

2024 Annual Summary

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2024 Teaching and Staff Awards

Downs Family District Services Award - \$500 each

Tracy Ansley - Gaines Elementary School

Vara Loggins - Clarke Central High School

Michael Peter Horvat Secondary Coaches Award - \$500

William Lance - Clarke Central High School

Frieda M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award - \$500 each

Ryan Landaverde - Hilsman Middle School

John Anderson - Hilsman Middle School

Howard B. Stroud Community Service Award - \$500

Tymisha Creightney - Burney Harris Lyons Middle School

Friends of Eve Carson Excellence in Teaching Award - \$500

Kelly Hocking - Barrow Elementary School

Newland Family Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award - \$500

Joshua Truitt - Hilsman Middle School

Galis Family Award for Teachers of History and Social Studies - \$500

Beth Mendenhall - Cedar Shoals High School

Margaret & Raymond Ponsoldt Chair for Elementary School Teachers - \$1000

Melissa Authement - Barrow Elementary School

Frusanna S. Booth Chair for Teachers of English & Language Arts - \$1000

Tara Stuart - Cedar Shoals High School

Charlotte Brown Chair for Teachers of Special Education - \$1000

Kylie Noble - Gaines Elementary School

Lamar Dodd Chair for Teachers of Fine Arts - \$1000

Amanda Price - Clarke Central High School

Jenny Penney Oliver Chair for Counselors and Student Support Personnel - \$1000

Laura Hyer - Athens Community Career Academy

Walter Allen, Sr. Inspiring Teacher Award - \$500

Barbara Gaertig - Hilsman Middle School

2024 Teaching and Staff Awards (cont.)

Mae M. Whatley Teacher of the Year Award - \$1000

Chris Batson - Clarke Middle School

Janis J. Stephens Support Person on the Year Award - \$500

Christian Barner - Clarke Central High School

C. Thomas Poss STAR Teacher Award - \$500

CJ Amason STAR Teacher Gift - \$250 Downtown Athens gift card

Brandt Hacker - Cedar Shoals High School

Elliot Slane - Clarke Central High School

June Baldwin Aspiring Teacher Grant - \$500

Jessica Varsa - Cedar Shoals High School

Nominees for the 2024 Teaching and Staff Awards

The community was invited to nominate any Clarke County School District teacher or staff member for Foundation for Excellence Awards. This is the list of all teachers and staff members that were nominated in 2024.

Addie Roberts	Blake Lewis	Devon Olding
Adrienne White	Brandi Adams	Diarra Mosley
Aiden Thompson	Brian Dressel	Doneeka Cooper
Akyriyah Johnson	Brittany Geithman	Donna Moseley
Alden Hunter	Caitlyn Eley	Edana Davis
Alexis Rawls	Candice Merritt	Eliza Fennelly
Ali Demirbas	Carla Johnson	Elizabeth Bush
Allison Davis	Caroline Chambers	Elliott Slane
Allyson Griffith	Caroline Kopf	Emily Krellwitz
Amanda Barr	Carter Torgerson	Eric Hopkins
Amanda Irby	Catherine Douylliez	Erin Kuny
Amanda Price	Catherine Melton	Essence Scott
Amber Brown	Cecilia Hyers	Eunice Kang
Amber Buffington	Charissa Swan	Felicia Willoughby
Amy Evans	Chasity Tompkins	Flodine Kialeuka
Amy Thompson	Chelsea Kelley Mack	Fran Thompson
Andrea Hull	Cheryl Makemson	George Crimmins
Andrea Tillman	Chinyere Ikedionwu	Gillen (Anne) Schechter
Andrew Rhicard	Chris Batson	Grace Ayer
Andrew Titley	Chris Hulse	Grace Crumpton
Angela Gay	Christie McReynolds	Grace Devine
Anna Crook	Christine Graziano	Grace Liebl
Anna Gunnells	Corey Wellington	Haley Nowell
Anna Morgan	Cortez Daniel	Halo Smart
Annie Reeves	Courtnei Reese	Hannah Rogers
Archibald Dyer	Cynthia Hunter	Heather Garland
Arthur Smith	Cynthia Maxey	Heather Kaplan
Ashley Henderson	Dana Morris	Heidi Nibbelink
Audrey Hughes	Danelle Durden	Herbert Lee
Autumn Moore	Danielle Edge	Jaclyn Brown
Barbara Gaertig	Dara Latimer	Jacob Bartoo
Becky Ross	Darby Child	Jaime Marshall
Beth Mendenhall	Dawn Phillips	Jamie Radicioni
Bethany Forrester	Deborah Capps	Janaisha Ross
Beverly Hardy	Denisse Maddox	Jasmine Curry

