

# 2017 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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- Cynthia J. "CJ" Amason, Executive Director
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- Anisa Sullivan Jimenez & Haley Brannan, CCSD Liaisons
- Catherine Neace, Past President
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## 2017 Awards

### Faculty/Staff Awards

- *Walter Allen , Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award:* Andrea Rowe, Whit Davis ES
- *Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:* Courtney Jones, Clarke Central HS and Meganne Skinner, Hilsman MS
- *Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award:* Patty Tudman, Clarke MS
- *Bertis Downs District Services Award:* Jonathan Burke, School Nutrition and Elaine Gail Dunn, Clarke MS
- *Ken Sherman Double Century Excellence in Teaching Award:* Leslie Brown, H.B. Stroud ES
- *Joan D. Humphries Excellence in Teaching Award:* Ashlea Campbell, Alps Road ES
- *Seasoned Teacher Award:* Stella Guerrero, Cedar Shoals HS
- *Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:* Ashlee Perry, Clarke MS
- *Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies:* Erin Adamson, Cedar Shoals HS
- *Cardee Kilpatrick Chair for Middle School Teachers:* Janet Micheletti, Hilsman MS and Paul Sellev, Coile MS
- *Thomas Whitehead Chair for Teachers of Science:* Steven King, Whit Davis ES
- *Ann M. Schindel Chair for Teachers of Mathematics:* Alaina Hughey, Coile MS

- *Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year Award:* Greg Huberty, Cedar Shoals HS
- *Janis J. Stephens Paraprofessional of the Year Award:* Verna Chester-Brown, Winterville ES

## Student Awards

- *Gregg W. Lewis Scholar Athlete Award:* Avery Warner, Clarke Central HS & William White, Clarke Central HS
- *Marge Schneider Science Award:* Evelyn Pinto, Cedar Shoals HS & Marco Newman, Clarke Central HS
- *Charlotte & Claude Williams American History Award:* Riley Hefner, Cedar Shoals HS & Johanna Hall, Clarke Central HS
- *Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Award:*
  - Alps Road Elementary–Jaidah Faust
  - Barnett Shoals Elementary–Lillian McGreevy
  - Barrow Elementary–Alice Adams
  - Chase Street Elementary–Isabella Westrich
  - Cleveland Road Elementary–Genesis Casas-Gaona
  - Fowler Drive Elementary–Zykeria Sorrells
  - Gaines Elementary–Carol Hernandez
  - J. Harris Elementary–Danitza Ulloa
  - Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary–Giana Bermudez
  - B. Stroud Elementary–Lakea Edgerton
  - Timothy Road Elementary–Lily Gordon
  - Whit Davis Elementary–Parker Borron
  - Whitehead Road Elementary–Brenda Colmenares
  - Winterville Elementary–Elana Masters
  - Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle–Sa-Blue Wah
  - Clarke Middle–Ietta Veeder
  - R. Coile Middle–Jessica Galvan
  - Hilsman Middle–Oluwasunmisola Odeyemi
  - Cedar Shoals HS–Evelyn Pinto
  - Clarke Central HS–Lauryn Waters
  - Classic City HS–Daivyon Hull

## 2017 Classroom Grants

**Endowed Grants** – Total of endowed grants \$8000.

- *Eve Carson Service Learning Grant:* Jillian Gordon, Clarke Central HS, \$1000—“Combating Food Deserts Through Garden Based Education”
- *Sara Orton Glickman Collaborative Project Based Learning Grant:* Julie Throne, Cedar Shoals HS, \$1000—“CSHS Fish House”
- *B. Lord Founder’s General Classroom Grant:* Carrie Maxey, Chase Street ES, \$1000—“The Past in the Present: Discussing History Through Historical Fiction Book Clubs”
- *Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant:* Brittany Moore, Cedar Shoals HS, \$1000—“Learning and Growing Through Living”
- *Jimmy Morris Fine Arts Grant:* Rosemary Milsap, Cedar Shoals HS, \$500—“Lights Up! A Musical Theater Production Project”; Melanie Powers, Whitehead Road ES, \$500—“Music to Go”

- *Mary and Harold P. Horton Elementary School General Classroom Grant*: Jennifer Biddle, Whit Davis ES, \$500—“Building at Whit Davis”
- *Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant*: Kelly Hocking, Barrow ES, \$500—“Increasing Reading Fluency Through the Art of Shadow Puppet Plays”
- *Todd Cooper Technology Grant*: Jennifer Biddle, Whit Davis ES, \$500—“Coding with Ozobots”
- *Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant*: Erika Douglas Greene, Gaines ES, \$500—“Project R.E.A.L.”
- *Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grant*: Claude Gonzalez, Clarke Central HS, \$500—“Outdoors/Indoors”
- *Arthur Moog Middleton Media Center Grant*: \$250 each to Cedar Shoals HS and Clarke Central HS media centers

**General Classroom Grants**—Non endowed classroom grants were supported in 2017 by generous gifts from members in the Athens-Clarke County community and beyond. Special thanks to the Junior League of Athens from whom we received a \$450 mini grant to support literacy. These grants, totaling \$2000, were made to the following:

### **\$500 Grants**

- Hilary Ruston, Coile MS—“Robotic Cougars Enter Hydrodynamics”
- Sarah Parido, Burney-Harris-Lyons MS—“Guitars for BHL Students Sounds Finger Pickin’ Good”
- Chris Camp, Winterville ES—“Drumming Rhythmic Concepts”

### **\$250 Grants**

- Sarah Walls, Gaines ES—“LID Classroom Buddies”
- Shaugnessy McCann, Hilsman MS—“Physics is a Ball”

## **Key 2017 Accomplishments**

**Final Ath/Sav Ride** – The FFE offers our sincerest thanks to Dr. Ken Sherman who has designated our Foundation as the beneficiary of the profits from his Athens to Savannah Bike Ride for the last several years. He is passing the torch to others now so we express our gratitude—it has indeed been a great ride!

**Nominees’ Event** – Our annual nominees’ event was held on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Trumps. A special welcome was given by Ernest Hardaway, retiring CCSD Executive Director of Support Services and the FFE’s 2002 Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award Recipient. Special guest was interim CCSD superintendent Dr. Jack Parish. Below are the nominees by school:

**Alps Road ES**-Joycette Bell, Ashlea Campbell

**Barnett Shoals ES**-Johnetta Barnett, Emily Christopher, Leigh Ann Emrick, Jacie Hortman

**Barrow ES**-Haley Cullum, Regenia Dalton, Jennifer Leahy

**Burney/Harris/Lyons MS**-Alex Holman, Heather Holman, Matthew Smith, Kathleen Williams, Christina Wilson

**Cedar Shoals HS**-Erin Adamson, Elesha Coons, Liza Fennelly, Stella Guerrero, Elizabeth Haas, Rosemary Milsap, Megan Ogden, Natasha Patterson, Gene Williams, Mary Lynn Zimpfer

**Chase St ES**-Cameron Brooks, Natalia Ferrando, Betsy Nesmith

**Clarke Central HS**-Johnny Anderson, Brooke Craft, Alex Henson, Courtney Jones, Elizabeth Mooney, Terry Reid, Scott Swain, April Tedeschi, Marie Yuran

**Clarke MS**-Elaine Dunn, Ashlee Perry, Patty Tudman

**Classic City HS**-Eric Duncan, Phyllis Sanders

**Cleveland Rd ES**-Britany Boucher, Brittany Dillard, Lawana Reid, Tanya Long

**Coile MS**-Alaina Hughey, Frederic Rushing, Paul Sellev

**Fowler Dr ES**-Tava Aziabor, Ann Benedek, Kimberly Bosquet, Wendy Greer, Kala Jordan, Lisa Lane, Yoshika Middlebrooks, Christie Navarro, Pauly Shenton, Bernita White

**Hilsman MS**-Laurie Camp, Cassie Crenshaw, Audrey Hughes, Dorothy Jones, Mark Martin, Janet Micheletti, Conor Naughton, Pierre Oulevey, Melanie Picha, Meganne Skinner, Alexis Zabetakis

**Oglethorpe Ave ES**-Karen Collins, Leigh Anne Lindsey, Megan Makin, Andrea Tillman

**School Nutrition**-Jonathan Burke

**Stroud ES**-Leslie Brown, Cassandra Burch, Tiffany Coleman, Feliscia Parrish, Justin Rebitch, Lauren Ritter, Marsha Thomas

**Whit Davis ES**-Steven King, Andrea Rowe, Lewis Watson

**Welcome Reception for New Superintendent** – On Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, the FFE was pleased to host a welcome reception for the new CCSD superintendent, Dr. Demond Means. Cine' Theatre was our venue and delicious food was provided by The National. Former FFE trustees, award and grant judges, and major donors were invited along with community and business members of the school district's Local School Governance Teams.

**Annual Awards Celebration**– We made a paradigm shift this year by changing our format and venue for this signature FFE event. The Georgian Hall and South Kitchen and Bar offered a wonderful backdrop and delicious food for all. Moving from a banquet program to a more informal cocktail party after the presentations provided for more fun and fellowship. Dr. Eunice Kang and the Clarke Central HS Strings were welcome entertainment. An inspiring video spotlighting various CCSD students and their reflections on their favorite teachers was filmed by Brandon Cullum and opened the night. Friends of the FFE Peggy Galis, Harold Horton, and Brenda Poss gave remarks.

**New Endowments** – Retired CCSD educator and former FFE trustee Brenda Poss along with her children endowed an award in honor of husband and father C. Thomas Poss which will give \$250 each to the STAR Teachers from Clarke Central and Cedar Shoals HS. Funds were designated in memory of Cedar Shoals HS student Michael Peter Horvat by his parents to endow a coaches' award.

**Internal Changes** – The FFE board voted to change our trustee terms from January-December to August-July to align with the academic calendar. The board also voted to implement an evaluation tool synched to the executive director job description designed by former FFE president David Meyers. Thanks to trustee Josh Podvin the FFE made the leap to a completely online grants process in 2017; it was very successful, and the plan is to bring the awards process on board in 2018.