

2022 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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2022 Teaching & Staff Awards

Frieda M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award (\$500 each)

Levi Carr, Clarke Central High School
William Lowe, Cedar Shoals High School

Bertis Downs District Services Award (\$500 each)

Lashanda Callaway, Hilsman Middle School
Margaret Smith, H.B. Stroud Elementary School

Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award (\$500)

Hannah Nelson, H.B. Stroud Elementary School

Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches' Award (\$500)

Josh Campbell, Cedar Shoals High School

Friends of Eve Carson Excellence in Teaching Award (\$500)

Janice Stephen, H.B. Stroud Elementary School

Newland Family Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award (\$500)

Lauren Benbrook, H.B. Stroud Elementary School

Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award (\$500)

Marc Ginsberg, Cedar Shoals High School

Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies (\$500)

Andrew Wheeler, Clarke Central High School

Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English and Language Arts (\$1000)

Jennifer Tesler, Clarke Central High School

Charlotte Brown Chair for Teachers of Special Education (\$1000)

Charissa Swan, Clarke Middle School

Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts (\$1000)

Rosemary Milsap, Cedar Shoals High School

Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Student Support Personnel (\$1000)

Lauren McElhannon, Barrow Elementary School

Margaret & Raymond Ponsoldt Chair for Elementary School Teachers (\$1000)

Bertina Hunt, H.B. Stroud Elementary School

C. Thomas Poss STAR Teacher (\$500 each)

CJ Amason STAR Teacher Recognition (\$250 Downtown Athens gift card each)

Dr. Eunice Kang, Clarke Central High School

Marc Ginsberg, Cedar Shoals High School

Janis J. Stephens Support Personnel of the Year (\$500)

Andrea Cutts, Cleveland Road Elementary School

Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year (\$1000)

Sean Simpson, Clarke Middle School

Nominees for the 2022 FFE Teaching & Staff Awards

Each of these nominees were presented with an FFE branded notebook & sticky note caddy along with a certificate.

Lashanda Callaway	Margaret Smith	Marie Bugg
Hannah Nelson	Amanda Barham	Charliette Harris
Miller Barnett	Josh Campbell	Carla Johnson
Kenny Serrano	William Lowe	Evan Adams
Megan Olds	Barbara Gaertig	Lawanna Knight
Ragan Garrett	Stephanie Rary	Kristin Swindle
Jamie Marshall	Charissa Swan	Tara Bernstein
Jamie Anderson	Dave Darden	Jason Pratt
Jharmarcus Pharoah	Audrey Hughes	Kim Green
Tracee Allen	Janice Stephen	Brandi Adams
Kelly Parker	Addie Roberts	Courtney Bennett
Lauren Ritter	Stephanie Legato	Chris Woodward
Caroline Allums	Amber Buffington	Stephanie Towe
Felecia Towler	Kat Murray	Lauren Benbrook
Danielle Edge	Natasha Bolden	Abby English Gattie
Timothy Pritchett	Sarah Dagogo-Jack	Kathleen Kirkland
Joan Suggs	Shin Law	Joshua Truitt
Jasmine Bacon	Hannah Doolittle	Kristolyn Long
Levi Carr	Garry Grant	Lauren McGahee
Tia Daniels	William Webb	Elaine Jarnagin
Ann Martin	Mary Rucker	Bridget Lewis
Beverly Hardy	Leneria Bradley	Elaine Jarnagin
Graham Jarboe	Nickolette Opdahl	Laura Rhicard
Andrew Titley	Leneria Bradley	Jennifer Tesler
Michelle Musgrove	Christopher Hulse	Andrew Wheeler
Sean Simpson	Halo Smart	Chris Batson
Sasha Baker	Talitha Brown	Toawondia Underwood
Tonia Jones	Lauren McElhannon	Caroline Chambers
Angela Gay	Caity Mark	Troy Authement
Bertina Hunt	Cheryl Mattox	Darby Rogers
Susan Morris	Quentori Wynder	Cheryl Mattox
Diarra Mosley	Marc Ginsberg	Beverly Hardy
Kerry Cavanaugh	Brent Andrews	Matt Fayoyin

2022 Student Awards

The Gregg W. Lewis Scholar Athlete Awards

Gretchen Hinger, Clarke Central High School (\$500)

Jacob Weiszer, Cedar Shoals High School (\$500)

Runner Up:

Cullen Brunner, Clarke Central High School (\$250)

Emma Rentz, Cedar Shoals High School (\$250)

The Arthur Moog Middleton Writing Award for HS Juniors (\$250 each)

Ikeoluwa Ojo, Cedar Shoals High School

Antonio Starks, Clarke Central High School

The Charlotte and Claude Williams American History Awards (\$250 each)

Aiden Dowling, Cedar Shoals High School

Josephine Tunis, Clarke Central High School

The Marge Schneider Science Awards (\$250 each)

