

2019 TAEA Annual Conference

Keynote Speakers



Chuck Cagle

Charles W. (Chuck) Cagle is a shareholder and chair of the Education Law and Government Relations Practice Group for the firm's Nashville office. He oversees the firm's representation of over 70 public boards of education, two private schools, two private universities, and a private medical school in a variety of legal matters including employment issues related to both licensed and classified employees, employee and student discipline, employee and student rights, special education and disability accommodation, constitutional rights issues, sexual harassment and bullying issues, civil rights, desegregation, school system consolidation, tort liability, school system business practices, school funding, taxation, and school construction.

Mr. Cagle also is a registered lobbyist with the Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance. His list of lobbying clients has included school superintendents, school employee professional organizations, school boards, private schools, private universities. In addition, Mr. Cagle serves as an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University teaching courses in K-12 Education Law and Public Policy and the Law of Higher Education.



Sheila Calloway

Sheila Calloway, a native of Louisville, KY, came to Nashville, Tennessee in 1987 to attend Vanderbilt University Law School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications in 1991 and her Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1994. After graduating from law school, Sheila Calloway worked at the Metropolitan Defender's Office in the adult system as well as the juvenile system. In January 2004, she was appointed by Judge Betty Adams Green to the position of Juvenile Court Magistrate and served in that position until November 2013, when she announced her intention to run for the position of Juvenile Court Judge.

Sheila was elected Davidson County's Juvenile Court Judge in 2014 and was sworn into office for her eight year term on August 28, 2014. Judge Calloway also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Vanderbilt University where she teaches both in the Undergraduate and Law Schools, and an Adjunct Professor Belmont College of Law where she teaches Juvenile Law.

Judge Calloway uses her unique combination of humor, passion, and judicial wisdom to change the way we look at justice in the United States.



Dr. Ron L. Woodard

Dr. Ron L. Woodard was born and raised in Nashville and is an alumnus of Hillsboro High School. Woodard served as principal at Apollo Middle School for three years; earning distinction as a Turn-Around principal, he significantly improved student achievement outcomes for students. Under his leadership, Apollo Middle School moved into “Improving” status and improved its rank from being 450th in Tennessee amongst 500+ Middle schools to being ranked 28th amongst state wide middle schools in 2011 based upon value-added gains. Prior to leading Apollo, Woodard served as assistant principal at Maplewood High for one year and assistant principal at Whites Creek High for four years. He began his career as a teacher and coach at Wright Middle School. Woodard is the former president of the Middle School Athletic Association and founder of D.A.S.H. – Digital Academy for Success in High School at Apollo Middle. Through D.A.S.H. he successfully launched the district’s first 1:1 LAPTOP INITIATIVE for middle schools in MNPS and trained other schools from the district and surrounding counties on implementation as well. The D.A.S.H Academy was featured in the *City Educator* Magazine, News Channel 4 and the *Tennessean* as well. Woodard has served as a community advocate for youth and teen violence prevention all across the city of Nashville. He has served as a district trainer and presenter on numerous occasions on a variety of academic topics including: Teacher Efficacy, School Climate & Culture Building, Memory & Retention Studies, Brain-based Research and Teacher Quality. Woodard is a 2007-08 graduate of the Principals’ Leadership Academy of Nashville and a member of the Leadership Nashville class of 2013. He also participated in the Principals’ Leadership Development Research Study at Vanderbilt University from 2008-2010. He served as a delegate to participate in the Educational Leadership Learning Exchange in China in 2009, where he spent 14 days in Guangdong Province (People’s Republic of China) collaborating with school leaders in China. Woodard earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, a Master’s from Tennessee State University, and he completed the doctoral program at Lipscomb University in 2012. The *Tennessean* honored Woodard in 2010 as one of “Nashville’s Peace Keepers” for his work with conflict resolution, anti-bullying and violence prevention in schools. In Fall 2011, Woodard was assigned to take the helm at Maplewood High School. Since Woodard’s arrival at Maplewood, he has brought a variety of new initiatives that are working to strengthen local business and community partnerships for the school. Led by his mantra... “Lives will be changed in this school every day”, the graduation rate improved by more than 18% and the school moved into “good standing” in 2014. In 2014, Maplewood High School was honored by Metro Nashville Public Schools for having the highest increase in academic test score gains in a single year. In 2015, under Dr. Woodard’s leadership, Maplewood High School celebrated the grand opening of the first Firestone Automotive Training Academy-sponsored by Bridgestone. Woodard also worked with numerous community partners including the Martha O’Bryan Center to develop an Entrepreneurship Center inside of Maplewood High School as well as a College and Career center affectionately known as the “College Zone”. Woodard is very passionate about college access and is the co-founder of the Bridges to Belmont Scholarship Program that has placed more than 100 students from across the city of Nashville in college on full academic scholarships. In 2013, YMCA of Middle TN honored Woodard with the Community Achievement Award for

his outstanding service to the youth of Nashville area. Dr. Woodard was named MNPS Principal of the Year in 2014 and was honored as the 2014 Nashville Chamber of Commerce “Academies of Nashville” Principal of the Year as well. Woodard was also named as the 2015 Northwest YMCA Humanitarian of the Year. In 2016, Woodard received national honors as an “American Graduate Champion” for his work in improving graduation rates and college access for underprivileged students. Woodard is still working to change lives while serving as the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction in Maury County Public Schools.