

2019 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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2019 Awards

Faculty/Staff Awards

- **Cardee Kilpatrick Chair for Middle School Teachers** (\$1250 for two years)—*Nicholas Hussain*, Hilsman Middle School
- **Thomas H. Whitehead Chair for Teachers of Science** (\$1250 for two years)—*Dr. Mary Bradbury-Bailey*, Cedar Shoals High School
- **Ann M. Schindel Chair for Teachers of Mathematics** (\$1250 for two years)—*Heather Julian*, Clarke Central High School
- **Seasoned Teacher Award** (\$500 for two years)—*Peggy Bailey*, Clarke Middle School
- **Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award** (\$500 for two years)—*Dr. Melissa Perez Rhym*, Cedar Shoals High School [now at Clarke Middle School]
- **Ken Sherman Double Century Excellence in Teaching Award** (\$500 for two years)—*Krista Dean*, Chase Street Elementary School
- **Joan D. Humphries Excellence in Teaching Award** (\$500 for two years)—*Dr. Susan Bolen*, Winterville Elementary School

- **Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award** (\$500 each for one year)—**Heather Williams**, Clarke Middle School; **Lindsay Coleman Taylor**, Clarke Central High School; **Kaneshia Morman**, Barrow Elementary School
- **Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches' Award** (\$500 for one year)—**Jeffrey Burton**, Hilsman Middle School
- **Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award** (\$500 for one year)—**Amy Roark**, Director of CCSD Nursing
- **Bertis Downs District Services Award** (\$500 each for one year)—**Janet Stephens**, Transportation; **Justin Robertson**, Transportation
- **Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year** (\$1000 for one year)—**Sook Jin Abbott**, Barnett Shoals Elementary School
- **Janis J. Stephens Parapro of the Year** (\$500 for one year)—**Lauren Brickle**, Fowler Drive Elementary School
- **C. Thomas Poss STAR Teachers** (\$250 each for one year)—**Dr. Kimberly Takagi**, Cedar Shoals High School; **Ginger Lehmann** and **Claude Gonzalez** (there were two STAR students who tied), Clarke Central High School

Student Awards

- **Gregg W. Lewis Scholar Athlete Award:** Female: *Olivia Duever*-Cedar Shoals; Male: *Andrew Caldwell*-Clarke Central
- **Marge Schneider Science Award:** *Catherine Wang*-Cedar Shoals HS; *Coles Ehlers*-Clarke Central HS
- **Charlotte & Claude Williams American History Award:** *Angela Ghimire*-Cedar Shoals HS; *Alexander Robinson*-Clarke Central HS
- **Arthur Moog Middleton Writing Award:** *Daveon Montgomery*-Cedar Shoals HS; *Elena Gilbertson Hall*-Clarke Central HS
- **Eve Carson Humanitarian Spirit Award:**

Cedar Shoals High School-*Malaya Moon*
 Clarke Central High School-*Flora Lechtrech*
 Classic City High School-*Phoenix McAllister*
 Burney/Harris/Lyons Middle School--*Lilian Pressley*
 Clarke Middle School--*Amelia Baer*
 W. R. Coile Middle School--*Jonathan Martinez-Lopez*
 Hilsman Middle School--*Jane Michael*
 Alps Road Elementary School--*Ziyonna Davis*
 Barnett Shoals Elementary School--*Christopher Koch*
 D. C. Barrow Elementary School--*Alexandra Ozuna*
 Chase Street Elementary School--*Cameron Mojock*
 Cleveland Road Elementary School--*James (JJ) Johnson*
 Fowler Drive Elementary School--*Aislinn Santiago-Ponce*
 Gaines Elementary School--*Caiden Kelley*
 J.J. Harris Elementary School--*Miguel Reyes-Mondragon*
 Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary School--*Alexandra Carcamo-Villalta*
 H. B. Stroud Elementary School--*Yessica Carranza-Castellon*
 Timothy Road Elementary School--*Ashley Gershon*
 Whit Davis Elementary School--*Omnia Mansour*
 Whitehead Road Elementary School--*Clarice Buri*
 Winterville Elementary School--*Sarah Bottoms*

2019 Classroom Grants

Sara Orton Glickman Collaborative Project Based Learning Grant (\$1000)—**Jadzia Hutchings**, Cedar Shoals High School [“Build Your Own Tiny Garden”]