Ariana Duarte, Cedar Shoals High School

Ludwig Lechtreck, Clarke Central High School

The Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Awards

Elementary - \$50 Visa gift card

Shacori Cooper, Alps Road Elementary

Taylor Dean, Barnett Shoals Elementary

Jayda Mueller, Barrow Elementary

Anna Jo Dunlop, Chase Street Elementary

Amy Pinto-Alvear, Cleveland Road Elementary

Kylie Linares-Guerra, Fowler Drive Elementary

Lyric Johnson, Gaines Elementary

Eva Villafana-Estrada, JJ Harris Elementary

Lucille King, Oglethorpe Elementary

Ruth Kirkham, H.B. Stroud Elementary

Victoria Mauldin, Timothy Elementary

Abby Green, Whit Davis Elementary

Darwin Gutierrez-Martinez, Whitehead Road Elementary

Thomas Field, Winterville Elementary

Middle - \$100 Visa gift card

Doan Duong, Burney Harris Lyons Middle

Triston Thomas, Clarke Middle

Joseph Gray, Coile Middle

Lexie Holiday, Hilsman Middle

High - \$500 check

Zaili Gant, Clarke Central High

Kori Edmonds, Cedar Shoals High

2022 Classroom Grants

Eve Carson Service Learning Grant

Donald Hollman, Clarke Central High School - \$1000

Service Learning / Cemetery Beautification

Cheryl Hudson, Burney Harris Lyons Middle School - \$500

Burney-Harris-Lyons Campus Bio-Geocaching Project

Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant - \$1000

Erika Douglas - Greene, Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary

Sensory Garden

Todd Cooper Memorial Grant for Technology & Equipment - \$500

Marie Peel, Clarke Middle School

Technology and Beyond

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

Bethany Forrester, Alps Road Elementary School

Alps Garden

Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant - \$1000

Christine Graziano, Cedar Shoals High School

Graphic Arts Sublimation

Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant - \$500

Hannah Doolittle, Cedar Shoals High School

No Voice Too Small: Nonfiction, Activism, and Picture Books

Carrie Fischer Siegmund Grant for Classroom Innovation - \$500

Susan Poss, Whit Davis Elementary

Learning in the Garden

Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant

Catherine Douylliez, Athens Community Career Academy - \$1000

ACCA HOSA State Leadership Conference Support

Matthew Shuman, Clarke Central High School - \$500

World Globes for CCHS Science

C.B. Lord Founder's General Classroom Grant - \$1000

Davina Swaim, Burney Harris Lyons Middle School

Honoring Diversity Through Art

Mary and Harold P. Horton General Classroom Grant for Elementary School Teachers - \$500

Ivey Hawes - Fowler Drive Elementary School

Fowler Drive Second Grade Garden

Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grant - \$500

Leigh Lindsey - Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary School

Looking Deeper into Plant and Animal Cells

Alpha Delta Kappa Retired Teachers Grant

Jennifer Biddle, Whit Davis Elementary School - \$250

Math Detectives

Alex Helvey, Gaines School Elementary - \$250

Gaines' Green Thumbs

The June Baldwin Turnell Grant for Aspiring Teachers (\$500 each)

Jamie Carter, Howard B. Stroud Elementary

Tamara Johnson, Clarke Middle

2022 Accomplishments

March 2022: The 2021 awards reception to honor FFE teaching & staff winners was held on March 30th at the Cotton Press. New Executive Director Catherine Neace was introduced and outgoing Executive Director CJ Amason was honored. That evening real estate businessman Reign Streiter & Catherine Neace presented the CJ Amason STAR Teacher Recognition. The CJ Amason STAR Teacher Recognition will gift each year's STAR teachers \$250 (each for a total of \$500 each year) in Downtown Athens Gift Certificates. STAR teachers will now be presented the C.Thomas Poss STAR Teacher Award (\$500 monetary award) and the CJ Amason STAR Teacher Recognition.

September 2022: FFE introduced the June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teachers Grant. Named in the memory of long time CCSD educator and mentor June Baldwin Turnell, the June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teachers Grant seeks to offset the cost of becoming a certified teacher to current CCSD non-certified staff members. To kick off the start of this grant, the FFE named two winners (\$500 each) in December 2022. Starting in 2023, the June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teachers Grant will be given to one non-certified CCSD staff member.

September 2022: FFE Past President Wanda Culpepper worked alongside longtime and now retired Winterville Elementary School Principal Pat Britton to establish a new grant in honor of Dr. Marty Carter. The Dr. Marty Carter Elementary Grant for Exceptional Children will be a general classroom grant offered to all elementary teachers in 2023. This is a yearly grant for \$500.

October 2022: Former FFE Trustee Chris Taylor and his wife Jenny helped establish The Taylor Family Dual Enrollment Award. The Taylor Family Dual Enrollment Award will be awarded to two Athens Community Career Academy students. The award is designed to recognize graduating seniors who have earned the highest and second-highest college GPA with a minimum of 28 credit hours & have completed a career pathway by high school graduation through dual enrollment or SB2 status in CCSD. The Taylor Family Dual Enrollment Award will be awarded starting the spring of 2023.

October 20, 2022: For the first time since 2019, the Clarke County School District hosted the Teacher of the Year and Support Personnel of the Year Awards night at the University of Georgia's Center for Continuing Education. ED Catherine Neace, President Berni McCranie, Trustees Lillie Brooks, Marsha Thomas, and Sam Preston attended the event. Along with sponsors Georgia United Credit Union and Peach State Credit Union, the FFE presented the Mae. M. Whatley Teacher of Year Award and the Janis J. Stephens Support Personnel of the Year Award.

November 16, 2022: FFE with the help of past Executive Director CJ Amason hosted a welcome reception for new Clarke County Superintendent Robbie Hooker at Trumps Catering. FFE Past Presidents, Executive Directors, Trustees, and current Clarke County School District Principals were in attendance to welcome Dr. Hooker.

December 16, 2022: Along with Clarke County School District Chief of Human Resources Dr. Selena Blankenship and Clarke County School District Director of Employee Development Chris Pendley, Executive Director Catherine Neace presented the winners of the first June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teachers Grants to Mr. Jamie Carter, Behavioral Specialist from Stroud Elementary and Ms. Tamara Johnson, counselor from Clarke Middle School. The June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teachers Grant awarded each winner \$500 to assist them in obtaining their teaching certificates.