

Candidate for Vice President
Dr. Johnelle L. Sherald



Current NAA Vice President

Dr. Johnelle L. Sherald is a native of Georgetown, South Carolina and a 1976 graduate of St. Augustine's University with a Bachelors' Degree in Physical Education and Health. She continued her studies at The Ohio State University and earned a Masters' Degree in Adapted Physical Education. Not done with her pursuit of education, she went on to earn a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership at Nova Southeastern University. She credits St. Augustine's University for her foundation as an educator.

Dr. Johnelle L. Sherald retired from the South Carolina State Department of Education in 2010 after 34 years as an educator. Her former positions included Physical Education and Health Teacher, Child Development Teacher for the first pre-school pilot program for the State of South Carolina, Elementary Assistant Principal (4 years) and Elementary Principal (16 years) in South Carolina. Her position at the Department of Education was that of Education Associate in the Office of School Leadership where she developed the first professional development program for newly appointed assistant principals statewide.

As an experienced School Administrator, Dr. Sherald was trained and served on three Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) committees in the State of South Carolina and those experiences provided her insights into the standards that SACS require of all schools and colleges. She also led her own schools through the process of accreditation through SACS and served as a member of committees as a teacher.

She also served as an Instructor and Cheerleader Advisor at her beloved St. Augustine's University from 1977-1980 in the Physical Education Department. Other Higher Education experiences included Adjunct Instructor at Coastal Carolina University, Voorhees College and South Carolina State University. Following her retirement, she continued in the field of education as a Liaison for the Office of Special Projects at the Department of Education and Director of Instruction in Allendale, SC and Coordinator for Teacher Quality in Chester County in South Carolina. She is CEO of Inclusions21st, LLC providing professional development workshop sessions on Cultural Responsive Education and various education topics.

Dr. Sherald is Past-President of the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators and Past Conference-Chair of their Annual Winter Conference for 4 years. She is most

proud to be President of the Columbia South Carolina Chapter of St. Augustine's University Alumni Association for the past three years.

She currently serves as Vice President of the National Alumni Association for the past two years. During her term as Vice-President of the NAA she worked to organize the Alumni House office and the Alumni Chapter files as well as worked with the Chapters to apply for Charters, Tax ID numbers, to file Articles of Incorporation in their states as Non-profits and to acquire 501 © 3 Tax exempt status. She has to date, guided six Chapters to become Chartered and currently working with two others. NAA now has a total of nine Chapters Chartered. She also chairs the Summer Conference Committee and Co-Chairs the Membership Committee. Dr. Sherald is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Richland County SC Alumnae Chapter in Columbia, SC.

During her career as an educator she received School Incentive Awards for two of her schools from the South Carolina State Department of Education for School Improvement. Among others she was awarded a Teacher Recruiter of the Year Award from Georgetown County School District and the President's Award by the South Carolina Alliance of Black School Educators. Dr. Sherald was also honored to serve as Principal Mentor for 3 years for the Department of Education mentoring first-year principals.

Dr. Johnelle L. Sherald is the daughter of the late John L. Sherald, Jr. and the late Vera H. Sherald and she resides in Blythewood, South Carolina. She is a member of Bethel AME Church, Georgetown, SC.