

## **2023 Annual Summary**

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## **2023 Teaching and Staff Awards**

### **Downs Family District Services Award - \$500 each**

Dwayne Lawrence - Oglethorpe Ave Elementary

Vicki Millsap - Hilsman Middle

### **Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches Award - \$500**

Markise Foote - Coile Middle

### **Martha Comer Chair for Languages Award - \$1000**

Marina Doneda - Barrow Elementary

### **Thomas H. Whitehead Chair for Teachers of Science Award - \$1000**

Adam Lee - Clarke Central High

### **Joan D. Humphries Excellence in Teaching Award - \$500**

Jodi Bolgla - Clarke Central High

### **Ken Sherman Double Century Excellence in Teaching Award - \$500**

Rebecca Floyd - Cedar Shoals High

### **Ann M. Schindel Chair for Teachers of Mathematics Award - \$1000**

Brandt Hacker - Cedar Shoals High

### **Cardee Kilpatrick Chair for Middle School Teachers Award - \$1000**

Conor Naughton - Hilsman Middle

### **Frieda M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award - \$500 each**

Nicholas Kelly - Hilsman Middle

Montu Miller - Cedar Shoals High

### **Seasoned Teacher Award - \$500**

Jennifer Jones - Whitehead Road Elementary

### **Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award - \$500**

Pam Garcia - Fowler Drive Elementary

### **Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award - \$500**

Alex Borges - Instructional Services

## **2023 Teaching and Staff Awards (cont.)**

### **Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year Award - \$1000**

Jakelyn Spencer - Cleveland Road Elementary

### **Janis J. Stephens Support Personnel of the Year Award - \$500**

Lauren Cunningham - Stroud Elementary

### **C. Thomas Poss STAR Teacher Award - \$500**

### **CJ Amason STAR Teacher Gift - \$250 Downtown Athens gift card**

Greg Huberty - Cedar Shoals High School

Andrew Wheeler - Clarke Central High School

## Nominees for the 2023 Teaching and Staff Awards

The community was invited to nominate any Clarke County School District teacher or staff member for Foundation for Excellence Awards. This is the list of all teachers and staff members that were nominated in 2023.

Aaliya Billings	Brent Andrews	Dana Morris
Abby Brink	Bria McIntyre	Danelle Durden
Adam Lee	Bryan Moore	Danielle Edge
Adina Lambert	Candida Chaffin	Daphne Bailey
Alex Borges	Cara Emrath	David Epps
Alexis Rawls	Carlton Chandler	David Forker
Alexis Scott	Caroline Allums	David Perno
Ali Demirbas	Caroline Bharucha	David Ragsdale
Aliceson Nobles	Cassandra Burch	Davina Swaim
Alley Howell	Catherine Douylliez	Dawn Phillips
Alma Ponder	Cathy Link	Denika Nicceo
Alyssa Standard	Cecilia Hyers	Diane Wehunt
Amanda Carrithers	Chanda Power	Diarra Mosley
Amber Buffington	Chantell Sheats	Donna Moseley
Amelia DeLamater	Charles Burgamy	Doug Pynn
Andrea Kahl	Charlie Davis	Dwayne Lawrence
Andrew Stroble	Charliette Harris	Elisa Trotter
Andrew Titley	Chasity Tompkins	Elizabeth Haas
Angelia Tillman	Cheryl Mattox	Emily Bullard
Anita Norman	Chinyere Ikedionwu	Emily Hulse
Antonia Welch	Chris Batson	Eric Blake
April Romero	Chris Hood	Eric McCullough
Ashleigh Faglier	Chris Sugiuchi	Eric Smith
Ashley Henderson	Chris Woodward	Eric Wyatt
Ashley Neal	Christian Barner	Erica Cascio
Audrey Hughes	Christine Graziano	Erick Hopkins
Aziz Coleman	Christine McReynolds	Ericka Bazan
Barb Saunders	Christopher Hood	Erin Horton
Barbara Gaertig	Christopher Schell	Evelyn Flood-Hines
Benjamin Adams	Cindy Alexander	Evon Powell
Berta Troutman-Rambeau	Claude 'Donnie' Morris	Frances Beaupre
Beth Holliday	Connell McCormack	Garry Grant
Beth Selleck	Connor Naughton	George Bailey
Beverly Hardy	Constanza Beron	Gordon Walls
Blanca Lynch	Cori Pringle	Grace Crumpton
Bobby Nguyen	Courtnei Reese	Graham Jarboe
Brad Williford	Cynthia Ellis	Gwen Blackwell
Brandi Adams	Cynthia Hunter	Harvey Franklin
Brandi Armstrong	Cynthia Zelik	Helen Ortiz
Brandt Hacker	Dametrice Johnson	Ian Altman

