

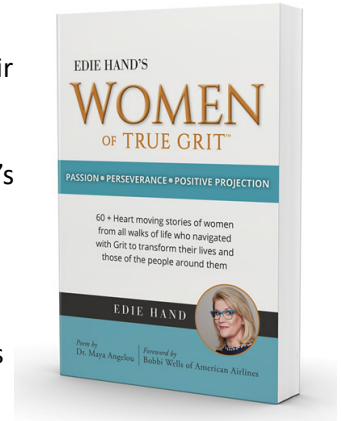
WOMEN OF TRUE GRIT™

Our First Women of True Grit™ Conference

April 21, 2023 at Miles College in Fairfield, AL

This will be an opportunity to have a Woman of True Grit Sisterhood experience to educate, inspire, and inform with Pearls of Hope

We believe all women can find the strength to embrace who they are, navigate their direction in life, and possess the potential to impact themselves and those within their world and beyond. Our Women of True Grit stories have a recurring theme that highlights great resilience and its transformation power. We strive to reach women through sharing stories of hope and lessons of life to push through fears to reach one's destiny.



Lakiesha Hawkins
Keynote Speaker

The Women of True Grit series is a collection of stories about women who have overcome incredible barriers and achieved greatness in their lives. These stories come from women in all walks of life including the worlds of business, entertainment, science, medicine, education and, healthcare.

At this Conference you will be able to meet some of these Women of True Grit including the 11:00 AM **Keynote Speaker, NASA's Lakiesha Hawkins**, Deputy Manager of the human landing system program assisting in putting the first woman and the first person of color on the moon.

President Bobbie Knight, Miles College:

I was honored when invited to be a part of the Women of True Grit book. Learning that Edie wanted to host the event at Miles College made the moment perfect. As the first female President of Miles College, it is imperative that I show our female students all the things women can do. There is no space, role, league, or entity we cannot be a part of and lead. I know students and guests attending this event will leave the room differently than when they entered. They will leave energized, inspired, and ready to show the world why they, too, are Women of True Grit. This is a significant moment for Miles College and me, and we look forward to sharing it with our guests.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CONFERENCE](#)

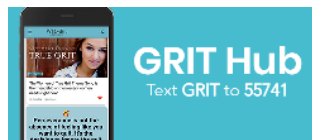
Women of True Grit vignettes can be viewed on ABC/TV33/40 on Sinclair Broadcasting network and digital marketing on the Talk of Alabama website. Explore more info at www.ediehand.com and www.womenoftruegrit.org

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We would like to recognize the organizations that have supported and sponsored previous Women of True Grit programs.



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Run of Show: Women of True GRIT Conference @ Miles College
The Art of Story Telling – Friday April 21, 2023

EVENT SNAPSHOT:

- Date: Friday April 21, 2023
- Total Event Time: 8:30am-1:30pm (Event committee to arrive at 7:30am for final set up details)
- Event location: (8:30am-12:15pm) Pearson Hall Auditorium Miles College ([5500 Myron Massey Blvd, Fairfield, AL, 355604](#))
- Event location: (12:15pm-1:30pm): Welcome Center, Miles College ([5813 Court E, Fairfield AL, 350604](#))
- Link to EventBrite registration:
[Women Of True Grit Conference Tickets, Fri, Apr 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

EVENT ROSTER (INTRO & CLOSING):

{Click on any of the names below to connect on LinkedIn}

- [Dr Olivia Cook](#) | Miles College | Intro & Closing
- [Edie Hand](#) | WOTG Founder | Event Partner
- [Sunny Brown](#) | Comedian | Opening Warm Up
- [Bobbie Knight](#) | President Miles College

EVENT ROSTER (PRESENTERS):

{Click on any of the names below to connect on LinkedIn}

- [Karolyn Hart](#) | InspireHub | WOTG & Pearl Coach
- [Lauryn Bodde](#) | EPICentre | University of Windsor
- [Christy Swaid](#) | Founder & CEO | HEAL United

