

2007 ANNUAL SUMMARY

2007 TRUSTEES:

- Paul Matthews, President
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- Davin Welter

Ex Officio:

- John Whitehead, Executive Director
- James H. Simms, Superintendent
- Lane Norton, Historian
- Mike Wooten, CCSD Liaison
- Davin Welter, Past President

2007 AWARDS:

Excellence in Teaching Awards:

- Amanda Barham, Timothy Rd. ES
- Sara Cross, Barrow ES
- Becky Lewis, Alps Rd. ES
- Claire Smith, Alps Rd. ES
- Candice Southall, Cedar Shoals HS

Specialized Awards:

- *Martha Comer Award for Teachers of Language:* Jodi Bolgla, Clarke Central HS
- *Cardee Kilpatrick Award for Teachers of Middle School:* Sasha Baker, Clarke MS
- *Ann M. Schindel Award for Teacher of Mathematics:* Janet Wilkins, Clarke MS

- *Thomas Whitehead Award for Teachers of Science:* Stella Guerrero, Cedar Shoals HS
- *Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:* Ken Sherman, Clarke MS
- *Howard B. Stroud Award:* Sam Hicks, Clarke Central HS
- *Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:* Elizabeth Upchurch, Clarke Central HS
- *Paraprofessional Scholarship:* Susan Atkinson, Oglethorpe Ave. ES
- *Carol Ann Colquitt Scholarship:* Susan Atkinson, Oglethorpe Ave. ES
- *Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year Award:* Judy Green, Alps Rd. ES

Student Awards:

- Gregg W. Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes: Merin Yu, Clarke Central HS; Timothy Daniel, Clarke Central HS

Classroom Grants:

- *Todd Cooper Memorial Grant for Technology and Equipment:* \$2000 – used to support four projects at the Alternative Education Program, Clarke Central HS, Clarke MS and Howard B. Stroud ES
- *Dr. Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant:* \$1,000 – split among Melanie Powers, Whitehead Rd. ES and Linda Moon, Cedar Shoals HS
- *Charlotte & Claude Williams American History Grant:* Barrow ES
- *Arthur Moog Middleton Memorial Media Center Grant:* \$500 – awarded Clarke Central HS and Cedar Shoals HS \$250 each to purchase challenging, current literature for their media center collections.
- *Other Classroom Grants:* Funded by The Davis Family Foundation, Joe and Ann Frierson, The Classic City Rotary Club, R.E.M., Bertis and Katherine Downs, along with the Morris and Williams Grants, Cedar Shoals HS Jaguar Run, Dr. and Mrs. Del Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and gifts in memory of Adrienne Wasserman, Athens-Clarke County Mayor Heidi Davison's mother. Grants totaling \$14,000 were made to Alps Rd. ES, Alternative Education Program, Barnett Shoals ES, Barrow ES, Cedar Shoals HS, Clarke MS, Cleveland Rd. ES, Coile MS, Fowler Dr. ES, Whit Davis ES, and Winterville ES.

KEY 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- *John Whitehead*, former trustee, was appointed to the position of executive director in 2007.
- The Todd Cooper Memorial Tuition Grant was changed to the *Todd Cooper Technology Grant* to supplement and enhance the Classroom Grants Program.
- *The Howard B. Stroud Award* was successfully endowed with memorial contributions made in honor of Mr. Stroud who died in March 2007.
- *The Marge Schneider Science Award* was endowed by the family of Marge Schneider, a former biology teacher at Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central High Schools and a former FFE trustee, who died in August 2007. The award will

provide a \$250 prize to a high achieving science student at each high school who also participates in community service. Other contributions received in memory of Marge Schneider will be used for classroom grants in science for the 2008 and 2009 grants.

- *The Lane Norton Literary Grant* was successfully endowed with gifts from the Norton family and friends of Lane Norton, who retired after many years of service as Executive Director of the Foundation for Excellence.
- The Foundation for Excellence Board decided to *discontinue the paraprofessional scholarships*. There was no permanent funding and applications have been low.
- A group of graduate students in the Masters of Public Administration program's Non-Profit Resource Center at the University of Georgia conducted a *study of the operation of the Foundation* and provided an excellent report and handbook for future improvement for fund-raising and governance.
- The Foundation for Excellence conducted a *successful fund drive in the summer of 2007* which provided funds for The Lane Norton Literacy Grant, the Stroud Award, Classroom Grants and general Foundation uses.