

# News Release

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## “Fulton’s Finest” luncheon to spotlight bus drivers on Aug. 2

Bright yellow school buses are already hitting the streets as drivers practice their runs and get ready for the new school year.

But on Thursday, August 2, at 11:30 a.m., more than 200 drivers and district leaders will take a break for a special luncheon at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center. Called “Fulton’s Finest,” the event is the school system’s 12th annual recognition for extraordinary school bus drivers.

A total 173 drivers will be recognized for excellent service, including perfect attendance and accident-free driving records. Each also will receive a special “Fulton’s Finest” jacket, sweatshirt or polo shirt. Adding to the celebration, the honorees will get to relax as they are chauffeured to the luncheon in – what else – school buses driven by their supervisors.

Hosted on the eve of a new school year, which begins Monday, August 6, the luncheon will inspire and motivate the 800+ bus drivers who safely transport Fulton County Schools' most precious cargo – children. Over the summer, routes and bus stops were carefully finalized and mechanics finished inspections and repairs to be sure the fleet would be ready for the first day of school. In addition, all drivers were certified or re-certified in CPR, emergency first aid response, Green Cross Defensive Driving and student behavior management.

Event sponsors include Family First Credit Union. The Atlanta Omni Hotel at CNN Center is located at 100 CNN Center in downtown Atlanta.

Honorees at this year’s event include:

Carmarcia Allen	Daniel Cox	Eric Johnson	Nancy Richards
Paul Ames	Lori Crawford	Diane Jones	Michael Riggs
Tonie Anderson	Angela Culver	Tyrone Kay	James Ripley
Debbie Ansa	Amanda Dallas	Kay Kenney	Robin Rittenhouse
Joann Ardoin	Maxine Darden	George Kerr	Robin Robinson
Christopher Atchison	Nicholas Davis	Sabrina Kimble	Timothy Robinson
Thomas Austin	Elizabeth Delgadillo	Jalandra King	Tonya Robinson
Jenny Backowski	Phyllis Dorsey	William Kirstein	Tabhitha Rollins
W. Spencer Bean	Chamanda Duncan	Edwin Lafargue	Stephanie Rucks

Janice Belk	Wendell Duncan	India Lawrence	Jeffrey Ruffin
Karen Beneduci	Bernadette English	Ted Lee	Mozart Saintvil
Marvin Beneteau	Ali Erkan	Felder Legendre	Jalaleddin Sardari
Christine Bennett	Kenneth Ferrara	Antwanetta Lewis	Carolyn Seda
Scongne Bevel	Evelyn Fields	Patricia Littles	Stephen Siegmann
Charles Biggs	Terry Fitzhugh	Alex Loboda	Mary Silverman
Conrad Bishop	Renna Flanagan	Katrina Lorzeme	Bill Simmons
John Boggs	Campbell Forde	Andrew MacCracken	Richard Sleppy
Cliff Bonds	Myoshi Freeman	Sherry Mack	Paula Smith
Kidner Boursiquot	Nancy Freeman	Deborah Marshall	Clay Springfield
Georgia Bowers	Travis Gardner	Tonya Marshall	Felicia Y. Staples
Greg Brackman	Martha Gilbert	Matha Martin	Gay Steadham
Evelyn Bradley	Caryn Goldsmith-Armagon	Peter Martin	Sally Streeter
Eugene Brady	John Goodman	Wendell McCleskey	Tammy Streeter
Darren Brown	Eartha Gordon	Laverne McClusky	Charles Strickland
Jane Butler	Patricia Greene	Portia McCoy	Mary Sumlin
Trosha Butler	Donna Hall	Everald McKain	Rita Thompson
Scott Campbell	Vladimir Hampl	Jeanette Mercer	Pauline Travis
Maria Carranza	Devynn Harris	Gregory Milton	Delbert Triber
Shakera Carter	Charlie Joe Hatton	John Monsalve	Keianna Truesdale
William Caswell	Vivian Hawkins	Nicole Nobles	Alan Truesdell
Homer Causey	Cheowana Henderson	James Odenwalder	Gary Tudeen
Paul Chapman	Vanessa Herbert	Nyong Orok	Constantine Turner
Surette Chappel	Betty Hill	Jermon Owens	Cassie Upshaw
David Chester	Vladimira Hilliard	Latasha Paschal	Sheri Walker
Jean Chrispin	Josthene Jaboin	Robert Patton	Stanley Walker
Kathryn Clarke	Cassandra Jackson	Jeffrey Paulin	Bob Wang
Robert Clayton	Kimberly Jackson	Larry Peeks	Ruby Whitaker
Shanta Clayton	Roscoe Jackson	Luther Pettway	Gail Williams
Gary Cobb	Lisa Jacobs	Mary Phillips	Clinton Woodruff
Alma Coleman	Cindy Japps	Nathaniel Pinckney	Polly Worley
Gail Coleman	Philome Jean	Timothy Potts	Barbara Wright
Juanita Coleman	Rosalind Jenkins	Barbara Price	
Jaime Cordova	Angela Jeter	Teanna Pritchett	
Rene Cousineau	Valentine John	Twila Pryor	

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**About the Fulton County School System.** The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.