jobs, as well. In this session, a panel of educators will share their stories of how they began their career as classroom teacher and then were led into other jobs within the school system. The doors are wide open. Come hear what could be in store for you!

♣ **Session D: Calling All Archimedes and Einstein Minds**

Do you have a knack for math or science? You don't have to be an Archimedes to be a great math teacher, nor an Einstein to be a great science teacher! But if you excel in math or science, you are needed in Alabama's schools! In this session, a panel of educators and college professors from the teacher shortage areas of mathematics and the sciences will discuss their jobs and the college curriculum for these areas.

♣ **Session E: Having a Heart for Children with Special Needs**

Do you have a heart for children with special needs? If so, then a career in Special Education may be for you! Come hear testimonies from Special Education teachers from our state describe the rewards of working with children with disabilities, and why they chose Special Education as their career.

♣ **Session F 1:** (for teachers only) **College- and Career-Readiness Standards/Plan 20-20**
Exploring CCRS and how it may look in your classroom.

♣ **Session F 2:** (for teachers only) **Round Table Discussions**
Teachers will share best practice instructional lesson ideas they have found to be successful in their classrooms with other teachers.

Closing General Session: What is College Life like as an Education Major?

How does one juggle attending classes in college, participating in extracurricular activities, and completing field-experience hours in the schools? A panel of current college students share their tips for success in college while being an education major.