

2018 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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2018 Awards

Faculty/Staff Awards

- **Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English and Language Arts**—*Ginger Lehmann*, Clarke Central High School
- **Charlotte Brown Chair for Teachers of Special Education**—*Tracy Vandiver*, Barnett Shoals Elementary School
- **Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts**—*Brian Parido*, Clarke Middle School
- **Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Student Support Personnel**—*Angela Gay*, Cedar Shoals High School and Howard B. Stroud Elementary School
- **Margaret and Raymond Ponsoldt Chair for Elementary School Teachers**—*Alon Hammond*, Judia Jackson Harris Elementary School
- **Friends of Eve Carson Excellence in Teaching Award**—*Rebecca Begnaud*, Clarke Central High School
- **Newland Family Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award**—*Desylin Culliver*, Cleveland Road Elementary School

- **Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies**—*Johnny Anderson*, Clarke Central High School
- **Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award**—*Daphne Bailey*, Whit Davis Elementary School; *Lisa Lane*, Barnett Shoals Elementary School
- **Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches Award**—*Stephen Hinson*, Clarke Central High School
- **Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award**—*Jillian Gordon*, Clarke Central High School; *Conor Naughton*, Hilsman Middle School; *April Croft*, Clarke Central High School
- **Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award**—*Regenia Dalton*, Barrow Elementary School; *Harold Faison*, Whitehead Road Elementary School; *Diamond Harris*, Fowler Drive Elementary School
- **Bertis Downs District Services Award**—*Nakeida Johnson*, Transportation; *David Epps*, Plant Services
- **Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year**—*Donna Sherrer-Gantt*, Coile Middle School
- **Janis J. Stephens Parapro of the Year**—*Jeffrey Barnett*, Judia Jackson Harris Elementary School
- **C.Thomas Poss STAR Teachers**—*Dr. Mary Bradbury Bailey*, Cedar Shoals High School; *Scott Swain*, Clarke Central High School

Student Awards

- **Gregg W. Lewis Scholar Athlete Award:** *Brett Fraysher*-Cedar Shoals; *Johanna Hall*-Clarke Central
- **Marge Schneider Science Award:** *Robbie Ratajczak*-Cedar Shoals HS; *Preston Harden*-Clarke Central HS
- **Charlotte & Claude Williams American History Award:** *Jenny Sanchez*-Cedar Shoals HS; *Flora Lechtrek*-Clarke Central HS
- **Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Award:**
Alps Road ES-Danae Laniyah Pope
Barnett Shoals ES-Finn McGreevey
D.C. Barrow ES-Braelin Grant
Burney/Harris/Lyons MS-Samaiyah Ra'aid
Cedar Shoals HS-Stephanie Velazquez
Chase Street ES-Camilla Attaway
Clarke Central HS-Jordyn Rhym
Clarke MS-Zaili Gantt
Classic City HS-Anjil Boyd
Cleveland Road ES-Kendal Smith
W.R. Coile MS-Leslie-James Sanders
Fowler Drive ES-April Murillo
Gaines ES-Meneika Ellison
J.J. Harris ES-Samary Ramirez-Garcia
Hilsman MS-Jacqueline Wright
Oglethorpe Avenue ES-Kyndle Smith
H.B. Stroud ES-Daejah Dubose
Timothy Road ES-Hailey Waters
Whit Davis ES-Briggs Stoll

Whitehead Road ES-*Jared Manago*
Winterville ES-*Kilee Bidwell*

2018 Classroom Grants

Endowed Grants—Total of endowed grants \$8000.

- **Eve Carson Service-Learning Grant (\$1000)**

Melanie James – Winterville Elementary School – “Growing Student Leaders as Part of a School Wide PBIS Program”

- **Sara Orton Glickman Collaborative Project-Based Learning Grant (\$1000)**

Sara Clarke – Barrow Elementary School – “Folks in the Garden”

- **C. B. Lord Founder’s General Classroom Grant (\$1000)**

Michelle Monroe – Barrow Elementary School – “Diverse Voices”

- **Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant (\$1000)**

Carly Chandler – Cedar Shoals High School – “From Garden to Table: Sharing Food and Building Connections to Culture and Society”

- **Mary and Harold P. Horton Elementary School General Classroom Grant (\$500)**

Stephanie Seifert – Timothy Road Elementary School – “Tinga Tinga Makey Makey SoundArt”

- **Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant (\$500)**

Leslie Johnson – Whit Davis Elementary School – “Diversity in Literature”

- **Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grant (\$500)**

Lauren Ritter – H. B. Stroud Elementary School – “Hello Toobaloos! Toobaloo Noise!”

- **Todd Cooper Memorial Grant for Technology and Equipment (\$500)**

Alysse Filler – Whitehead Road Elementary School – “All Ears!”

