# 2026 SERID Conference

## Biloxi, Mississippi

## AGENDA

### Sunday October 25

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| 6:00pm - 10:00pm | **SERID Board Meeting** |

### Monday October 26

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| 9:00am - 12:00pm | **State Coordinator for the DeafBlind (SCDB) Meeting** \|Ship Island A |
| 9:00am - 12:00pm | **State Coordinator for the Deaf (SCD) Meeting** \| Ship Island C |
| 12:00pm - 1:00pm | **Lunch**<br>SCD & SCDB \|Ship Island B |
| 1:00pm - 5:00pm | **State Coordinator for the DeafBlind (SCDB) Meeting** \|Ship Island A |
| 1:00pm - 5:00pm | **State Coordinator for the Deaf (SCD) Meeting** \| Ship Island C |
| 12:00pm - 6:00pm | **Exhibitor Registration** \| Round Island B<br>*Additional setup time - Tuesday October 27 \| 7:30 - 9:00am*<br>**Exhibitor Set-up** \| Deer Island Ballroom |
| 3:00pm - 8:00pm | **Hotel Check-In** |
| 3:00pm - 6:00pm | **Attendee Registration** \| Round Island B |
| 6:00pm - 8:00pm | **President's Welcome Reception** \| H20 Pool<br>*Grand Ballroom if inclement weather* |

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**Tuesday**
**October 27**

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**8:00am - 10:00am** — **Attendee Registration** | Round Island B

**10:00am** — **Welcome to SERID** | Grand Ballroom
MDRS Executive Director - Billy Taylor
SERID President - Denee Smith

**10:45am - 11:00am** — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**11:00am - 12:00pm** — **Keynote Speakers** | Grand Ballroom
Scott Lehmann and Shayna Unger

**12:00pm - 1:00pm** — **Lunch On Your Own** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**1:00pm - 2:15pm** — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Charity Reedy Warigon**
*"Connecting IDEA, WIOA, and Employment: Understanding the School-to-VR Process"*

Ship Island C - **Kasee Stratton-Gadke**
*"Communication and Educational Needs for Persons with CHARGE Syndrome"*

Petit Bois - **Miranda Beard**
*"From Voice to Power: Centering DeafBlind Leadership in Decision Making"*

**2:15pm - 2:30pm** — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

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**2:30pm - 3:45pm**

**Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Charity Reedy Warigon**
*"The Invisible Curriculum: Teaching the Soft Skills That Lead to Employment Success"*

Ship Island C - **Charlene J. Crump**
*"Language Dysfluency and Language Deprivation in Community Based Settings"*

Petit Bois - **Cindy Camp**
*"Riding the Wave of Accessibility: Best Practices for Virtual Meetings with Deaf Participants"*

**3:45pm - 5:00pm**

**Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Shonna Magee**
*"Good Intentions Are Not Enough"*

Ship Island C - **Nicky Gillies**
*"The Usher Syndrome Career Mentoring Program: A Novel Pilot"*

Petit Bois - **Candice Tate and Kelly Sterling**
*"Policy, Power, and Succession: Building State-Level Deaf Services in a complex System"*

**5:00pm** Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**6:00pm** Dinner On Your Own

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**Wednesday October 28**

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**8:00am** — **Breakfast** | Next to Grand Ballroom

**9:00am - 10:30am** — **General Session** | Grand Ballroom
Dr. Wyatte Hall
*"Language Deprivation"*

**10:30am - 10:45am** — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**10:45am - 12:00pm** — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Shonna Magee**
*"Interpreting in Emergency Management Settings"*

Ship Island C - **Caroline Solomon**
*"A synthesis: The Current Landscape of STEM Education for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Students"*

Petit Bois - **Cindy Camp**
*"Creating Classroom Access for All Through Captioned, Described and Signed Videos"*

**12:00pm - 1:00pm** — **Lunch On Your Own** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**1:00pm - 2:15pm** — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Marilyn C. Trader, MSW**
*"Riding the Waves Together! Collaborative Approach Working with Current and Future DeafBlind Job Seekers Requiring Additional Complex Support Needs"*

Ship Island C - **Trisha Zyrowski and Mariann Christman**
*"Ensuring Quality Practitioners and Leaders in Deaf Education: Advancing Excellence Through the Quill Model Competencies and Certification Pathways"*

Petit Bois - **Amanda Gerson**
*"Welcome to Gally-Land: Supporting Gallaudet Students Through Sweet Successes and Sticky Situations"*

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**2:15pm - 2:45pm** **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**2:45pm - 4:00pm** **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island C - **Adam Garfinkel**
*"The Benefits of Dual Enrollment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students: Bridging the Gap to Postsecondary Success"*

Petit Bois - **Amanda Gerson**
*"Welcome to Gally-Land: Supporting Gallaudet Students Through Sweet Successes and Sticky Situations"*

**6:30pm - 8:00pm** **Awards Banquet** | Grand Ballroom
Dinner Provided

## Thursday October 29

**8:00am** **Breakfast** | Next to Grand Ballroom

**9:00am - 10:15am** **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Roger Williams**
*"Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Real Life Applications of Demand Control Schema to Ethical Decision-Making"*

Ship Island C - **Mariann Christman, Rylina Dey, Holly May, Aileen Welch**
*"Language, Identity and Well-Being: Addressing the Long Term Effects of Language Deprivation"*

Petit Bois - **Todd A. Czubek**
*"ASL Skills and Their Impact on Academic Success"*

**10:15am - 10:45am** **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

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**10:45am - 12:00pm**

**Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Dara Baril, Laura Robison, Candice Tate**
*"Waves of Change: What North Carolina's Listening Sessions Reveal About Improving Mental Health Access"*

Ship Island C - **Mary Lundy Meruvia, Kambree Chickaway**
*"Providing Services to Native American Individuals with Disabilities"*

Petit Bois - **Erin Salmon, Jasmine Lowe, Kelly Spell**
*"Deaf and What: Reframing Our Works and Its Impact on the Intersectionality of the Deaf and Developmental Disability Communities"*

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**

**Lunch On Your Own** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**1:00pm - 2:15pm**

**Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island A - **Ashley Benton**
*"Dive In: Exploring the DeafBlind Experience-An Introduction to DeafBlind Community Needs and HKNC Services!"*

Ship Island C - **Roger Williams**
*"Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Real Life Applications of Demand Control Schema to Ethical Decision-Making"*

Petit Bois - **Bryce Upshaw and Macaulay Beasley**
*"The EMERGE Center"*

**2:15pm - 2:45pm**

**Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

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**2:45pm - 4:00pm** — **Breakout Sessions**

Ship Island C - **Rylina Dey, Aileen Welch**
*"Reframing Self Advocacy: A Global Inclusion Approach for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students"*

Petit Bois - **Michelle Montelongo**
*"Promoting Ethical Practice: Nevada's DC-S Supervision Model as a Blueprint for Addressing Interpreter Development, Isolation, Burnout, Attrition and Retention"*

**4:00pm - 5:00pm** — **Break** - Visit Vendors | Deer Island Ballroom

**5:00pm** — **Dinner On Your Own**

**7:00pm** — **Dancing Through The Decades Party** | Costume Contest
Heavy hors d'oeuvres | Grand Ballroom

### Friday October 30

**8:00am - 10:00am** — **Farewell Breakfast** | Grand Ballroom

**10:00am - 11:00am** — **General Session**
Grand Ballroom - **JC Jerome Smith**
*Closing Keynote*

**11:00am - 11:30am** — **Welcome to SERID 2027 - Kentucky**

**11:30am** — **Adjourn** | Safe Travels!

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