

## May 3, 2019 OAPSA Conference

### Speaker Information:

#### **Luann Lipscomb Purcell, Ed.D.**

Executive Director of the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE): 2002-present

Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services, Houston County Schools: 1984-2002

Child Find Coordinator, NEGARESA, Athens, GA , 1982-84

Teacher-History/Emotional Behavioral Disorders, Houston County, 1973-1982

English Teacher: Glynn County GA 1972-1973

### Education:

Doctorate in Education, Administration & Supervision, University of Georgia, 1990

Specialist in Education, Emotionally Disturbed Children, University of Georgia, 1976

Masters of Education, Emotionally Disturbed Children, University of Georgia, 1975

Bachelors of Arts, History/English, Georgia Southern University, 1972

### Current Job Description:

Chief Executive Officer of an international professional organization of school administrators whose primary responsibility is in leadership of special education programs for children. CASE, Inc. celebrated it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April, 2002 and currently has about 4800 members in the USA, Canada, and 7 other countries. Major job responsibilities include:

1. Consulting and advising administrators on best practices for leadership and development of quality programs for students with disabilities
2. Assisting members in developing networking systems through state, provincial, and country units in order to provide better services to members
3. Advocating at the governmental level to assure appropriate legislation to facilitate the development and maintenance of quality programs for students with disabilities

4. Providing Keynote/breakout sessions/etc at state/provincial and regional conferences on leadership, legislative/policy updates, attitude adjustment, the passion in compassion, and other current education issues

**Awards:**

Martha J. Fields Award for Excellence, National Association of State Directors of Special Education, September, 2008, Keowah Island, SC..

Distinguished Alumnus, University of Georgia, College of Education, Department of Educational Leadership, January 2001;

Harrie M. Selznick International Award in 2000 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and the

Lillie N. Moncus Georgia Award in 1999 in Savannah, GA, both for Distinguished Service in the area of Special Education Leadership;

Georgia CEC Teacher of the Year in 1979, and Houston County CEC Teacher of the Year in 1979.

**Community Service Activities:**

GA State Board for Early Care and Learning Chair/ Vice Chair/ Member 2006-Present

Member/Spokes person Heart of Georgia Developmental Disabilities Ministry 2005-Present

Co Director of WMU for Rehoboth Baptist Association, 2005-present

WMU Director for First Baptist Centerville 2007-present

Founding Board member Houston County YMCA

Founding Board member Houston County Kids Journey/Family

Connection

Member First Baptist Centerville (FBCC) 1984-present

FBCC previous service: Director of Discipleship Training,

Sunday School Director, Sunday School

Teacher (young marrieds/ currently older adult couples), WMU director, WOM leader)

Led/spoken at numerous Women retreats for various churches as both keynote and session leader

Spoken in churches in South Korea and Russia

**Family:**

Married: **Douglas Purcell**, August 12, 1972...retired elementary physical education teacher

Sons: **Matthew**, March 16, 1977- married to Misty Hamilton, October 30, 1999, grandchildren, Nate-November 17, 2000; Andrew-February 10, 2003; Jack-April 27, 2007; Lily June 8, 2011... Urologist; Birmingham, AL

**Wiley**, February 15, 1981-married to Jenny Eastman, October 9, 2010, grandsons: Nolan July 27, 2013 , Elijah, January 14, 2016, Virginia August 28, 2017...High School Science Teacher 8 years; Endodontic Resident at the Dental College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia

**Session Information:****Hit the Ground Running or Just Hit the Ground**

What is one of the most important characteristics of a GREAT educator/education leader? Certainly resiliency has to be in the top five if not THE top. Why is it important and what happens without it? Can you develop resiliency or improve it? What does balance and preparation have to do with leadership? Educators/leaders who not only survive but indeed “thrive” have resiliency and balance so when a crisis or change comes, they hit the ground running and are always the leader of the pack. This session will help you evaluate your resiliency and balance as well as give you the tools to hit the ground running!