

2025 Annual Summary

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2025 Teaching and Staff Awards

Frieda M. Thomas Teacher of Promise

Rodrigo Valadez - Hilsman Middle School

Astrid Tarleton - Cedar Shoals High School

Downs Family District Services Award

Maurice Williams - Clarke Central High School

Demarkous Appling - CCSD Transportation

Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award

Chantel Eaton - Barrow Elementary & Clarke Middle School

Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches' Award

Daneidra Barnett - Burney Harris Lyons Middle School

Joan D. Humphries Teacher of Excellence Award

Sara Clarke - Barrow Elementary School

Ken Sherman Double Century Teacher of Excellence Award

Karen Richburg - Cedar Shoals High School

Seasoned Teacher Award

Reneta Elder - Athens Community Career Academy

Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award

Jeanna Wheeler - Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary School

Martha Comer Chair for Teachers of Languages

Susan Lane - Cedar Shoals High School

Cardee Kilpatrick Chair for Middle School Teachers

Audrey Hughes - Clarke Middle School

Ann M. Schindel Chair for Teachers of Mathematics

Conor Naughton - Hilsman Middle School

Thomas H. Whitehead Chair for Teachers of Science

Enya Granados - Clarke Central High School

2025 Teaching and Staff Award (cont.)

Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year

Timothy Pritchett - Barnett Shoals Elementary School

Janis J. Stephens Support Person of the Year

Brian Smith - Barnett Shoals Elementary School

C. Thomas Poss STAR Teacher Award

CJ Amason STAR Teacher Gift

Chris Sugiuchi - Clarke Central High School

Greg Huberty - Cedar Shoals High School

June Baldwin Turnell Aspiring Teacher Grant

Erin Hacker - Johnnie Lay Burks Elementary School

Nominees for the 2025 Teaching and Staff Awards

The community was invited to nominate any Clarke County School District teacher or staff member for Foundation for Excellence Awards. The FFE received over 320 individual nominations, nominating over 220 CCSD teachers and staff members. This is the list of all teachers and staff members that were nominated in 2025.

A. Kat Murray	Bryan Moore	Drew Wheeler
Abby Brink	Caitlyn Eley	Elizabeth Dubberly
Akyriyah Johnson	Candice Merritt	Erica Gaines
Alden Hunter	Candida Chaffin	Drew Wheeler
Alex Sines	Carl Mize	Elaina Lutz
Alexis Rawls	Carlie Williams	Elaine Jarnigan
Alexis Scott	Caroline Bharucha	Elisa Trotter
Allie Davis	Carrie Bette-Duncan	Elizabeth Dubberly
Amber Buffington	Carrie Emerson	Elliot Slane
Amber Lahm	Casey Jokay	Elsa Zúñiga
Amee Williams	Cat Mills	Emily Hulse
Ana Bonfante	Cecilia Hyers	Enya Granados
Andrea Tillman	Chantel Eaton	Erika Douglas-Greene
Andrew Ray	Charlie Davis	Erin Kuny
Andy Plemmons	Cherrelle Pass	Erin Tuggle
Angelica Bolton	Cheryl Makemson	Eunice Kang
Anna Howard	Chris Batson	Evan Adams
Anthony Brooks	Chris Hulse	Garry Grant
April Romero	Chris Simpson	George Bailey
Astrid Tarleton	Chris Woodward	Grace DeVine
Audrey Hughes	Christopher Hood	Graci Williams
Austin Johnson	Conor Naughton	Haley Nowell
Barbara Gaertig	Cori Pringle	Hannah Doolittle
Bee Nordgren	Cory Ballenger	Hannah
Ben Phillips	Cynthia Zelik	Hoffman-Graves
Bethany Forrester	Daneidra Barnett	Heather Garland
Beverly Hardy	Daniel Culliver	Heather Julian
Blanca Lynch	Darcy Cater	Holly Ait
Bobby Nguyen	Darlene Boles	Homa Rastegari
Brandi Adams	David Forker	Ian Altman
Brent Andrews	Demarkous Appling	Isabel Balsamo
Brian Dressel	Desilyn Culliver	Jaclyn Brown
Brian Levine	Dezmond Smith	Jamie Clark
Brittany Cagle Kraus	Diarra Mosley	Janaisha Cooper
Brooke Atherholt	Donna Moseley	Janice Flanigan

**Nominees for the
2025 Teaching and
Staff Awards (cont.)**

Jasmine Curry
Jeanna Wheeler
Jennifer Appling
Jennifer Biddle
Jessica Colquit
Jessie Willoughby
John Ritzler
Joseph Ebron
Josh Truitt
Joshua Dawson
Juanita Nash
Julia Uptagrafft
Julie Fiamingo
Karen Richburg
Kate Orozco
Kathleen Hanniford
Kathryn Brown
Katie Baker-Johnson
Katie Green
Kenneth Washington
Kerry Hogan
Kiana Dale
Krissy Brooks
Kyle Martin
Laquinta Moon
LaTia Reevey
Latoya Tillman
Laura Lee D'Huyvetter
Laura McGreevy
Laura Porter
Lawanna Knight
Leneria Bradley
Lindsey Chatham
Liza Burnsed
Logan Garrett
Machelle Browner
Mallory Thomas
Marie Peel
Mary Mixon

