



"Anchors Aweigh"

Anchor President

Hey Georgia Anchors! My name is Thomas Hogan, and I am so beyond excited to be serving you this year as the Georgia District President. I am currently a Senior at West Laurens High School, where I hold leadership positions in several organizations. I am also President of our anchor club at West Laurens, Secretary of our FFA Chapter, Treasurer of our Beta Club, and Vice President of our Student Body. While it may seem that this is a wide array of organizations, and it is, the one thing they all have in common is that at the end of the day, they are all about serving others.

This is the beginning of my third year as a member of this wonderful organization, and in that time, it has taught me so much about what it means to serve. The District Pilot theme this year is "Spreading Joy through Pilot friendship and service", and while we may not realize it, that is something we all do as Anchor Club members. Through all the wonderful service projects that the chapters which make up the Georgia District take part in each year, we are directly responsible for spreading joy in our communities. That is my favorite part about the Anchor Club, how every member has the same mindset about helping others, and it's especially fun to come together at convention every year and participate in projects together. I think this year is going to be a great one, and I cannot wait to see everyone at the District Convention at Stone Mountain this February!

Thomas

Anchor President-Elect

Hello, Georgia Anchors! My name is Adelyn Thompson, and I am proud to serve as your 2025-26 President Elect! I am currently a junior at Rabun County Highschool, and I am active in an array of clubs including FCA, NHS, and, obviously, Anchor! In NHS, I serve as the historian, along with serving on the leadership team in FCA. I also participate in basketball and play all year round! I love to meet new people and love to serve. Galatians 5:13 says, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." This year, I cannot wait to use the opportunity that was gifted to me to serve Georgia Anchors in the way I am called to do! I wish everyone the best of luck this year and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in February!

Adelyn

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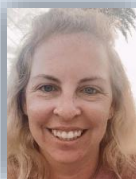
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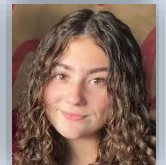
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2025-2026 Anchor Board with GA District Officers at their Board meeting in Macon. Gerianna Moon (Anchor Coor.), Kerrin Daniel (Asst. Anchor Coor.), Jada Sanders (SW Reg. Chair), Rhett Bazemore (SE Reg. Chair), Mitchell Carter (Convention Chair), Adelyn Thompson (President-Elect), Thomas Hogan (President), Cameron Whigham (Secretary), Genesis Figueroa (NE Reg. Chair), Addison Coker (EC Reg. Chair), Ryleigh Borim (NW Reg. Chair) & Governor Mary Turner



Anchor Secretary Cameron Whigham

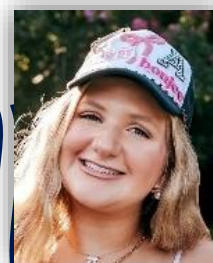
Hello!! My name is Cameron Whigham (Bainbridge High School) and I hold the office of District Secretary for the 2025-2026 school year! In the previous year, Gurpreet Kaur (Bainbridge High School) and she have done a wonderful job of passing the torch off to me. I am a senior this year, and at my own school I hold the positions of our Anchor Club Chapter's President, Thespian Troupe President, as well as being our school Band Captain. I cannot wait for this year as we continue to learn how to work together and develop ways of helping our Georgia community.

Bainbridge High School will be working closely with the Humane Society, as they have been short staffed the entire summer. Anchors will be participating in adoption events, spending days with animals, as well as much more. We'll also be working with the Salvation Army and Friendship house very closely. We are so glad to be working with them on these projects and can't wait to see them.



Anchor Convention Chair Mitchell Carter

Hello Anchors! My name is Mitchell Carter, and I am serving as your 2025-2026 Convention Chair. You will be hearing plenty from me, so I encourage you to get to know me. Currently, I am in my senior year at Bainbridge High School, where I also serve as Treasurer for our school's Anchor Club. I joined Anchor at the beginning of my junior year, and I have made sure to be as involved in my community as possible. I am active in several activities other than Anchor, including Cross Country, Swim, Band, and Drama. I cannot wait for the opportunities this year brings. See y'all at convention!



EC Region Chair Addison Coker

Hello Anchors! My name is Addison Coker, and I am serving as your 2025-2026 East Central Region Chair, for the Georgia District Anchor Board. I am a senior at Gatewood High School, and I have been involved with Anchor since freshman year. This is my second year of being on the District Board, and I truly am so excited to serve you all! I am also the president of our Gatewood anchor club this year and have held a leadership role in our club for all four years of high school. I am also involved in cheer, literary, a member of the National Honors Society, a member of Farmers & Merchants Bank Jr. Board of Directors, and I am a senior ambassador of Gatewood. I truly love all that anchor is and stands for and cannot wait to serve along with my fellow board members to make a difference in all our wonderful and unique communities through Anchor.



