

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 31

Participants will meet in Anderson Hall.

Monday, June 1

Participants travel to Eagle Ridge for a day of team building activities.

Tuesday, June 2

Baruti Kafele

Wednesday, June 3

Salome Thomas

Thursday, June 4

Dr. Stephen Barkley

Friday, June 5

Celebration and Closing



Registration

Space is limited and priority is given to the first 100 participants. Registration is \$1,000 and does not include lodging. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided.

All registration will be confirmed electronically after receiving a check or purchase order number.

Make checks payable to:

Mississippi College Principals' Institute

Send registration to:

Fax: 601-925-3840 or

Email: taduke@mc.edu

Checks must be received by March 5, 2026

Return registration form and PO number to:

taduke@mc.edu

or mail to:

Mississippi College
P.O. Box 4009
Clinton, MS 39058
601-925-7768
Dr. Teresa Duke

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full refund if cancelled BEFORE April 1, 2026. Cancellations after April 1 and before May 16, 2026 at only 50%. All cancellations after May 15, 2026 require full payment.



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WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT WE DO.

The Principals' Institute at Mississippi College, housed within the University's Education Department, is dedicated to fostering the personal and professional growth of principals as educational leaders. Our mission is to enhance the quality of education by empowering school principals through advanced training and support. By equipping these leaders with the tools and strategies they need, we aim to positively impact the entire school community, ultimately benefiting the students and ensuring a brighter future for all children.

Speakers

Dr. Baruti Kafele

Principal Kafele is the creator and host of the popular AP & New Principals Academy, streamed live every Saturday morning on his AP & New Principals Academy YouTube channel at 10:55 ET. He is the recipient of over 150 educational, professional and community awards which include the prestigious Milken Educator Award, the National Alliance of Black School Educators Hall of Fame Award, the East Orange, NJ Hall of Fame Award, recognition as one of the World's Top 30 Education Professionals for five consecutive years



(2020 – 2024) by Global Gurus Top 30, and the City of Dickinson, Texas proclaiming February 8, 1998 as Baruti Kafele Day.

Dr. Salome Thomas-EL

Through his powerful combination of passion and leadership, Principal EL unpacks this vision for change with the "4Cs of School Success:" Being Crazy about students, Curious about their



lives outside of school, Consistent as adults in their lives, and driven to foster a Culture that is grounded in love, support, joy, and resilience. Attendees will better understand the power of adult-child relationships in schools and celebrate the impact that can be made when roles as learners and compassionate leaders are leveraged. Teachers and administrators will leave with an inspiring, common-sense roadmap to help children achieve their dreams, no matter the odds.

Dr. Salome Thomas-EL has been a teacher and principal since 1987. He received national acclaim as a teacher and chess coach, where his students have gone on to win world recognition as Eight-Time National Chess Champions. Principal EL is the author/co-author of five best-selling books, I Choose to Stay (movie rights optioned by Disney Films), The Immortality of Influence, which stresses the importance of leadership, mentoring, parenting, and service to others, and the newly released Passionate Leadership, Building a Winning Team, and Retention for a Change. Thomas-EL speaks to groups around the country and frequently appears on C-SPAN,

CNN, and NPR Radio. Principal EL has studied at Cambridge University in England, Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, and holds a doctorate in Education from Wilmington University in Delaware. He has received the Marcus A. Foster Award as the outstanding School District Administrator in Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania's distinguished Martin Luther King Award. Reader's Digest Magazine recognized Dr. EL as an "Inspiring American Icon." Principal EL has also appeared on GMA and The Oprah Radio Network.

Dr. Stephen Barkley

Steve Barkley, Chief Learning Officer and Executive Vice-President of PLS 3rd Learning, is internationally recognized for his ability to facilitate change through his teaching and coaching.



He is skilled in guiding teams through continuous improvement with coaching, mentoring, and professional learning communities. Most recently, Steve has concentrated on leadership training, coaching skills, and establishing teacher professional development goals, often focused on efficacy, agency and accelerated learning. Students' holistic growth requires learning opportunities that are authentic, purposeful, and connected.

Steve is a master teacher-of-educators, a highly motivational speaker who is extraordinarily knowledgeable about life in schools. A catalyst for growth, he is a true role model who practices what he teaches.