

GVEST 2026 Conference Overview

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 (7 Credit Hours)

8:30 am to 9:30 am Sign-In & Registration

9:30 am to 10:30 am Welcome & Conference Overview

Keynote: Joe Strechay, Film 101 from a Producer Who is Blind (Session W.1.a)



10:35 am to 11:35 pm 60-minute Concurrent Session

Strand	Transition (240)	Assistive Technology (75)	VI Essentials (40)	Complex (42)	O&M (64)	VI Essentials (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	W.2.a	W.2.b	W.2.c	W.2.d	W.2.e	W.2.f
Presenter	College and Work	CATT: Fuller	Cindy Camp	Boyle, Paschal, Spratling	Karen Walker	Hardwick & Maniscalco
Topic	Joe Strechay	APH, AT & ECC	Accessible Media	Literacy for All pt1	Get Them Moving	Back to the Basics

11:35 pm to 12:50 pm Buffet LUNCH & LEARN (Session W.3) Center for Assistive Technology Training (CATT) Services & Supports, Southeast Region

12:55 pm to 1:55 pm 60-minute Concurrent Session

Strand	Assessment (240)	Assistive Technology (75)	O&M (40)	Complex (42)	VI Essentials (64)	VR Counselors (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	W.4.a	W.4.b	W.4.c	W.4.d	W.4.e	W.4.f
Presenter	Lacey Long	Cody Laplante	Amy Parker	Boyle, Paschal, Spratling	Carmen Willings	GVRA Discussion Table
Topic	Assessment to Access	IT Braille Transcriber	O&M	Literacy for All pt2	Sustainable Accessibility	(12:35-2:35)

1:55 pm to 2:55 pm 60-minute Exhibitor Showcase W.5

2:55 pm to 3:55 pm 60-minute GVEST

Strand	Assistive Technology (240)	Census Procedures (75)	O&M (40)	Transition (42)	Low Vision (64)	VI Essentials (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	W.6.a	W.6.b	W.6.c	W.6.d	W.6.e	W.6.f
Presenter	Lacey Long	GIMC: Toles & Harris	Amy Parker	Nancy & Heather	Cody Laplante	Katrina Lowry
Topic	AT & Early Childhood	New State Processes	O&M	Comm. DB Adults	Low Vision AT Strategies	Using What You've Got

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm 60-minute Concurrent Session

Strand	Assistive Technology (240)	Transition (75)	VR Service (40)	Complex (42)	VI Essentials (64)	O&M (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	W.7.a	W.7.b	W.7.c	W.7.d	W.7.e	W.7.f
Presenter	CATT: Thomas	Cindy Camp	VR Counselors	Boyle & Paschal	Carmen Willings	Sarah Bussey Facilitator
Topic	STEM	Transition Planning	GVRA for TVIs	CVI Strategies	Teach ECC Activities	PROWAG APS System

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Social at Yollah Social Kitchen, 894 College Street, Macon, GA 31066

Thursday, October 15, 2026 (8 Credit Hours)

8:00 am to 9:00 am 60-minute Concurrent Session

Strand	Complex (240)	Census Procedures (75)	Assistive Technology (40)	Low Vision (42)	VI Essentials (64)	VR Counselors (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	Th.1.a	Th.1.b REPEAT	Th.1.c	Th.1.d	Th.1.e	Th.1.f
Presenter	Lacey Long	GIMC: Toles & Harris	Kevin Fitch	Steinberg, et al	Hollie Knight	Nancy Bashizi
Topic	AT & DeafBlind	New State Processes	What is NVDA	Low Vision Tech for ECC	Tactile Graphic Groove	O&M for Adults

9:05 am to 10:05 am 60-minute Concurrent Session

Strand	Transition (240)	O&M (75)	Assessment (40)	Assistive Technology (42)	VI Essentials (64)	VR Counselors (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	Th.2.a	Th.2.b	Th.2.c	Th.2.d REPEAT	Th.2.e	Th.2.f
Presenter	Tools in the Toolbox	Amy Parker	Bowie & Lyttle	CATT: Fuller	Carmen Willings	Nancy Bashizi
Topic	Joe Strechay	O&M for Complex pt1	Build AT Assessment	APH, AT & ECC	Themes to Teach ECC	VRT for GVRA

Morning Snack 10:05-10:20

10:20 am to 11:20 am – 60-minute

Strand	Transition (240)	O&M (75)	Assistive Technology (40)	Complex (42)	Low Vision (64)	Assistive Technology (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	Th.3.a	Th.3.b	Th.3.c	Th.3.d	Th.3.e	Th.3.f REPEAT
Presenter	Joe Stetchay	Amy Parker	Martin, Allen, & Knight	Hunter McFeron	Tracy Fitch	CATT: Thomas
Topic	Address Elephant in Rm	O&M for Complex pt2	Corel Basics	Communication Basics	Beyond Digital Paper	STEM

11:25 am to 12:25 pm – Roundtables

Strand	Complex & EI	Assistive Technology (75)	O&M (40)	Transition (42)	VI Essentials (64)	VR Counselors (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	Th.4.a	Th.4.b	Th.4.c	Th.4.d	Th.4.e	Th.4.f
Presenter	Complex Team	AT Team	O&M Team	Adult/Transition Team	TVI Team	Shirley Robinson
Topic	Complex Roundtable	AT Roundtable	O&M Roundtable	Moving On Roundtable	TVI Roundtable	VR: Vendor Walkthrough

12:25 am to 1:25 pm LUNCH & LEARN - Michael & Amanda Dennis (Goalball) then GaAER Th. 5

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm 60-minute Concurrent Session

Strand	Transition (240)	Complex (75)	Low Vision (40)	Assistive Technology (42)	VI Essentials (64)	O&M (20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	Th.6.a REPEAT	Th.6.b	Th.6.c	Th.6.d	Th.6.e	Th.6.f
Presenter	Joe Strechay	Long & Bowie	Cody Laplante	Mary Ann Boger	Stephanie Hardwick	TBD
Topic	College and Work	AT & CVI	Low Vision AT Strategies	Prerec. for VoiceOver	AI for the TVI	

2:35 pm to 3:35 pm 60-minute Concurrent Session

Strand	Assistive Technology (240)	VI Essentials(75)	O&M (40)	Complex (42)	Accessibility (64)	VR Counselors(20)
Room	Room 211 (Banquet Hall)	Stadium	Room 234 computer lab	Room 237	Room 238	Room 239
Session	Th.7.a	Th.7.b	Th.7.c	Th.7.d REPEAT	Th.7.e	Th.7.f **starts @3pm
Presenter	CATT: Thomas	Carmen Willings	Bussey & Bowie	Hunter McFeron	GIMC: Toles & Harris	Dr. Forche
Topic	AT Independence	This is Your Document	O&M	Communication Basics	Document Accessibility	Low Vision/Wearable AT

3:40 pm to 4:40 pm 60-minute - State updates & Prizes Th.8a-GVEST Award, Art Show (VR: Dr. Forche 3:40-4:40 pm). Read eye report for VR counselors