

2020 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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2020 Awards

Faculty/Staff Awards

- Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Support Personnel (\$1000 for two years)--Michelle Pisarik, Whit Davis ES
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- Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English and Language Arts (\$1000 for two years)--Chandra Power, Coile MS
- Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts (\$1000 for two years)—Lori Ragsdale, Chase St ES
- Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award (\$500 for two years)--Cori Pringle, Clarke Central HS
- Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies (\$500 for two years)--Sean Simpson, Clarke MS
- Friends of Eve Carson Excellence in Teaching Award (\$500 for two years)--Emily Hulse, Clarke Central HS

- Newland Family Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award (\$500 for two years)--Susan Poss, Whit Davis ES
- Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award (\$500)--Bailey Frederking, Clarke MS; Meghan Jackson-Testerman, Clarke MS; Matthew Regester, Clarke Central HS
- Bertis Downs District Services Award (\$500)--Andrea Cutts, Cleveland Rd ES; Mark Sizemore, Chief of Police; Gene Williams, Cedar Shoals HS
- Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award (\$500)--Sparkle Harper, Barrow ES
- Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches Award (\$500)--Conor Naughton, Hilsman MS
- Thomas C. Poss STAR Teacher Award (\$500 each)—Shemeda Jones, Cedar Shoals HS; Jessica Sheldon—Clarke Central HS

Student Awards

- Gregg W. Lewis Scholar Athlete Awards: Female: Lucy Yeomans-Clarke Central; Male: Theron Camp-Clarke Central HS
- Marge Schneider Science Awards: Paula Figueroamo--Cedar Shoals HS; Beatrice Acheson--Clarke Central HS
- Charlotte & Claude Williams American History Awards: Favour Emegwam--Cedar Shoals HS; Kurali Grantham--Clarke Central HS
- Arthur Moog Middleton Writing Awards: Brittany Lopez--Cedar Shoals HS; Amanda Ochieng--Clarke Central HS
- Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Awards:

Cedar Shoals High School—*Angela Ghimire*
 Clarke Central High School—*Nyah Carlson*
 Burney/Harris/Lyons Middle School--*Emmanuel Thompson*
 Clarke Middle School--*Beck Wolf-Hardy*
 W. R. Coile Middle School--*Jacqueline Medina*
 Hilsman Middle School--*Jonathan Williams*

Alps Road Elementary School--*Mackenzie Moore*
 Barnett Shoals Elementary School--TBA
 D. C. Barrow Elementary School--*Mary Wicker*
 Chase Street Elementary School--*Liza Larson*
 Cleveland Road Elementary School--*Keovoris Parrish*
 Fowler Drive Elementary School--*Emely Ricardo*
 Gaines Elementary School--*Leilani Brown*
 J.J. Harris Elementary School--*Natalie Rodriguez Martinez*
 Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary School--*Ana Ruiz-Bermudez*
 H. B. Stroud Elementary School--*Joana Chinchilla-Carranza*
 Timothy Road Elementary School--*Josue Sanabria*
 Whit Davis Elementary School--*Karlos Ortega Martinez*
 Whitehead Road Elementary School--*Sarah Htoo*
 Winterville Elementary School--*Gabrielle Elise Sturdivant*

2020 Classroom Grants

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic that hit in the spring when the FFE grants window would open, the board of trustees regrettably voted to take a "gap year" with grants because of the completely virtual schedule in place in the Clarke County School District. The monies that were designated for this purpose were spent on yard signs for the award winners (two each—one to take home and one to be placed at the school/department) and a gift of *Condor Chocolates* for every employee in the school district in December.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

FFE BBQ—In conjunction with Chef Emmanuel Stone and his culinary students from the Athens Community Career Academy the FFE sponsored a BBQ “Fundraiser AND Friendraiser” on February 28th. This proved to be our last in person event before the pandemic hit. The food was delicious, and the board members had so much fun pulling pork together.

CCSD Employee of the Month—Because the Georgia Department of Education suspended the Teacher of the Year competition, the FFE funneled the \$1000 Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year and the \$500 Janis J. Stephens Parapro of the Year monies to the Clarke County School District. Each month a \$200 cash award was given to an Employee of the Month selected from nominations by a community committee.

Award Winner Recognition—Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, our annual Award Reception was canceled. The money from our signature sponsor, *Georgia United Credit Union*, was used to purchase \$100 food gift certificates for our 17 winners. Former winner Harold Faison of the CCSD produced a video containing interviews with each winner.

Award Nominees—Our yearly Nominee Tea was canceled due to the pandemic. We spent those designated monies to buy each nominated CCSD employee an FFE mask and a \$5 gift card to *Jittery Joe’s*.

