

The graphic features a stylized American flag with stars and stripes, overlaid with a map of Alabama. The word 'JROTC' is written in a large, bold, blue font across the map. Below the map, the word 'ALABAMA' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the phrase 'EMBRACE THE CALL' is written in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. The background is a gradient of blue and red with various star patterns.

# ALABAMA EMBRACE THE CALL

## ALABAMA JROTC 2024 STATE CONFERENCE Registration Guide

### EVENT ESSENTIALS

Join us Friday, March 8, 2024 for the annual Alabama JROTC State Conference. The conference will take place at the Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill (2500 Legends Circle, Prattville AL 36066).

Registration closes February 16th at 5:00 PM CST. After the 16th, cancellations will no longer be permitted-- substitutions only. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your group's spot today by visiting [alabamajrotc.org/events/slc](http://alabamajrotc.org/events/slc).

This one-day conference will focus on the theme "Embrace the Call" to improve leadership skills for all participants. Additionally, the JROTC State Officers selected for the 2024-2025 school year will be announced. Cadets from all corners of Alabama meet to learn, network, share best practices, and grow their leadership while having a wonderful experience.

Learn more and review forms and documents at [alabamajrotc.org/events](http://alabamajrotc.org/events). Be sure each of your students/participants complete the [JROTC Participant Permission Form](#). As an instructor, you will sign and confirm your understanding of both the Covid Policy Form as well as the Instructor Statement of Assurance Form during the registration process.

For questions about registration or the conference, please reach out to Larry Schultz at [lawrence.schultz@alsde.edu](mailto:lawrence.schultz@alsde.edu).

Cost of attendance is \$30 per participant and includes lunch and a tee-shirt. Payments can be remitted to: Career and Technical Education / JROTC Alabama State Department of Education P.O. Box 302101 Montgomery, AL 36130-2101.

### Conference Schedule

*Subject to Change*

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Chapter Check-In  
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Opening Session  
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Breakout Session 1  
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Breakout Session 2  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Breakout Session 3  
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM Closing Session

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#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER **PATRICK GRADY**

Patrick T. Grady is a former middle school and high school educator who now travels full-time throughout our nation inspiring and encouraging individuals to do their best in all that they attempt. Patrick has more than two decades of experience speaking full time to associations, corporations, chambers of commerce, civic groups, educators and students. Patrick is the author of the book, “Who Packs the Parachute?” and is co-author of “Teen Power Too” and “Teen Power & Beyond.” Patrick is dedicated to helping others to improve themselves through the use of each person’s individual talents, skills, abilities, and mental attitude.

Patrick, a graduate of the University of Florida, is the former vice-president of the Tomorrow’s America Foundation, Inc. (TAF). TAF is an organization that develops and implements leadership workshops for adults and young leaders. He empowers participants to study the principles of motivation, goal setting, group dynamics, communication, free enterprise, belief in self, public speaking, and creative leadership.

Patrick’s speaking provides individuals with numerous keys to successful living. His unique ability to make people laugh keeps audiences on the edge of their seats and wanting more. Thousands of individuals have been inspired and motivated by Patrick’s lighthearted messages.

Patrick and his wife, Rozanne, reside in Wahoo, Florida. They have three children; Brittani and twins Ashley & Brandon.

#### WORKSHOP PRESENTER **NATHANIEL TAVAREZ**



Nathaniel Tavarez is a highly motivated, self-made entrepreneur, who at just 20 years old, is the prime example of an inspiring outlier. A first-generation college student at Texas Tech University, Nathaniel majors in Business Administration with a concentration in Strategic Entrepreneurship and Innovation. He also has been an active member within Career and Technical Student Organizations for 7+ years. As a keynote speaker and workshop host, his mission is to inspire and equip student leaders with strategies and tools for lasting success through servant leadership. With his age, the content of his presentations are highly relatable to youth audiences and intensely encouraging for adults.