

Registers,

I just wanted to take a moment to share a few details for our upcoming COAT Conference and to let you know the names of our sponsors who are involved in making this such a grand event. Also, I am asking each of you to try and bring a few door prizes that are made or are identified specifically within your county to go along with this year's conference theme: ***“MY TENNESSEE HOME”***. All of our events are geared towards showing off our great state and what a great place it is to live. We have a lot planned and hopefully everyone will get the opportunity to attend as well as to thank our sponsors for their support.

On Wednesday, we will begin our conference with an **Opening Session** which will include a welcome from local dignitaries followed by our special Keynote Speaker, ***Coach Johnny Majors***. We are encouraging everyone to wear their UT Orange and Coach Majors will be available for pictures afterwards as well as taking time to sign autographs. The co-sponsors for this event are ***BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS (BIS) and SIMPLIFILE***.

Lunch on Wednesday will be left up to the responsibility of each individual. Afterwards CTAS will be conducting a couple of classes for COCTP credit and registration will be open along with the vendors area.

On Wednesday evening we will have the **Presidents Reception** and I would personally like to invite each of you to attend. The theme for the reception is ***“Tailgating Tennessee Style”*** and everyone is encouraged to wear your favorite sports team's apparel to the event. Heavy appetizers will be served and The Registers Association is sponsoring a Photo Booth for our members to enjoy and commemorate the conference. The entertainment for the evening will include ***Laurel Wright*** who is an up and coming singer, musician and song writer who recently competed on American Idol. The co-sponsors for this event are ***NAVIENT and PROGRESS***.

On Thursday we will conduct our **Affiliate Meetings** and dress attire will be casual. We will have several breaks throughout the day and during these times we will be drawing for door prizes. A box lunch will be provided and the vendors area will be open throughout the day. Please take the time to meet with our vendors and to thank them for their participation and support.

On Thursday evening we will host our **Awards Banquet** and recognize our outstanding county officials from our Affiliate Associations as well as Our Outstanding County Official of the Year. This will also mark the first time that our members will receive recertification credit for attending as our Keynote Speaker will be ***Dr. Farris Jordan*** who is a Psychologist who specializes in the study of stress. His comical presentation on dealing with stress will have us all laughing while also giving us helpful tools in dealing with stress. The sponsor for this event is ***PROPERTY INFO***.

On Friday morning we will conclude our conference with our **COAT Business Session** and the introduction of incoming ***President Barbara Parker***. Feel free to dress casually for this event and don't forget to offer her your assistance in the coming year. See everyone in just a few weeks.

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