

**2023**  
**SCAD CONFERENCE**  
52nd Biennial

**"EXCEEDING THE VISION"**

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Lowcountry Conference Center**  
**Summerville, SC**

**August 4-5, 2023**



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## **TOWN *of* SUMMERVILLE**

Dear valued members and families of the SC Association of the Deaf,

Greetings and welcome to Summerville, a town abundant in both history and natural beauty. Our roots date all the way back to the late 1700s, with a deep connection to the Puritans of Dorchester. Over the years, our town has undergone various changes and developments, especially with the arrival of the railroad. However, we remain committed to preserving our natural assets, which is why our historic tree preservation law is still enforced to this day.

We are delighted to host the 2023 SCAD Conference, which aims to advocate for the fair treatment of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in South Carolina, particularly in the fields of education, employment, legislation, and healthcare. We fully endorse their mission and are honored to be the location of choice for this important event.

As you explore Summerville, known as "The Flower Town in the Pines," we hope you will appreciate our devotion to nature and commitment to preserving it, captured in our motto, "Sacra Pinus Esto - The Pine is Sacred."

Welcome to Summerville! I hope your conference goes well and that your time in Summerville is memorable.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ricky Waring



National Association of the Deaf

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Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Team of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), it is my great pleasure and honor to welcome everyone to the South Carolina Association of the Deaf (SCAD)'s 52nd Biennial Conference in Summerville, South Carolina.

The theme, "Exceeding The Vision" represents the importance of learning from our experiences and working together with our old and new roots to continue the rich history of success, advocating for and serving all Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, late-deafened, and Hard of Hearing people since 1911! The NAD depends on strong organizations such as SCAD to accomplish our mutual goals.

The NAD has worked diligently in furtherance of its mission to preserve, protect, and promote the civil, human, and linguistic rights of all Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, late-deafened and Hard of Hearing people in the United States. As it has since 1880 with your support, the NAD advocates and educates political leaders, legislators, judges, media, and society on the rights and needs of 48 million Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, late-deafened, and Hard of Hearing Americans.

Having accomplished so much in recent years thanks in part to partnerships such as with SCAD, the NAD will continue its steadfast and tireless advocacy to achieve true equality for all Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, late-deafened, and Hard of Hearing Americans in every area of life including education, employment, health and mental health, legal and justice systems, technology, and telecommunications. Through litigation, policy work, corporate relations, Deaf Education and Early Intervention, Youth Programs, and Communications -- the NAD looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with SCAD!

Our work ahead depends on all of us collaborating to push for legislative objectives and advocate for legal victories. It is also important that we pass on our advocacy and leadership skills to the next generation to continue our progress and work. With this in mind, we invite you to join us in Albuquerque, New Mexico in September 2023 for our next NAD Leadership Training Conference (NLTC) and in Chicago, Illinois in July 2024 for our next NAD Biennial Conference!

Again, our warmest wishes on behalf of the NAD to everyone in attendance for a highly successful conference and for many more years of needed service to our community!

With Support and Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenny Buechner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jenny Buechner  
Board President



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Dear SCAD Members and Friends,

A warm welcome to our 2023 52<sup>nd</sup> Biennial SCAD Conference!

We are truly delighted that you have chosen to join us this year at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lowcountry Conference Center! We are certain that you'll have a great weekend via attending our two great workshops (Stephanie Hakulin and Michael Deuel, presenters), visiting with our exhibitors, election of new officers, and great entertainment on both Friday and Saturday!

This year's Conference theme is "**Exceeding the Vision**". In recent years, SCAD has achieved many goals in addressing the needs of the Deaf Community via a new vision/mission, legislation passed, etc. However, that does not mean we are done! We must continue to work together with one, strong voice. This means respecting all individuals for who they are—no matter how different they may be from us and using those differences as abilities to bring different perspectives in ways to better the whole Deaf Community! You will hear more of this philosophy in our two workshops: "*Disabling Racism: Time for Ourselves to Examine Diversity and Inclusions in Our Organizations and Shift Our Approach by Having Conversations with Community Members*" and "*Building Trust in the Organization*".

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in service as your conference chair! I wish to give my thanks and recognition to all the SCAD Board members and Conference Committees for their diligent work and support. Without this team effort, we would not be able to appreciate the success of this conference!

Again, welcome to both our conference and Summerville! I'm honored to speak on behalf of both the SCAD Board and Conference Committees in wishing you a fun, and successful learning experience while here! Please have a safe return trip home and look forward to seeing your smiling faces again!