- **Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant (\$500)**

Erika Douglas Greene – Gaines Elementary School – “Project REAL: Recreational and Educational Activities for Life”

- **Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grants (\$500 each)**

Carli Brownlee – Winterville Elementary School – “Clay Tile Legacy Project”

Rosemary Milsap – Cedar Shoals High School – “Lights Up! A Musical Theater Production Project”

- **Arthur Moog Middleton Media Center Grants (\$250 each)**

Kerri Hogan—Cedar Shoals High School; *Lindy Weaver*—Clarke Central High School

General Classroom Grants—Non endowed classroom grants were supported in 2018 by generous gifts from members in the Athens-Clarke County community and beyond. Special thanks to the Junior League of Athens from whom we received a mini grant to support literacy. These grants, totaling \$2000, were made to the following:

- **\$1000 Grant**

Jennifer Thomas – Clarke Middle School – “Sustain-‘Ability’ Sensory Ecosystem”

- **\$500 Grant**

Liza Burnsed – Cedar Shoals High School – “Leaping Into Biomes”

- **\$250 Grants**

Heather Julian – Clarke Central High School – “Wacom Intuous Tablet”

Sarah Walls – Gaines Elementary School – “LID Buddy Project”

Key 2018 Accomplishments

Nominees’ Event – Our annual nominees’ event was held on Monday, April 30th, at Trumps. Thanks to our signature sponsor, Synovus Bank. Below are the nominees:

- Athens Community Career Academy: *Beth Holliday*
- Barnett Shoals ES: *Ashley Adams, Kate Brinson, Anna Crook, Michael Farley, Lisa Lane, Kendra Lawson, Tracy Vandiver, Magan Watkins, Lara Williams, Chastity Williams-Solsberry, Eulanda Wise*
- Barrow ES: *Aziz Coleman, Courtney Cunningham, Regenia Dalton, Lauren McElhannon, Genise Vertus*
- Burney/Harris/Lyons MS: *Veronica Johnson, Barbara Saunders, Annie Turman*
- Cedar Shoals HS: *Carlin Chandler, Angela Gay, Alicia Harvey, Cynthia Hoover, Rosemary Milsap, Brittany Moore, Bryan Moore, Natasha Patterson, L’Dreco Thomas*
- Clarke Central HS: *Johnny Anderson, Rebecca Begnaud, April Croft, Jillian Gordon, Lisa Hill, Stephen Hinson, Ginger Lehmann*
- Clarke MS: *Brian Parido*
- Cleveland Rd ES: *LeAnna Cuevas, Desylin Culliver, Washonda Foote, Taylor Fourman, Lori Garrett-Hatfield, Abby Rogers, Carla Williams*
- Coile MS: *Audrey Patterson-Fisher*
- Fowler Dr ES: *Diamond Harris, Savanna Kelley, Elyse Schwedler, Cheryl Sewell*
- Gaines ES: *Shelby Witcher*
- JJ Harris ES: *Alon Hammond, Jazmin Ireland, Vicki Lee, Madeline Meeks-Kennan, Jenna Soares*
- Hilsman MS: *Conor Naughton, Pierre Oulevey, Cherelle Pullen*

- Stroud ES: *Lauren Benbrook, Amber Buffington, Stefanie Legato, Joseph Ravenell*
- Whit Davis ES: *Daphne Bailey, Ashley Cotton, Andrea Crawford, Jennifer Gallagher, Christine Graziano, Alisha Kane, Lauren Roig*
- Whitehead Rd ES: *Jennifer Avery, Harold Faison, Caitlin Tucker*
- Winterville ES: *Susan Bolen, Verna Brown, Carlin Brownlee, Nora Fowler, Lindsey McCauley, Kelly Parker, Jo Smith*
- CCSD: *Jeanne Boggs* (School Nutrition), *David Epps* (Plant Services), *Nakeida Johnson* (Transportation), *Marcia Page* (Student Services), *Amy Roark* (Student Services), *Tina Stanley* (Transportation)

Annual Awards Reception—We are particularly grateful to Georgia United Credit Union for being our key sponsor for this celebration honoring our FFE award winners. The Georgian Hall and South Kitchen and Bar offered for the second year a wonderful backdrop and delicious food for our yearly signature event. Dr. Eunice Kang and the Clarke Central HS Strings again provided our entertainment, and the second installment of videos filmed by Brandon Cullum in 2017 of CCSD students describing their favorite teachers was the prelude to the program. Jackie Wright, 2018 Hilsman student winner of the Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Award, shared her appreciation and inspirational thoughts about Eve.

New Endowments – The Arthur Moog Middleton Media Center Grant was converted to a student writing award to be presented in 2019. One junior at both Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central will receive \$250 each in recognition of journalistic achievement. Additional endowment funds were given by Arthur’s father, Kent Middleton, to endow a grant for high school teachers to promote and encourage student writing and publishing. This will also be presented for the first time in 2019.

Internal Changes – 2018 marked the first year that both our grant and award processes were completely online. Many thanks to Josh Podvin who served as the point person for this important conversion from paper to digital. In July of 2018 we officially moved the terms of trustees from January/December to July/June to coincide with the academic calendar. Officer terms and the fiscal year will remain January/December. The FFE began a partnership with the UGA Terry MBA Fellows Program and brought on board our first intern, Rob Grabowski; his main task is to design and implement our new website in 2019.