Nominees for the 2024 Teaching and Staff Awards (cont.)

Jennifer Appling	Leslie Sokal-Berg	Rob Hibbs
Jennifer Berkowitz	Lisa T. Harris	Ryan Landaverde
Jennifer Morris	Liza Burnsed	Sara Naghashian
Jennifer Westlake	Logan Garrett	Sara Oehlerts
Jessica Shelden	Lolita Bryant-Moye	Sarah Paige Fairbairn
John Anderson	Luther McDaniel	Sarah Stennett
Jordan Mitchell	Mac Makemson	Sarah Walls
Joshua Truitt	Machelle Browner	Sasha Baker
Joy Moore	Marie Bugg	Sasha Whitehead
Kanika Barnett-Jewell	Marie Peel	Scott Swain
Karen Richburg	Mary Rucker	Shaquille Gatlin
Kasi Carvell	Matt Latocha	Shelby Wilcher
Katherine Byrne	McCall Kubitzky	Sheldon Easterlin
Katie Baker Johnson	Megan Ogden	Sherri L. Jorge
Kelly Hocking	Megan Parker	Shontay Finkley
Kelly Parker	Meghan McNeeley	Shuana Sims
Kena Browner	Melanie Marty	Sophia Campbell
Kiana Dale	Melina Cole	Stacey Scott
Kiana Sims	Melissa Authement	Stefan Smith
Kimberly Bosquet	Michael "Chris" Bartlett	Stefanie Blankenship
Kizzy Wingfield	Michelle Hayes	Stephanie Clair
Krista Dean	Michelle Musgrove	Stephanie Rary
Kristeen Anninos	Miranda Thompson	Stephanie Rolader
Kylie Noble	Missy Jersawitz	Summer Peters
LakeishaVaughan-Jones	Mollie-Emma O'neil	Susan Gomolekoff
Lakena Huff	Morgan Hassinger	Sydney Johnson
Lanika Sanders	Myrlricka Little	Sydney Menges
Lara Alexander	Nick Miller	Tanya Hudson
Laura Hyer	Nicolette Wilkinson	Tara Stuart
Laura Porter	Olivia Champagne	Taylor Perrault
Laura Rhicard	Omar Reid	Tiffani Knight
Laurel Sneller	Pamela Johnson Upson	Tiffany Davis
Lauren Benbrook	Ray Prince	Timothy Crowley
Lauren McGahee	Rebecca Floyd	Tina Watson
Lauren Ritter	Rebecca Hall-Barrett	Tom Drewry
Lauren Wood	Rebecca McMains	Tori Perez
Lawanna Knight	Rebecca Sartor	Tracy Ansley
Leah Harvey	Reneta Elder	Travisa Atkinson
Leah York	Ricky Allen	Tyler Colquitt
Leigh Longley	Riley Hefner	Tymisha Creightney
Leneria Bradley	Rita Raines	Valerie Sloan

Nominees for the 2024 Teaching and Staff Awards (cont.)