Eve Carson Memorial Service-Learning Grant (\$1000)—**Andrew Dean**, Clarke Central High School [“Writing for Change: A Community Action Plan”]

Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant (\$1000)—**Carlin Chandler**, Cedar Shoals High School [“Growing Vegetables and Confidence”]

C.B. Lord General Classroom Grant (\$1000)—**Rosemary Milsap**, Cedar Shoals High School [“Lights Up! A Musical Theater Production Project”]

Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant (\$500)—**Nicholas Hussain**, Hillsman Middle School [“It’s All About the Story: Using Literature to Teach and Enrich 7th Grade Social Studies”]

Sandy Creek Nature Center General Classroom Science Grants (\$500 each)—**Fredreshia Johnson**, Coile Middle School [“Earth and Space Science”]; **Kelli**

Bivins, Cedar Shoals High School [“Engaging Freshman Biology Students in Art to Increase Learning and Motivation at CSHS”]

Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant (\$500)—**Kellis Boland**, Clarke Middle School [“All-Needs Outdoor Learning Environment”]

Todd Cooper Memorial Grant for Technology and Equipment (\$500)—**Dr. Nathalie Guerin**, Clarke Middle School [“Break Out of the Rut and Reach into Language”]

Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grants (\$500 each)—**Sarah Parido**, Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School [“All About That Bass”]; **Laura Lee Johnson**, Cedar Shoals High School [“Fine Arts Building Murals”]

Arthur Moog Middleton High School Writing Grant (\$500)—**Katie Baker Johnson**, Cedar Shoals High School [“Jags Mentoring Jags: Peer Leadership Laws of Life Magazine”]

Mary and Harold P. Horton General Classroom Grant for Elementary School Teachers (\$500)—**Kim Whitehead**, Howard B. Stroud Elementary School [“Growing the Future”]

Alpha Delta Kappa {Fidelis Nu Chapter} Retired Educators General Classroom Grant (\$500)—**Kim Whitehead**, Howard B. Stroud Elementary School [“Building Nature- Based Infrastructure Features at Stroud Elementary”]

Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grant (\$500)—**Audrey Hughes**, Hillsman Middle School [“Living Things Are Dependent on Non-Living, Abiotic Features”]

Athens Junior League General Classroom Grant (\$500)—**Marc Ginsberg**, Cedar Shoals High School [“Growing as Journalists: Traveling to the Spring 2020 Journalism Education Association National Convention”]

Key 2019 Accomplishments

Nominees’ Event – Our annual nominees’ event was held on Monday, April 8th, at Trumps. Thanks once again to our signature sponsor, Synovus Bank. Retired CCSD

administrator and former FFE president Dr. Joan Humphries shared stories of the history of the Foundation for Excellence with the attendees. Below are the nominees:

Sook Jin Abbott, Barnett Shoals ES
Chris Aiken, Clarke Central HS
Melissa Albano, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Ian Altman, Clarke Central HS
Brent Andrews, Cedar Shoals HS
Peggy Bailey, Clarke MS
Kisha Bailey, Timothy Road ES
Chris Batson, Clarke MS
Annie Birdsong, J.J. Harris ES
Susan Bolen, Winterville ES
Auburn Bolton, Cedar Shoals HS
Keamber Booker, Burney Harris Lyons MS
Annie Bradberry, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Mary Bradbury-Bailey, Cedar Shoals HS
Suzette Braden, Clarke Central HS
Brian Bray, Technology
Alyson Brice, Chase Street ES
Cameron Brooks, Chase Street ES
David Brownlee, Barnett Shoals ES
Cassandra Burch, H.B. Stroud ES
Jeffrey Burton, Hilsman MS
Joyce Butler, Chase Street ES
Shundra Caldwell, Winterville ES
Janet Campbell, Winterville ES
Zadian Carey, H.B. Stroud ES
Heather Cash, Chase Street ES
India Chatmon, Barnett Shoals ES
Haley Cinereski, Cleveland Road ES
Sara Clarke, Barrow ES
Lindsay Coleman-Taylor, Clarke Central HS
LeAnna Cuevas, Cleveland Road ES
Bianca Culver, Clarke Central HS/Alps Road ES
Courtney Cunningham, Barrow ES
Krista Dean, Chase Street ES
Rachel Dunston, Chase Street ES
Danielle Edge, Clarke MS
Franchesca Ferguson, H.B. Stroud ES
Natalia Ferrando, Chase Street ES
Washonda Foote, Cleveland Road ES
Taylor Fourman, Cleveland Road ES
Alycia Garth, Whitehead Road ES
Lyndsay Goeckeritz, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Allyson Griffith, Barrow ES
Rebecca Hall-Barrett, Chase Street ES
Khadijjah Hannah, Barnett Shoals ES
Kenneth Hobbs, Gaines ES
Jacqueline Holland, Hilsman MS
Beth Holliday, Athens Community Career Academy
Donald Hollman, Clarke Central HS
Jacie Hortman, Barnett Shoals ES
Audrey Hughes, Hilsman MS
Chris Hulse, Clarke Central HS/Cedar Shoals HS
Nicholas Hussain, Hilsman MS
Chinyere Ikedionwu, Chase Street ES
Shawanna Jones, Whit Davis ES
Heather Julian, Clarke Central HS
Savanna Kelley, Fowler Drive ES
Jennifer Learnard, Fowler Drive ES
Stefanie Legato, H.B. Stroud ES