Insley Davis  
Irmari Arnold  
Jacinta Henry  
Jackie Brown  
Jacob Bell  
Jakelyn Spencer  
Janice Flanigan  
Jasmine Curry  
Javan Winston  
Jayne Hill  
Jeanna Wheeler  
Jeanne Scholle  
Jemet Perry  
Jenna Suares  
Jennifer Flores  
Jennifer Frost  
Jennifer Whitley  
Jenniffer Jones  
Jenny Grogan  
Jeremy Sheats  
Jerika Cooper  
Jim Gurley Jr  
Jimika Torres  
Jimmesia Johnson  
Jodi Bolgla  
John Walker  
Joseph Ravenell  
Joshua Dawson  
Joshua Russell  
Joshua Truitt  
Julie Fiamingo  
Julius Hooper  
Justin Jones  
Kaitlin Lambert  
Karen Higginbotham  
Karen Richburg  
Kasi Carvell  
Katherine Drudge  
Katie Green  
Katy Tedford  
Kayla Griffin  
Kayla Jones  
Keamber Booker  
Kelly Mason  
Kelsey Bostic

Kerry Hogan  
Kim Costello  
Kim Mattox  
Kimberly Bosquet  
Kimberly Carmack  
Kimberly Costello  
Kirsten Eaton  
Kisha Bailey  
Kourtney Barnett  
Kristen Lawson  
Kristen Swindle  
Kristian Magee  
Kristolyn Long  
Krystal Littleton  
Kwesi Yankey  
Lakeisha Vaughan-Jones  
Lakena Huff  
Laquinta Moon  
Latoria Berry  
Latrese Hodges  
LaTroyia Barber  
Laura Davis  
Laura McGreevy  
Laura Porter  
Laura Rhicard  
Lauren Brickle  
Lauren Ritter  
Lauren Roig  
Lauri Goodwin  
Lawana Reid  
Leeann Callebs  
Leigh Anne Lindsey  
Leneria Bradley  
Lindsey Chatham  
Lisa Harris  
Lisa Palmer  
Logan Garrett  
Loleeta Linston  
Lolita Bryant-Moye  
Luann Sells  
Luther McDaniel  
Lynne Sparks  
Mandy Debord  
Maria Jimenez  
Marie Bugg

Marie Eskridge  
Marie Peel  
Marina Doneda  
Mark Bailey  
Mark Martin  
Markise Foote  
Marlen Huato  
Mary Lynn Zimpfer  
Mary Murtha  
Mary Rucker  
Matt Baker  
Meagan Moye  
Megan Makin  
Meghan McNeeley  
Michaela Struck  
Michele Burch  
Michelle Musgrove  
Michelle Rabold  
Michelle Whitehead  
Miranda Thompson  
Mollie Sherman  
Natasha Hendrick  
Natasha Hendricks  
Nathalie Guerin  
Nicholas Hussain  
Nicholas Kelly  
Nicholas Miller  
Nicole Johnson  
Nikki Harris  
Nina Forest  
Nnenna Adjaero-Noel  
Officer Dorsey  
Olivia Hulse  
Paige McCardell  
Pam Garcia  
Pam Layne  
Pam Shearer  
Patrick Dyer  
Paula Farmer  
Philip Walter  
Pierce Woodson  
Poala Gonzalez  
Prairie Tobul  
Rebecca Floyd  
Rebecca Hall-Barrett