With gratitude,

Jerry Francis  
2023 SCAD Conference Chair



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# Presenters

## FRIDAY WORKSHOP

### " Building Trust in the Organization"



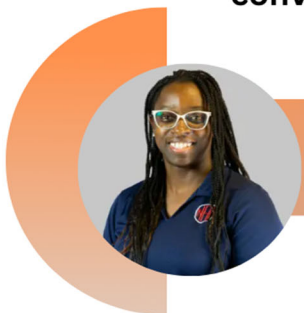
**MICHAEL  
DEUEL**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michael is currently President of the Alabama Association of the Deaf. He works as an Outreach Coordinator and serves 12 states in the Southeast region with the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Special Projects located in Decatur, Alabama. He has worked as a Case Manager for the Deaf since 2015 with AIDB's Regional Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Michael is a native Alabamian and alumni of the Alabama School for the Deaf 1996. He received a BA in Recreation Leadership from Jacksonville State University with a focus in community organization and leadership and pursued his Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at Auburn University in 2019. He currently serves as Region III on the NAD Board 2022-2026.

## SATURDAY WORKSHOP

### "Dismantling racism: Time for ourselves to examine diversity and inclusion in our organizations and shift our approach by having conversations with community members"



**STEPHANIE  
HAKULIN**

Stephanie works as a Deaf Interpreter in Massachusetts. She was the President of the Massachusetts State Association of the Deaf and is currently a loyal member of MSAD. Stephanie was an Appointed NAD Board member in the previous term to focus on dismantling racism within the organization. She has been involved in advocacy organizations such as Deaf Women of Massachusetts, National Deaf People of Color Conference (as Co-Chair), Massachusetts Commission on the Deaf (as an Advisory Board Member) and more. She has two lovely kids and loves sports! She currently serves as Vice President on the NAD Board 2022-2024.

## Friday Night Entertainment



## Saturday Night Entertainment



## 2021-2023 SCAD Board of Directors



**SCAD Board of Directors: Photo in front of ASL I Love You sign statue in Columbia, SC. From right to left: Andrea Johnson-Secretary, Paul LeCroy- Treasurer, Sherry Williams-Vice President, Anita McDaniel-Executive Director (Ex Officio), Glenda McCary-President, Cyndi Tinsley-Upstate Member at Large Jerry Francis-Midlands Member at Large , Jennifer Powell-Pee Dee Member at Large .**

**Low Country-Member at Large: Currently Vacant**

## SCAD Office Staff



**Anita Steichen-McDaniel  
Executive Director**



**Joy Hill  
Office Administrator**



## 2023 Conference Committee

Chair.....	Jerry Francis
Assistant Chair.....	Carolyn Williamson
Consultant.....	Anita McDaniel
Registration.....	Mara Hawkins
Banquet.....	Mary LeCroy & Glenda McCary
Program Book.....	Joy Hill
Workshops.....	Sherry Williams
Hospitality.....	Carolyn Williamson
Donations.....	Jennifer Powell & Cyndi Tinsley
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Awards.....	Andrea Johnson
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Registration at [www.nad.org/2023-nltc/](http://www.nad.org/2023-nltc/)

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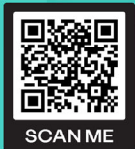


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## How to Apply

-  Fill out an application.
-  Have a professional certifier complete the certification form on the back of the application.
-  Send in the completed application with a copy of the individual's South Carolina ID and a current phone bill.
-  Once all the information is processed, equipment will be shipped to the individual. (Equipment may take up to 30 business days to ship.)

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# Thank you

**Without you this SCAD Conference would not be a success!**

**From: 2021-2023 SCAD Board of Directors**

*Blenda J. McCarry*

*Sherrill*

*Paul Lee*

*She Metzger*

*Jennifer Powell*

*Jay Francis*

*Cyndi Simley*

The South Carolina Association of the Deaf has partnered with the SCSDB Division of Outreach Services to prepare paperwork to submit PINRAs for sessions at this conference. This is for participants attending the workshops to earn RID CEUs.

Thank you Dr. Eric J. Weber, Director of Statewide ASL & Interpreting Services, at SCSDB Outreach!



**Division of  
Outreach  
Services**

# 2023 SCAD 52nd Biennial Conference

## Schedule

<u>Meeting Times</u>	<b>Friday-August 4th (9 AM - 12 PM Open to Public)</b>
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast (Sponsored by Beginnings SC)
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	SCAD Board Updates
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Statewide Agencies Updates
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Deaf Organizations Updates
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	SCAD Office Updates
<b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch on your own</b>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Workshop:</b> “Building Trust in the Organization” - Michael Deuel
3:15 PM -4:30 PM	Open Forum
<b>4:30 PM – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Dinner on your own</b>
<b>7:00 PM- 10:00 PM</b>	Entertainment-Jeopardy!
<u>Meeting Times</u>	<b>Saturday-August 5th (9 AM-12 PM Open to Public)</b>
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast (Sponsored by: Carter Hears!)
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Business Meeting
<b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch on your own</b>
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Workshop:</b> “Dismantling racism: Time for ourselves to examine diversity and inclusion in our organizations and shift our approach by having conversations with community members.” Stephanie Hakulin
<b>3:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Elections</b>
<b>7:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>	Awards Banquet & Entertainment (Murder Mystery Play) Keynote Speaker: Michael Deuel