Genesis & Adelyn in Macon for Anchor Board meeting



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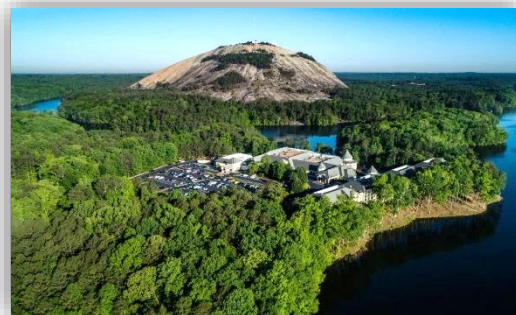
SE Region Chair
Rhett Bazemore

My name is Rhett Bazemore. I have the honor of being your 2025-2026 Southeast region chair. I am a senior at West Laurens High School. I've been involved with Anchor Club since my sophomore year and have enjoyed every moment of it. I've met wonderful people and made lifelong friendships & connections because of this club. I will forever be grateful for Anchor Club. I look forward to having an amazing year as your Southeast region chair!



SW Region Chair
Jada Sanders

My name is Jada Sanders, and I've been a member of BHS Anchor Club since my junior year and I'm also a state officer (SW District). I'm also apart of more school activities including BHS band, National Honor Society, and HOSA. Anchor Club has been a club that has truly brought me closer to my community and showed me how giving back truly makes a difference. I'm truly grateful to be a part of this club and its community!



2026 Georgia District Anchor Convention
2/27 - 3/1, 2026
Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort
Stone Mountain, GA



NE Region Chair
Genesis Figueroa

Hello, fellow Georgia Anchors! My name is Genesis Figueroa. As some of you may remember, I was the Northeast Region Chair Representative last year. I get to hold this position for a second year in a row! I am a senior this year at Rabun County High School. I am also an active member of other clubs in my school, such as, National Honors Society, Principals Advisory Committee, Lighthouse Team, and HOSA! I am super excited for this year and to be able to contribute and cooperate with all my fellow board members! We have been and will continue to work very hard to plan our convention come February. So, make sure you register for convention so we can have the best time! Hope to see you all there. Wishing everyone an awesome school year!



NW Region Chair
Ryleigh Borim

Hi everyone! My name is Ryleigh Borim, and I'm honored to serve as this year's Northwest Region Chair. I'm so excited to be a district region officer! I'm a senior at Roswell High School and have been a part of Anchor Club since my freshman year. I'll be serving as president of the RHS Anchor Club this year, and I'm looking forward to being more involved in bettering our community. One of my favorite parts of being in Anchor Club is attending the monthly adaptive dances and collecting soda can tabs to donate at convention. Being in Anchor Club has shown me how important it is to surround yourself with people who also value giving back.

I can't wait to see everyone at convention this year!



Thomas & Rhett at the Anchor Board meeting in Macon



Anchor Board meeting in Macon



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District Anchor Coordinator

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Anchor year! I hope everyone had a great summer and got some much needed rest! I'm looking forward to Spreading Joy through Pilot Friendship and Service, this is the theme that Governor Mary Turner is using this year. I know we all are so busy, but I challenge each of you to take some time to find the JOY in your communities and daily activities.

Mitchell and I were able to attend Anchor Summit in Charlotte, NC in July. We were able to attend some great workshops on leadership that we can share with you. We also had the opportunity to connect with Anchors across the United States and the Bahamas to get some ideas on things to bring back to the Georgia district.

The Anchor Board met on August 1st to start planning the 2026 convention. Convention this year will be held at Evergreen Lakeside in Stone Mountain, GA February 27-March 1, 2026. Please mark your calendars. There will be more information on convention later.

If you did not know GA District Anchor has a Facebook page and an Instagram page. If you have not liked/followed these pages yet I encourage you to do so. On Instagram we are *gadistrictanchors* and on Facebook we are *Georgia Anchor District*. The Anchor board will be posting on social media throughout the year.

Remember your dues are \$14 for International and \$10 for Georgia District. These are due by November 1, 2025. All forms are being sent out and can also be found on the website. We have added a password to the website this year. The website is pilotgeorgia.org/members-only and the password is 'Pilotjoy'.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. I am looking forward to Spreading Joy with ALL of you this year!