Retha Watson  
Rheema Capra  
Richelle Burton  
Rick Carlson  
Rosemary Pizza  
Sallie Smith  
Samantha George  
Samantha Powell  
Samantha Tommasi  
Samuel Price  
Sandria Bush  
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Tonya Jeffries  
Tori Wynder  
Tracy Vandiver  
Travisa Atkinson  
Valinda Miller  
Vara Loggins  
Vicky Milsap  
Victoria Bettis  
William "Montu" Miller  
William Lance  
Wynter McBride  
Yanine Escalante

## **2023 Student Awards**

### **The Arthur Moog Middleton Writing Award for HS Juniors**

*Awarded to two high school juniors, one at each traditional high school, \$250 each*

Cedar Shoals High School - Kira Law

Clarke Central High School - Isabella Westrich

### **The Charlotte and Claude Williams American History Awards**

*Awarded to two high school juniors, one at each traditional high school, \$250 each*

Cedar Shoals High School - Tyquarious Brice

Clarke Central High School - Amya Hopkins

### **The Marge Schneider Science Awards**

*Awarded to two high school seniors, one at each traditional high school, \$250 each*

Cedar Shoals High School- Dennis Posadas Palma

Clarke Central High School- Natalie Soper

### **The Gregg W. Lewis Scholar Athlete Awards**

Girl winner: Jane Michael - Cedar Shoals High School, basketball, \$500

Boy winner: Solomon Nackashi - Clarke Central High School, cross country, \$500

Girl Runner up: Pierce Alston - Clarke Central High School, volleyball, \$250

Boy Runner up: James Xiao - Cedar Shoals High School, swimming, \$250

### **Classic City High School Student(s) of the Year**

*\$100 each*

Kiriayana Faust

Eugene Rhodes

### **Taylor Family Dual Enrollment Award**

*\$250 each*

Jacqueline Cuevas

Brisa Colunga

## **2023 Student Awards (cont.)**

### **Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Awards**

#### **Elementary School - \$50 gift card**

Alps Road Elementary - Matinah Andani  
Barnett Shoals Elementary - Sofia Benitez-Reyes  
Barrow Elementary - Micaela Suiza  
Chase Street Elementary - Mackenna Kilpatrick  
Cleveland Road Elementary - Hailey Rodriguez  
Fowler Drive Elementary - Jan Carlos Reyes Vazquez  
Gaines Elementary - Sharon Xulinda Snead  
JJ Harris Elementary - Emanuel Castro-Menjivar  
Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary - Celina Aguilar  
Stroud Elementary - JaQuantay Coleman  
Timothy Road Elementary - Olivia Stichtenoith  
Whit Davis Elementary - Luca McDonald  
Whitehead Road Elementary - Angel Laguna Gallares  
Winterville Elementary - Gabriel Marcos-Ventura

#### **Middle School - \$100 check**

Burney Harris Lyons Middle - Kamron Lawrence  
Clarke Middle - Eudora Dawson  
Coile Middle - Camilla Ramos-Ramirez  
Hilsman Middle - Savannah Rawls

#### **High School - \$500 check**

Cedar Shoals High - Ella Johnson  
Clarke Central High - Michael Campbell  
Classic City High - Jalayla Rose

## **2023 Foundation for Excellence Classroom Grants**

### **Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant - \$500 each**

35 mm Project: Amanda Price - Clarke Central High School

GA Thespian Conference: Rosemary Millsap - Cedar Shoals High School

### **Eve Carson Service Learning Grant - \$1000**

International Studies Unit: Crystal Adams - Gaines School Elementary

### **Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant - \$500**

Sensory Garden: Erika Douglas - Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary

