

2014 ANNUAL SUMMARY

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- Paul Matthews, Webmaster

2014 Awards

Excellence in Teaching Awards:

- *Dr. Walter Allen, Sr. Excellence in Teaching Award:* Ginger Lehmann, Clarke Central HS
- *Ken Sherman Double Century Excellence Award in Teaching Award:* Shannon Thompson, Stroud ES
- *Friends of Eve Carson Excellence in Teaching Award:* Julie Hinkle, Oglethorpe Ave. ES
- *Joan D. Humphries Excellence in Teaching Award:* Abby Brink, Barrow ES
- *Newland Family Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award:* Rachel Harrison, Whitehead Rd. ES

Chairs and Specialized Awards:

- *Frusanna S. Booth Award for Teachers of English and Language Arts:* Ian Altman, Clarke Central HS
- *Charlotte Brown Award for Teachers of Special Education:* Cary Ritzler, Barrow ES
- *Lamar Dodd Award for Teachers of Fine Arts:* Dan Smith, Gaines ES
- *Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and School Support Personnel:* Scott Emard, J.J. Harris Charter ES
- *Margaret and Raymond Ponsoldt Award for Elementary School Teaching:* Cindy Alexander, Whitehead Rd. ES
- *Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:* Dwight Manzy, Coile MS
- *Howard B. Stroud Award for Community Service:* Audrey Hughes, Hilsman MS
- *Seasoned Teacher Award:* Teresa Johns, Hilsman MS
- *Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:* Kristina Patel, Clarke MS, and Patrick Yawn, Clarke MS
- *Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year Award:* Joanna Beck, Burney-Harris-Lyons MS
- *Janis J. Stephens Paraprofessional of the Year Award:* William Miller, Clarke Central HS

Student Awards:

- *Gregg W. Lewis Memorial Scholarship:* Anna Schramski, Cedar Shoals HS; & Henry Scott, Clarke Central HS
- *Marge Schneider Science Awards:* Brian Heredia, Cedar Shoals HS; & Josefine Striepen, Clarke Central HS
- *Eve Carson Humanitarian Awards:* Brendasha Smith (Alps Rd. ES); William Lineberger (Barnett Shoals ES); Cleo Winemeister (Barrow ES); Cynthia Castro-Delgado (Chase St. ES); Roxy Pena-Pineda (Cleveland Rd. ES); Jose Garfias (Fowler Dr. ES); Nathaniel Jefferson (Gaines ES); Gisselle Valladares-Alvarez (JJ Harris ES); Leonardo Bustinza (Oglethorpe Ave. ES); Joshua Xavier Parrish (Stroud ES); Ella Gibson (Timothy Rd. ES); Daniel Garcia-Pozo (Whit Davis ES); Anahi Delgado (Whitehead Rd. ES); Dairely Alvarez-Carrillo (Winterville ES); Chloe Burjak (Burney-Harris-Lyons MS); Katy Mayfield (Clarke MS); Deaira Eberheart (Coile MS); Anna Schramski (Cedar Shoals HS); Henry Scott (Clarke Central HS); Jewel Strother (Classic City HS)

2014 Classroom Grants

- *C.B. Lord Founder's General Classroom Grant:* Capricia Williams (Cleveland Rd. ES)—\$1000
- *Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant:* Mimi Elliot-Gower (Barrow ES)—\$1000
- *Eve Carson Service Learning Grant:* Debbie Mitchell (Clarke MS)—\$1000
- *Sara Orton Glickman Collaborative Project Based Learning Grant:* Melissa Graham (JJ Harris ES)—\$1000

- *Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant*: Cathy Hodge (Cedar Shoals HS)–\$1000
- *Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant*: Melissa Perez-Tucker (Cedar Shoals HS)–\$500
- *Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant*: Erika Douglas (Gaines ES)–\$500
- *Todd Cooper Memorial Grant for Technology*: Nick Hussain (Hilsman MS)–\$500
- *Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grants*: Jessica McWhirter (Cleveland Rd ES) and Kisha Bailey (Timothy Rd ES)–\$500 each
- *Arthur Moog Middleton Memorial Media Center Grant*: \$250 each to Clarke Central HS and Cedar Shoals HS media centers

Total of endowed grants was \$8,000.

General Classroom Grants: Non-endowed classroom grants were supported in 2014 by generous gifts from members in the Athens-Clarke County community and beyond. These grants, totaling \$9,000, were made to:

\$1000 Grants:

- Caitlin Ramseyer (Barrow ES)
- Kerry Hogan (Cedar Shoals HS)
- Maria Koch (Timothy Rd ES)
- Steven King (Whit Davis ES)
- Kelli Bivins (Coile MS)
- Marc Ginsberg (Cedar Shoals HS)
- Hilary Ruston (Coile MS)

\$500 Grants:

- Cindy Alexander (Whitehead Rd ES)
- Scott Swain (Clarke Central HS)
- Susie Criswell (Whit Davis ES)
- Joyce Moeller (Whit Davis ES)

KEY 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In January longtime executive director Dr. John Whitehead passed the baton to C.J. Amason, who previously also served as a trustee and a two term President of FFE. John did graciously serve as the financial director for the year to allow for a more seamless transition.

One theme for the year was intentionally connecting with the wider FFE “family.” Longtime FFE supporters Bertis and Katherine Downs hosted a party at their home for all former trustees in February, and a reception for all CCSD principals was held at the home of president Julie Bower in September.

Our Nominees' Tea was held at Trumps in April with an all time high of 93 individuals vying for our awards this year. Special thanks to Athens First Bank and Trust for their ongoing sponsorship of this event.

The FFE continued its involvement in the Ath/Sav Bike Ride sponsored by Dr. Ken Sherman. The Foundation is so appreciative for the over \$5000 that was donated from the proceeds of this event.

The Classic Center was again the venue for the 2014 Annual Awards Banquet for the Foundation for Excellence for Excellence. Corporate and personal donations helped fund the banquet and its celebration, including support from the following:

Dr. Charles B. Lord	Georgia United Credit Union	Judge Steve
Jones	Alexander and Company	Heyward Allen Toyota-
Scion	Goode Van Slyke Architecture	The Epps Bridge UPS
Store	The Classic Center	

At the 2014 Banquet a new schedule was introduced with the Excellence in Teaching awards moving to biannual status. This will increase the amount of money given to these deserving educators.

The Foundation also received a new look in 2014! The former "apples and books" logo that served FFE well in the past was retired. A new logo to better connect FFE with its "classic city roots" was adopted, thanks to FFE trustee Chris Taylor, a graphic artist at UGA's Terry College of Business, who worked to provide several logos for the board to consider, resulting in the "Classic Column" as the choice of the trustees. The FFE website and all documents and applications now sport this new logo. Webmaster Paul Matthews also worked with FFE leadership to develop new Microsoft Word versions of award and grant applications, and to create new linked documents with the historical record of past awardees and information about the people in whose honor the FFE's awards and recognitions are named.