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District Assistant Anchor Coordinator

Hello all! I am so glad to be back as an active part of the Anchor community. I took a year off due to some family needs (and relocating from Savannah back to Covington!) and I missed you all so much! For those of you who may not know me, my name is Kerrin Daniel and I have been actively involved with Anchor as the liaison for my local clubs, as both your Anchor Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator for Georgia, and as an International Anchor Committee member working with other Anchor leaders from throughout the world since 2008. I eat, sleep, and breathe Anchor...I know that they are the future of Pilot- and our future community leaders. Helping them develop their love of service to others as well as their leadership skills brings me great joy! I look forward to helping Gerianne (and all of you!) in making this the best year yet for Anchor! I'm always an email, text, or phone call away! Reach out to me ANYTIME!

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GA District Governor

Hello Anchors,

Welcome to a new year! I am Mary Turner 2025-2026 Georgia District Governor! My theme for the year is "Spreading Joy through Friendship and Service." I selected the cardinal and the yellow rose to represent the theme. The cardinal is a symbol of joy, and the yellow rose represents friendship.

I am looking forward to seeing what the Anchors can accomplish this year. I hope you are making plans to attend the annual Anchor Convention this year. The Anchor Board has already started planning this event. If you need any help with fundraising, please reach out to your sponsoring Pilot Club. They may have some ideas to help you raise the necessary funds.

I would also encourage to think about serving on the Anchor Board. Serving on the board gives you the opportunity to learn leadership skills, as well as input for the annual convention.

I can't wait to see pictures of the service projects and other events that your clubs participate in this coming year.

I am looking forward to a great year as we "Spread Joy through Friendship and Service."

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In order to get timely information timely to the Anchor Advisors and Pilot Anchor Coordinators, We need your correct information. If you have not already done so, please e-mail your updated e-mail address, mailing address and phone number to Gerianna Moon (g.moon326@gmail.com)

GA District Anchor's **Facebook and Instagram page**. If you have not liked/followed these pages yet, please do so. On Instagram we are *gadistrictanchors* and on Facebook we are *Georgia Anchor District*. The Anchor board will be posting on social media throughout the year.



ANCHOR CREED

Realizing that in unity there is strength, we, as members of the Anchor Club, are resolved:

To work together in friendship and loyalty; to render service to our home, school and community, knowing this course will take us over a sea of happiness; to steer our ship of life by the bright stars of Hope and Faith; to follow words of guidance from parents, teachers, and Pilot friends, for those, as gleams from the Lighthouse of Truth, are of wisdom, to set full sail through channels of achievement which lead us to the port of success; and, when our ship of life is tossed by the tempests of misunderstanding and the angry winds of injustice we will cast our Anchor of courage, wisdom, and trust to hold us fast.

We would like to spotlight any of your Anchor events/projects in our Anchor Aweigh Newsletter. Please send your pictures with a brief description to Editor Kirsten Jorgenson (kajorge@yahoo.com)



"Anchors Aweigh"

The Georgia District Newsletter "Anchors Aweigh" is published 4 times a year in September, November, January and March.

We would like to spotlight your club in our next edition of "Anchors Aweigh." Please send us your news on special awards, projects, fund-raisers or other activities of your Anchor Club. Photos are also welcome.

Send articles to g.moon326@gmail.com and copy to kajorge@yahoo.com.

Please make copies and share "Anchors Aweigh" with your Anchor Club members. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, print a few copies and pass around at your next meeting.



Recap of Anchor International Convention

Hey everyone, it's Mitchell again, your Convention Chair. This past summer, I had the amazing opportunity to take a little trip up to International Anchor Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina. I have to tell you; it was an incredible and unforgettable experience. At first, you might not know many people, but you quickly realize that you are surrounded by individuals who have the same Anchor and community mindset as you, even though they are from halfway across the country. I had the highest honor of representing Georgia while speaking to Pilots during the Anchor Panel, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity. If you know me, you know I love cars, so visiting the NASCAR Hall of Fame Museum was one of my favorite activities (I tried to stay as long as I could). The workshops and experiences were fantastic, but the best part for me was meeting and connecting with new people. Talking to people from different cultures, united by that underlying passion for community, just felt right. I truly encourage everyone to attend if you get the chance. I promise, it is one of the most fun and rewarding experiences you will have.

Mitchell

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GA District Governor Mary Turner, Mitchell Carter & GA District Anchor Coordinator Gerianna at the Anchor Summit in Charlotte, NC



Congratulations to Madison Co. HS Anchor Advisor Sharon Black for 3rd Place Anchor Advisor of the Year! Pictured is Sharon with 2024-25 PI President Nicki Dawkin at the convention in Charlotte



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