Vanice Walker

Vara Loggins

Veronica Johnson

Veronika Snuggs

Vicki Bartoo

William Lance

Zipporah Reed

2024 Foundation for Excellence Classroom Grants

Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant

Practice Pads: Aaron Price, Cedar Shoals High School

Clarinet Boost!: Sarah Waller-Price, Coile Middle School

Eve Carson Service Learning Grant

Oh Sow Great: Leigh Lindsey, Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary

Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Grant

SPED DHH Project: Lisa Stevens, Hilsman Middle School

Todd Cooper Memorial Grant for Technology & Equipment

Stop Motion: Jessica Shuman, Burney Harris Lyons Middle School

Sara Orton Glickman Collaborative Project Based Learning Grant

PBL Math - Khan Bui, Classic City High School

Lane Turner Norton Literacy Grant

Graphic Novels: Cat Mills, Clarke Central High School

C.B. Lord Founders' General Classroom Grant

Rock Eagle: Clarie Mahoney, Johnnie Lay Burks Elementary School

Mary & Harold Horton General Classroom Grant for Elementary School Teachers

Gamify!: Jennifer Biddle, Whit Davis Elementary School

Jenny Penney Oliver General Classroom Grant

Epic Reads!: Megan Ogden - Cedar Shoals High School

Dr. Marty Carter Elementary Grant for Exceptional Children

GAME Time - Bethany Forrester, Bettye Henderson Holston Elementary School

Publix Charities General Classroom Grant

Relief Maps: Matthew Shuman, Clarke Central High School

Friends of Eve Carson General Classroom Grant

ESOL - Natalia Melnyk, Cedar Shoals High School

Burks Garden - Rebecca Hall-Barrett, Johnnie Lay Burks Elementary School

Carrie Fischer Siegmund Grant for Classroom Innovation

Class Aquaponic - Joshua Truitt, Hilsman Middle School

2024 Student Awards

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

Ruby Calkin - Cedar Shoals High School

Wyatt Meyer - Clarke Central High School

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

Flor Bazarte-De La Luz - Cedar Shoals High School

Molly Suggs - Clarke Central High School

Stephen Castile Memorial Reading Awards (\$250 each)

Finn McGreevy - Cedar Shoals High School

Isabel Chastain - Clarke Central High School

Marge Schneider Science Awards (\$250 each)

Ana Mower - Cedar Shoals High School

Kai Anderson-Bernabe - Clarke Central High School

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

Jason Zhang - Cedar Shoals High School

Carolyn Orbock - Clarke Central High School

Runners Up (\$250 each)

Isabella Morgan - Cedar Shoals High School

Patrick Allen - Clarke Central High School

Taylor Family Dual Enrollment Awards (\$250 each)

Natasha Harley

Jonathan Williams

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

Ohnestee Sims

2024 Student Awards (cont.)

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

Zara Smoot - Barnett Shoals Elementary

Josie Crim - David C. Barrow Elementary

Cayden Gillespie - Bettye Lee Holston Elementary

Anne Marie Thompson - Cleveland Road Elementary

Itzel Hernandez-Albarran - Fowler Drive Elementary

Allison Ramirez-Dita - Gaines Elementary

Tristan Taylor - Howard B. Stroud Elementary

Giovanni Barron-Aguirre - Judia Jackson Harris Elementary

Breyll Martin - Johnnie Lay Burks Elementary

Xiomara Mejia-Corrales - Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary

Kennedy Gates - Timothy Road Elementary

Kerrington Holiday - Whit Davis Elementary

Leslie Ulloa Mondragon - Whitehead Road Elementary

Leigha Young - Winterville Elementary

Middle School (\$100 gift card)

Kaydon Jones - Burney Harris Lyons Middle

Avery Lewis - Clarke Middle

Riley Freeman - Coile Middle

Lucca Fleenor - Hilsman Middle

High School (\$500)

Nayla Villafana - Cedar Shoals High

Katherine Queen - Clarke Central High

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