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

Graphing Calculators: Kwesi Yankey - Coile Middle School

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

HMS Integration Mural: Katie Johnson - Hilsman Middle School

### **Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant - \$500**

Story Walk: Charlene Woodham-Brickman - Alps Road Elementary

### **C.B. Lord Founders' General Classroom Grant - \$1000**

Sphero Mini Robots: Blake Lewis - Whit Davis Elementary School

### **Mary & Harold Horton General Classroom Grant for Elementary School Teachers - \$500**

Theme Park Design Challenge: Jennifer Biddle - Whit Davis Elementary School

### **Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grant - \$500**

CSHS Business Library: Megan Ogden - Cedar Shoals High School

### **Dr. Marty Carter Elementary Grant for Exceptional Children - \$500**

High Interest Book Collection: Linda Christensen - JJ Harris Elementary School

### **Publix Charities General Classroom Grant - \$500**

Map Literacy: Garrett Walker - Cedar Shoals High School

**Arthur Moog Middleton Writing Grant for High School Teachers - \$500 each**

Adapted Special Education Writing: William Lowe - Cedar Shoals High School

History Writing Collaboration: Mars McCarley - Classic City High School

**Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant - \$500 each**

Science Fair: Carter Johnson - Hilsman Middle School

Sublimation Kit: Nestor Domingo - Clarke Central High School

Cedar Readers: Kerry Hogan - Cedar Shoals High School

**Carrie Fischer Siegmund Grant for Classroom Innovation - \$500**

Creative Agriculture: Chasity Thompkins - Coile Middle School

**June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teacher Grant - \$500 each**

Mark Reid - Gaines Elementary School

Kelsie Walker - Cedar Shoals High School

## **2023 Accomplishments**

### **January 2023:**

In celebration of the Foundation for Excellence's 40 years of continued service to the Clarke County School District, the Foundation started off their year with introducing their 40th anniversary logo that was designed by Winterville Elementary student Emma Raccoursier Altamirano. Emma's design was part of an art contest open to all Clarke County students in December 2022. Emma's logo remained the FFE's logo for the entire 2023 calendar year.

### **March 2023:**

FFE opened the nomination window to the community to nominate deserving Clarke County School District teachers and staff members for their annual teaching and staff awards. The Foundation received over 400 nominations, the most nominations the Foundation has ever received in its history.

### **May 2023:**

The FFE awarded its first Taylor Family Dual Enrollment Awards at the Athens Community Career Academy. 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.

### **August 2023:**

The Foundation for Excellence opened applications for their various classroom grants available to Clarke County School District classrooms. To celebrate the FFE's 40th birthday, the FFE received a \$500 grant from Publix Supermarket Charities to fund a classroom grant. This grant was introduced to CCSD teachers and staffers as available to apply. Dr. Marty Carter Elementary Grant for Exceptional Students to elementary teachers to use in their teaching classrooms. This grant was established by former Winterville Pat Britton in honor of Dr. Marty Carter.

### **October 2023:**

The Foundation for Excellence celebrated the winners of their 2023 teaching and staff award winners. The reception was held on October 16, 2023 at the Lyndon House Arts Center catered by Donderos & Hendershots. Much gratitude is expressed to our reception sponsors: Georgia United Credit Union, Peach State Credit Union, Michele Pearson Tucker at Edward Jones, Jittery Joe's Coffee, DePalmas Italian Cafe, and Barberitos Downtown Athens.

Along with the Clarke County School District and the support of Georgia United Credit Union, Peach State Credit Union and Michele Pearson Tucker of Edward Jones, the FFE was able to honor every school level Teacher and Support Personnel of the Year. The Foundation for Excellence presented the Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year award to Ms. Jakelyn Spencer of Cleveland Road Elementary and the Janis J. Stephens Support Personnel of the Year award to Ms. Lauren Cunningham of Howard B. Stroud Elementary.

The Foundation for Excellence announced the winners of the 2023 June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teacher Grant. Mr. Mark Reid of Gaines Elementary School and Ms. Kelsie Walker of Cedar Shoals High School were presented the June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teacher Grants.

## 2023 Supporters

The Foundation for Excellence wishes to thank the community for their support as we continue our mission to recognize and reward excellence within the Clarke County School District. We wish to thank these donors:

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