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Urban Superintendents Association of America Inc. Spring Academy 2025 *A Gathering of Women Leaders from Across the Nation*

In an era where visionary leadership is paramount to educational excellence, the Urban Superintendents Association of America (USAA) is proud to announce a transformative initiative designed to amplify the voices and impact of women in educational leadership. It is my distinct pleasure to invite you to join us for our ***Inaugural Women's Leadership Spring Academy in Austin, Texas, March 26-28, 2025.***

As an organization exclusively serving superintendents of small and medium-sized public-school districts in urban, suburban, and rural communities, USAA understands the unique challenges and opportunities that come with leading in today's dynamic educational landscape. This pioneering academy represents our commitment to fostering excellence and empowerment among women educational leaders who are shaping the future of public education.

Drawing together distinguished female superintendents, deputy superintendents, associate superintendents, assistant superintendents, area and regional superintendents, executive directors, and cabinet-level leaders from across the nation, this academy promises to be an unprecedented opportunity for collaboration, growth, and professional advancement. We hope you will join us and be part of the conversation.

Why Attend?

- Expand your leadership skillset through dynamic workshops and sessions.
- Network with fellow women leaders from across the nation.
- Learn from inspiring keynote speakers.
- Engage in meaningful discussions about the future of women in education.

Included with this invitation is information about the Academy and registration. We are excited about this opportunity of learning and collaboration and hope you will join us in Austin Texas in March. Do not miss this opportunity to be part of a transformative experience that will empower you to lead with renewed vision and confidence. Join us to learn, network, and celebrate women in leadership. See you in Austin!

Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson
Executive Director

Conference Overview

Dates:	March 26 – 28, 2025
Location: Host Hotel	Cambria Hotel Austin Downtown 68 East Avenue Austin, TX 78701
Program Highlights	Luncheon Keynote: Tiffany Taylor Leadership Workshop Trainer: Dr. Claudia Beeny Speaker: Dr. Eleanor Smalley
Registration Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full access to keynote speeches and leadership sessions • Engaging breakout sessions • Opportunity to learn about new products/services to support improved academic achievement. • Networking receptions • Two nights lodging • All meals • Conference materials, including Women in Leadership T-shirt and the book “<i>Leadership on the Line.</i>” • Themed Thursday events combining learning and Texas flair. (<i>Pack your business cards, comfortable jeans, cowboy boots and hat. optional, but encouraged for Thursday events.</i>) • Thursday evening cruise on Lady Bird Lake
Registration Fees	<p>Early Bird Registration: \$495.00 10/28/2024 – 11/29/2024</p> <p>Registration Deadline: \$595.00 1/15/2025</p> <p>Registration Link: USAA Spring Academy 2025</p>
Cancellation Policy	<p>Cancellations must be made in writing before December 13, 2024, and will be refunded.</p> <p>Cancellations received after December 14, 2024, through January 15, 2025, will be refunded 50%.</p> <p>No refunds will be provided after January 15, 2025.</p> <p>Cancellation requests may be emailed to: urbansuperintendents@gmail.com</p>
Additional Questions	For any questions or additional information, please contact Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson at urbansuperintendents@gmail.com or 248-860-7730.

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Featured Keynote Speakers



**Luncheon Speaker:
Tiffany Taylor**

Tiffany Taylor is the Co-President and Partner at GVS Ventures, a female-led venture capital firm focusing on the education technology sector. With 20 years of experience spanning education, non-profit, and public sectors, Tiffany is dedicated to improving access to quality education and unlocking human potential. Her work aims to invest in and promote digital learning solutions across all age groups. In 2022, Microsoft recognized Tiffany as an inspiring civic leader in their Legacy Project, highlighting her as one of 30 African American changemakers.



**Workshop Leader:
Dr. Claudia Beeny**

Dr. Claudia K. Beeny is the Founder and Executive Director of House of Shine, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals discover and leverage their unique talents for the betterment of their communities. With over 30 years of experience in education, Dr. Beeny has devoted her career to igniting passion and energy in others. Through House of Shine, she and her team focus on developing confident, self-aware, and resilient leaders who understand the importance of their contributions to the world. Dr. Beeny's work aims to strengthen communities by empowering individuals to recognize and utilize their distinctive qualities.



**Speaker:
Dr. Eleanor Smalley**

Dr. Eleanor Smalley serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of JASON Learning, bringing decades of transformative educational leadership experience to the role. A passionate advocate for innovative learning models, Dr. Smalley previously served as Senior Project Director at the University of Virginia's Darden Curry Partnership for Leaders in Education, where she worked to align leadership and business practices between state and district superintendents. During her distinguished 30-year career in public education, including 12 years as Superintendent, Dr. Smalley established an impressive track record of student success.

Additional Speakers/Presenters

Dr. Daveda Colbert	Superintendent Wayne RESA Wayne, MI
Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat	Superintendent Peoria Public Schools Peoria, IL
Dr. Anne-Marie Foucault	Superintendent St. Michael-Albertville School District, Albertville, MN
Dr. LaRuth Gray	Retired Superintendent, Former Deputy Director and Scholar-in-Residence at New York University New Rochelle, NY
Dr. Erin Keating	Superintendent Scranton School District Scranton, PA
Regina Rossall	Superintendent Westside Union School District. Quartz Hill, CA
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