



"Anchors Aweigh"

Anchor President

Anchors,

What a pleasure it has been to serve you! We just wrapped up our 2026 convention, located at the Evergreen Lakeside Resort in beautiful Stone Mountain, and what a memorable convention it was. On Friday night, members and guests got the chance to familiarize themselves with the District Board, as well as themselves, in a game of Family Feud, hosted by an army of Steve Harveys. On Saturday, Members got to vote on standing rules and the upcoming District officers, as well as hear from several different speakers. That afternoon, they got to make bags of school supplies to benefit the Stone Mountain Elementary School and got to tour the park if they desired. We ended the convention by installing an almost entirely new board, and with that comes the retiring of the current board. Congratulations to all of the new board members, I am excited to see what the upcoming year has in store for you all. I am incredibly honored to have been given the opportunity to serve as your Georgia District President for the past year, and I am quite sad to be graduating, and leaving this club which has meant so much to me. I am so blessed to have made so many friends in that time, of both Anchors and Pilots. Though our convention has drawn to an end, and with it, my time in service to the Anchor Club, I am so thankful for everything it has done for me, and I hope that the incoming officers will have the same experience that I have.

Thank you all for everything.

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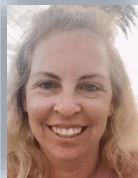
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Anchor President-Elect

Hey, Anchors!

First, I want to say thank you to everyone who attended the Anchor Convention in Stone Mountain! From the Family Feud game on Friday night to the closing ceremony on Saturday, I hope you all had an amazing time. I had such an amazing time getting to meet new people and reconnecting with others! Although I could talk on and on about convention this year, I can't help but talk about the upcoming year!

I am truly honored and so excited to serve as your Anchor president for next year. My goals are to grow closer with other officers on the board while also coming up with new ideas and combining them with old ideas to make the 2026-27 convention the best yet! Beyond convention, I am also making an effort to be there for officers and serve when and where I am needed. If you ever need anything from me, please be sure to reach out to me!

This year, I am anticipating the best year of Anchor club yet! Don't forget to be on the lookout for more news on convention at Unicoi State Park in beautiful Helen, Georgia!

Adelyn

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2026-27 Incoming Dist. Anchor Coordinator Kerrin Daniel & Anchor President Adelyn Thompson at Anchor Convention



Anchor Convention Service Project



EC Region Chair

Hello everyone! My name is Addison Coker, and I had the honor of serving as this year's East Central Region Chairman for the 2025-2026 Anchor year. I am a senior at Gatewood School in Eatonton, Georgia, and this year marked my second—and sadly, my final—year serving on the district board. From February 27 through March 1, we hosted our annual Anchor/Pilot International Convention at the beautiful Stone Mountain location. Anchor Convention was truly an unforgettable experience, filled with laughter from the many games our board members thoughtfully organized and the excitement of installing new board members who are eager to begin their leadership journey. Spending the weekend surrounded by so many passionate and dedicated Anchors made the experience incredibly meaningful. One of the absolute highlights of the convention was the Family Feud game, which brought together Anchors from across the state for an evening full of energy, laughter, and unforgettable moments. It was inspiring to witness everyone's enthusiasm, teamwork, and genuine love for the organization. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served in this role, which made the entire weekend even more special. It has been a true privilege to represent such an inspiring group of leaders, and I am incredibly proud of everything our region has accomplished. I look forward to seeing all the amazing things Anchor will continue to achieve in the future.

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Madison Co. Anchors - Anchor Convention



Incoming Anchor Board (2026-27)



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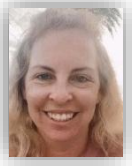
I cannot believe the 2025-2026 Anchor year is coming to an end. In February, we held our annual Anchor convention at Stone Mountain with 113 people in attendance. During convention, we elected new officers for the 2026-2027 school year. Those officers are president Adelyn Thompson, Rabun County High School, President-elect Madelyn Lightman, Rabun County High School, Secretary Isabella Anderson, Bainbridge High School, Convention chair Lawren Love Bainbridge High School, Southeast Region chair Natalie Nguyen West Laurens High School, East Central Region chair Kilynn Stanford Gatewood school, and Northeast Region chair, Jackson Fisher Rabun County High School.

Anchor club of the year was awarded to West Laurens high school and community service award was also awarded to West Laurens high school. Georgia District awarded three \$500 scholarships this year to Mitchell Carter, Angelica de Jesus and Caroline Marshall. Gina Mitchell presented three \$1500 scholarships from GPF to Thomas Hogan, Elijah Bacon and Devisha Desai.

The anchors collected pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and they brought in over 100 gallons of pull tabs this year. I am so proud of each and every one of you for going above and beyond and collecting these tabs we also filled bags of school supplies for Stone Mountain elementary school. We had two amazing speakers come. At the luncheon Katie McCall Archer came and spoke about the importance of technical education, and at the dinner banquet, Alison Nooks Pilot International executive director came and spoke to the anchors about education as well. It was nice to have Alison attend to see what Anchor is all about.

I have truly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you this year and wish you all the best!!

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Anchor Convention - St. Mountain, GA

GA District Governor

Wow! What an excellent 2026 Anchor Convention! Every moment was truly enjoyable, making it an unforgettable experience filled with celebrations, valuable training, and the opportunity to form new friendships. The convention was a time to come together, learn, and grow as a community.

It is important for everyone who attended the convention to share their experiences with their home clubs. Expressing what the event meant to you personally can inspire others and strengthen the club's sense of purpose. For those clubs with members who were unable to attend due to financial constraints, consider organizing a fundraiser dedicated specifically to convention expenses. This support can ensure that more members benefit from such meaningful experiences in the future.

Excitement is building for the upcoming Anchor Summit in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This event promises to offer fresh ideas and resources that can help strengthen your club. It's also an opportunity to make new, lifelong friendships. Everyone is encouraged to make plans to attend.

As the end of the school year approaches, some members will be graduating and moving on to college. Consider becoming a member or starting a Compass Club at your new school, so the good work you've started can continue in your new community. For those returning as Anchors next year, there are opportunities to remain active during the summer. Keeping the club engaged over the summer can make the transition into the new school year much smoother.

This year's Anchor Board has been truly exceptional. Meeting the incoming board members has been inspiring, and there is every confidence that they will provide outstanding leadership for the Georgia District Anchors in the coming year. Your leadership and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Every Pilot Club member in attendance saw your impressive leadership skills in action and is extremely proud of your accomplishments. Continue your remarkable efforts!

As this final article is written, there is a sense of sadness in stepping down from the role of Governor for the Anchor Board. However, there is great anticipation in attending future conventions as an enthusiastic supporter. The incoming Governor will offer outstanding leadership and be available to help whenever needed. Additionally, Kerrin Daniel, the new Anchor Coordinator, brings valuable prior experience and will provide guidance every step of the way. The coming year is sure to be wonderful. Wishing all graduates much success and many blessings as they embark on their next chapter.

Enjoy the rest of your year!

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Attention:
Anchor Sponsors/Advisors
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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)

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.

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.



Bainbridge HS Anchor officers show off their brain health bulletin board during brain health awareness month.



Thank you to all the Anchor Board, Anchor Coordinator Gerianna Moon, Anchor Assistant Coordinator Kerrin Daniel & ALL the Anchors across our Georgia District for another fantastic Anchor Year. YOU ALL are incredible workers taking care of your schools & communities.

Best Wishes to all the Seniors on a brand-new adventure.

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