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Dear GASP Members,

It is an exciting time to be a member of GASP, as we celebrate 45 years of working together and expanding our roles to provide the best services possible to the children of Georgia. We hope that everyone has had a great 2015-2016 year thus far!

The theme for the GASP Fall conference is "**Changing Tides: Current Research, Intervention, and Practice**" and the sessions will be diverse and jam-packed, along with fun social events (including a **Fun Run, Tours and Crawls/Walks, President's Breakfast, Region Basket Competition, Exploring Savannah**) for all. In addition, your registration for the Fall conference includes a welcome gift of a GASP stylus/pen combination and GASP ear buds. The dates of the conference are October 5<sup>th</sup> through October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please do not forget the GASP Region Basket Competition. We have decided to switch things up a bit with how we raise money for a children's organization in Georgia. In place of the Silent Auction, there will be a themed basket raffle competition. The GASP region basket theme is "Ride the Tide." Instead of having the baskets labeled by region, each region chose a children's charitable organization to represent. The Region whose basket collects the greatest number of raffle tickets will win all of the money raised for their selected charitable organization. Items donated at the GASP Conference will have its own box for tickets and that money will be included in the grand total donated to the winning region's charity. Tickets will be sold at Fall Conference on Monday and Tuesday and the drawing will be done Tuesday afternoon right before the student reception. The winners will be posted in the lobby. Baskets must be picked up by the end of the conference on Wednesday. Tickets will be \$3 a ticket or 5 for \$10.

**National School Psychology Awareness Week** is November 9-13, 2015. The theme for 2015 School Psychology Awareness Week is **Connect the Dots and THRIVE!** The goal is to help connect students to the academic and social-emotional skills they need to promote personal achievement, growth, and resilience, as well as a sense of belonging and wellbeing. Resources and messaging can be adapted to students and adults, different age groups, and multiple contexts. This year's initiative involves a series of resources and suggested activities to help school staff, students and parents understand the many factors that help them thrive, and the importance of connecting those factors to overall achievement. A copy of Governor Nathan Deal's proclamation of School Psychology Awareness Week in Georgia is available for members on our GASP website. In our efforts to conserve resources and "go green," ideas for increasing awareness and a sample press release are available on our website [www.gaspnet.org](http://www.gaspnet.org) and on the NASP website [www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org). Please help promote this important week in your local district.

We look forward to seeing you at our conferences and hope you have a great year.

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