Blake Lewis, Whit Davis ES
Sarah Lowing, Chase Street ES
Megan Makin, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Angela Manous, W.R. Coile MS
Jaime Marshall, H.B. Stroud ES
Samantha Massey, J.J.Harris ES
Karen McDonald, Whit Davis ES
Stephanie McKee, W.R. Coile MS
Meghan McNeeley, Clarke Central HS
Marco Messori, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Margaret Ellen Mixon, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Andrea Mooney, Gaines ES
Ashley Morgan, Whit Davis ES
Kanesha Morman, Barrow ES
Marilyn Murphy, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Ashley Neal, Barnett Shoals ES
Valerie Oxford, Fowler Drive ES
Sara Parrish, Fowler Drive ES
Melissa Perez-Rhym, Cedar Shoals HS
Janice Phillips, Whit Davis ES
Cherrelle Pullen, Cedar Shoals HS/Hilsman MS
Tina Pullen, Cleveland Road ES
David Ragsdale, Clarke Central HS
Stephanie Rary, H.B. Stroud ES
Justin Rebitch, H.B. Stroud ES
Karen Rhodes, Burney Harris Lyons MS
Lauren Ritter, H.B. Stroud ES
Amy Roark, Nursing
Justin Robertson, Transportation
Becky Ross, Cedar Shoals HS
Jennifer Scott, Barnett Shoals ES
Mollie Sherman, Clarke MS
Heather Sitler, Chase Street ES
Fonda Slongo, Barrow ES
Summer Smith, Clarke Central HS
Jo Smith, Winterville ES
Janet Stephens, Transportation
Joan Stevens, Fowler Drive ES
Polly Strange, Fowler Drive ES
Virginia Suggs, Whit Davis ES
Elijah Swift, Clarke Central HS
Kristen Swindle, H.B. Stroud ES
Katy Tedford, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
L'Dreco Thomas, Cedar Shoals HS
Rebecca Thorpe, Chase Street ES
Andrea Tillman, Oglethorpe Avenue ES
Caitlin Tucker, Whitehead Road ES
Tiffani Turner, Cleveland Road ES
Sarah Britton-Vaughn, Barrow ES
John Walker, Clarke Central HS
Tonya Ward, Hilsman MS
Shannon Watkins, Winterville ES
Bernita White, Fowler Drive ES
Kim Whitehead, H.B. Stroud ES
Jessica Wilcox, Chase Street ES
Heather Williams, Clarke MS
Carla Williams, Cleveland Road ES
Teresa Williams, W.R. Coile MS
Hallie Williamson, H.B. Stroud ES
Hope Zimmerman, Clarke MS

Annual Awards Reception—We loved moving to a cocktail style reception in 2017 and very much enjoyed South Kitchen and Bar at the Georgian Ballroom downtown. We outgrew that venue so moved to The Cotton Press this year on October 14th. We are particularly grateful to Georgia United Credit Union for being our key sponsor for this celebration honoring our FFE award winners. We contracted for 2020 to return on October 5th.

Grant Donors – Many thanks to the Athens Junior League, Sandy Creek Nature Center, and the Alpha Delta Kappa (Fidelis Nu Chapter) Retired Educators for making gifts for general classroom grants.

Internal Changes – We were delighted to bring on another UGA MBA fellow, Joe Tereniak, to join Rob Grabowski. These young men are giving oversight to our new website (which went live!) and to our transition to a third party online award and grants entity, Kaleidoscope.