2020 FFE Nominees

Crystal Adams	GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Caroline Allums	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Harriet Anderson	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Brent Andrews	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Kadijah Arnold	DAVID C. BARROW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Sasha Baker	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Latasha Ball	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Melissa Basel	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Chris Batson	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Lydia Behrens	FOWLER DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Zandra Bell-McRoy	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Heather Benton	CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Amit Bharucha	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Eric Blake	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mary Kathryn Blankenship	TIMOTHY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Shamikia Bolton	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Michael Bosquet	WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Suzette Braden	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Tamika Brown	TIMOTHY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Carlin Brownlee	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Katrina Bruner	DAVID C. BARROW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Amber Buffington	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Cassandra Burch	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Christy Burdett	DAVID C. BARROW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Liza Burnsed	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Laurie Camp	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Heather Cash	CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Maria Castillo	J.J. HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Caroline Chambers	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Marquita Chaney	ALPS ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Haley Cinereski	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tywanda Colbert	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Nicola Colvil	WHITEHEAD ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Leanna Cuevas	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Loraine Cummings	DISTRICT SERVICES (TRANSPORTATION, FACILITIES, ETC.)
Callie Cunningham	WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Andrea Cutts	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Veronica Davidson	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Brittany Dillard	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Richard Dorsey	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Reneta Elder	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Mimi Elliott-Gower	DISTRICT/ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Cara Emrath	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Julie Evans	CCSD Adaptive P.E.
Michael Farley	BARNETT SHOALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Julia Faucette	OGLETHORPE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Gidget Favors	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Matthew Fayoyin	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Eliza Fennelly	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Katherine Fitzpatrick	GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Rebecca Floyd	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL

Taylor Fourman	FOWLER DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Bailey Frederking	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Deana Frink	OGLETHORPE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Barbara Gaertig	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Lori Garrett-Hatfield	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Nicole George	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Nathalie Guerin	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Erika Hardaway	CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Sparkle Harper	DAVID C. BARROW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Henry Heath	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Shawn Hinger	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Christina Honeycutt	TIMOTHY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Erick Hopkins	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Greg Huberty	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Tanya Hudson	CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Emily Hulse	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Treva Hunt-Colclough	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Shenica Hunter	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Laura Hyer	ATHENS COMMUNITY CAREER ACADEMY
Megan Jackson-Testerman	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Kalli James-Wyrick	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Missy Jersawitz	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Katherine Johnson	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Mercy Johnson	J.J. HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Deborah Johnson	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Leslie Johnson	WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Nicole Johnson	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kylie Kratz	GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Caitlyn Kurish	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Anna Lambert	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
William Lance	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Sharon Lattimore	DISTRICT SERVICES (TRANSPORTATION, FACILITIES, ETC.)
Stefanie Legato	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Cathy Link	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Sarah Lockman	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Ashley Logan	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Jessica Long	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Laura Marlow	TIMOTHY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Jaime Marshall	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Shannon McDonough	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Lauren McElhannon	DAVID C. BARROW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Hannah Meeler	OGLETHORPE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Rosemary Milsap	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Carl Mize	BURNEY-HARRIS-LYONS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Brittania Moody	TIMOTHY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Jennifer Moon	TIMOTHY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Grant Moro	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Charles Myers	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Conor Naughton	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Megan Ogden	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Cassie Page	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
James Page	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Sarah Parido	BURNEY-HARRIS-LYONS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Kelly Parker	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Feliscia Parrish	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Ashlee Perry	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Tristan Phillips	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Michelle Pisarik	WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Susan Poss	WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Chandra Power	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Amanda Price	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Cori Pringle	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Lori Ragsdale	CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Martha Ranson	DISTRICT/ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Stephanie Rary	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Matthew Regester	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Brittany Ritter	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Lacey Robson	TIMOTHY ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Elizabeth Royer-Woodward	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Natalie Sanders	CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Chandra Scott	WINTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Erin Seymour	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Mollie Sherman	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Sean Simpson	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Heather Sitrler	CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Mark Sizemore	DISTRICT SERVICES (TRANSPORTATION, FACILITIES, ETC.)
Kyle Smith	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Philip Smith	J.J. HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Veronika Snuggs	OGLETHORPE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Allison Still	WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Lee-Ann Stinger	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Allie Stroman	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tiffany Studivant	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Scott Swain	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Charissa Swan	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Emily Sweat	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kristen Swindle	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Megan Tate	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LDreco Thomas	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Fran Thompson	DISTRICT SERVICES (TRANSPORTATION, FACILITIES, ETC.)
Angelia Tillman	DISTRICT/ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Tamera Tillman	FOWLER DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Caitlin Tucker	GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tiffani Turner	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Lakeisha Vaughan-Jones	W.R. COILE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Michael Vernelson	DISTRICT/ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Amy Walker	WHIT DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TaKesha Wall	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Sarah Walls	GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Philip Walter	CLARKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Tonya Ward	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Jennifer Westlake	GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Katie Wheeler	DISTRICT/ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Kim Whitehead	HOWARD B. STROUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Gene Williams	CEDAR SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL
Sonjua Williams	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Carla Williams	CLEVELAND ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Heather Wisz	DAVID C. BARROW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Lauren Wood	HILSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Caroline Woodrum	EARLY LEARNING CENTER
Chris Woodward	CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Alexis Zabetakis

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Mary Lynn Zimpfer

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