Matthew Register
Maurice Williams
Mckale Jones
Megan Garcia
Megan Moye
Meganne Skinner
Meghan McNeeley
Melanie Marty
Melissa Freeman
Michael Gatlin
Michaela Wright
Michelle Crites
Michelle LaMarque
Michelle Rabold
Mimi Gaines
Miss Kuny
Mollie Schubach
Molly Dorkey
Montu Miller
Motikae Gunn
Porter Thomas
Tiffany Davis
Wilkinson
Natasha Bolden
Natasha Hendricks
Nathalie Guerin
Nester Domingo
Noemí Catalán
Nora Cryder
O'Marr Curry
Papitha Nancy Raju
Quentori Wynder
Rachel Green
Rayna Black
Rebecca Draper
Rebecca McDonald
Reneta Elder
Reva Barnes
Richard Dorsey
Rick Carlson
Ricky Allen
Ricky Keller
Riley Hefner

Robert Olin
Rodrigo Valadez
Ryan Johnson
Ryan Landaverde
Samantha Moore
Sara Clarke
Sarah Dagogo-Jack
Sarah Kim
Sarah Taylor
Sarah Vondenkamp
Sarah Walls
Sasha Baker
Shaquille Gatlin
Shawnta Hutchinson
She-ra Gonzalez
Shuana Sims
Stephanie Rolader
Stephen Howard
Summer Smith
Susan Lane
Sylvia Aldaba
Tamara Ware
Tamia Anderson
Tamiya Heard
Tammi Johnson
Tara Bernstein
Taylor Perrault
Teri McGarity
Tessa Barbazon
Tilie Sims
Timothy Mack
Timothy Pritchett
Tyler Graves
Tyshaney Mungin
Valarie Jones
Valerie Oxford
Valerie Sloan
Valinda Miller
Yuri Flores
Zach Spires
Zollie Mattox

2025 Foundation for Excellence Classroom Grants

Charles Hudson & Joyce Rockwood Hudson Indigenous Georgia Classroom Grant - \$500

Atlanta History Center Trunks: Alexandra D'Angelo, Bettye Henderson Holston Elementary School

Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grants

Cedar Ceramics: Jacob Cawthorn, Cedar Shoals High School - \$500

Percussion Kits: Sarah Waller-Price, Coile Middle School - \$500

Eve Carson Service Learning Grants

Lead to Serve: Bethany Forrester, Bettye Henderson Holston Elementary School - \$1000

CCHS Lifesavers: Maurice Williams, Clarke Central High School - \$500

Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant - \$500

Emergency Voice: Amy Thompson, Cedar Shoals High School

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

Sphero Sparks: Lauren Roig, Whit Davis Elementary School

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

Job Skills: Liza Burnsed, Cedar Shoals High School

Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant - \$500

CCHS Book Club: Angie Pendley, Clarke Central High School

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

Eyes in the Sky: Barb Saunders, Burney Harris Lyons Middle School

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

Podcasting: Blake Lewis, Whit Davis Elementary

Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grant - \$500

Score Expansion: Matthew Sines, Hilsman Middle School

Dr. Marty Carter Elementary Grant for Exceptional Children - \$1000

Camp Jekyll: Elizabeth Bolus, Johnnie Lay Burks Elementary School

Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant - \$1000

Audio Access: Laura McGreevy, Hilsman Middle School

2025 Student Awards

Arthur Moog Middleton Writing Awards for High School Juniors (\$250 each)

Lilliana Cohen - Cedar Shoals High School

Peter Atchley - Clarke Central High School

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

Omnia Mansour - Cedar Shoals High School

Doan Duong - Clarke Central High School

Marge Schneider Science Awards (\$250 each)

Finn McGreevy - Cedar Shoals High School

Kate DeMaria - Clarke Central High School

Gregg W. Lewis Scholar Athlete Awards Overall winners (\$500 each)

Ryan Xiao - Cedar Shoals High School

Jane Ripps - Clarke Central High School

Runners Up (\$250 each)

Alyssa Weiszer - Cedar Shoals High School

Wyatt Meyer - Clarke Central High School

Taylor Family Dual Enrollment Awards (\$250 each)

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Breyanna Williams

Classic City High School Student of the Year (\$100 each)

Isaac Bland

2025 Student Awards (cont.)

Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Awards Elementary School (\$50 gift card)

Ariadna Borjas-Loyola - Barnett Shoals Elementary
Sadie Smith - David C. Barrow Elementary
La'Myaiah Ragin - Bettye Lee Holston Elementary
AnnaMarie Thompson - Cleveland Road Elementary
Emeryce Ware - Fowler Drive Elementary
Shernya Tolbert - Gaines Elementary
Makaila Waters - Howard B. Stroud Elementary
Harmonie Browner - Judia Jackson Harris Elementary
Isadora Smart - Johnnie Lay Burks Elementary
Talulah Fuller- Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary
Ben Meixner - Timothy Road Elementary
Trinity Davis - Whit Davis Elementary
Jack Evans - Whitehead Road Elementary
Nolan Carter - Winterville Elementary

Middle School (\$100 gift card)

Lazarus Barger - Burney Harris Lyons Middle
Emeline Koons - Clarke Middle
Thomas Field - Coile Middle
Khloe Brown - Hilsman Middle

High School (\$500)

Spencer Waldroup - Cedar Shoals High
Wyatt Meyer - Clarke Central High