EVENT ROSTER (PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION 1)

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1. [Jana White](#) | Creative Directions Inc. | Moderator
2. [Raquel Liverpool](#) | Miles College Student | Panelist
3. [Juandalynn Givan](#) | Advocacy Attorney & Miles College Alumni | Panelist
4. [LaJuana Bradford](#) | Regions Financial Corp | Panelist
5. [Alie Gorrie](#) | Red Mountain Theatre | Panelist

EVENT ROSTER (PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION 2)

{Click on any of the names below to connect on LinkedIn}

1. [Genma Holmes](#) | CEO | GSH Consulting | Moderator
2. [Krystal Drummond](#) | Drummond Company | Panelist
3. [Kristy McKinney](#) | Provision Studio | Panelist
4. [Tahiera Brown](#) | Darkness to Light Films | Panelist
5. [Donna Stoney](#) | Stoney Wines | Panelist

EVENT ROSTER (KEYNOTE PRESENTATION)

{Click on any of the names below to connect on LinkedIn}

- [Lakiesha Hawkins](#) | NASA | Keynote Presenter
- [Jessica Harris](#) | Miles College Student | Introducing Keynote speaker

EVENT ROSTER (WOTG DANCE MOMENT!)

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- [Kristy McKinney](#) | Provision Studio
- [Alie Gorrie](#) | Red Mountain Theatre
- [LaToya Kemp](#) | Miles College | Head Cheer Coach



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AGENDA:		
Time	Who has the floor	Content/Notes
8:30am-9am (30 mins)	All event guests	Registration, tables are open to browse from all event sponsors at the entrance of Pearson Hall, Green room available for event roster set up by Miles College honours curriculum ambassadors' students
9am-9:15am (15 mins)	Dr. Olivia Cook, President Bobbie Knight & Edie Hand	Dr. Olivia Cook: Welcome and opening remarks, housekeeping items, introductions from Bobbie Knight and Edie Hand
9:15am-9:25am (10 mins)	Karolyn Hart	Presentation: GRIT Hub, Pearl Coaches Network, Technology in the Art of Storytelling, wisdom shared in communities and globally
9:25am-9:50am (25 mins)	PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION 1: Leadership & Confidence Building	Jana White to Moderate Panelists: Raquel Liverpool, Juandalynn Givan, LaJuana Bradford & Alie Gorrie
9:50am-10am (10 mins)	Lauryn Bodde	Presentation: Telling stories in a global classroom, forming cross border connections, networking & women empowerment, CAmerican moments
10am-10:10am	BREAK	BREAK
10:10am-10:40am (30 mins)	PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION 2: Owning Your Challenges as an Entrepreneur	Genma Holmes to Moderate Panelists: Krystal Drummond, Kristy McKinney, Tahiera Brown & Donna Stoney
10:40am-10:50am (10 mins)	Christy Swaid	Presentation: Proper Nutrition and the benefits to both physical and mental health
10:50am-11am	BREAK	BREAK
11am-11:40am (40 mins)	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION Lakiesha Hawkins with NASA	Keynote speaker to be introduced by Jessica Harris, President & Honors Curriculum Student at Miles College
11:40am-11:55am (15 mins)	WOTG Song & Dance Moment! (WOTG duet song to be played featuring Ronnie McDowell & Victoria Renee Hand)	Kristy McKinney, Alie Gorrie to lead with support from LaToya Kemp and Miles College cheer and dance team!
11:55am-12pm	Dr. Olivia Cook	Thank yous and closing remarks
12pm-12:15pm	All event guests	Time to collect box lunch/salads to bring across the street to the Miles College Welcome Center (Including Jolly Cakes Food Truck) (Click here to check them out on Facebook)
12:15pm-1:30pm	Networking Mixer @Miles College Welcome Center	Optional session – time to ask questions, connect, and keep the WOTG stories flowing!



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