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Legacy of Excellence luncheon to recognize school system's top employees and business partners

Fulton County Schools' top employees will be honored Thursday, November 8, at the district's annual recognition luncheon. The two-hour program begins promptly at 11:30 a.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center's Georgia Ballroom (Building C), located at 285 International Boulevard NW in Atlanta. The entire program will be streamed live at www.fultonschools.org/fcstv.

Approximately 1,000 employees, business partners and special guests will gather to pay tribute to each school's and administrative building's employees of the year. The celebration also is a time when schools formally honor the partnerships that have made outstanding contributions to student achievement and who generously helped fund the Legacy of Excellence event. One partnership – the Atlanta Community Food Bank – is receiving the overall “2018 Prestigious Partner” award.

Kiana Pinckney from Palmetto Elementary School will be honored as Fulton County Schools' Teacher of the Year, while Dr. Duke Bradley of Banneker High School will be recognized as the district's Principal of the Year.

Mayra Alicea of Vickery Mill Elementary School will be **recognized** as the School Professional of the Year, and Sakha Reed of the Administrative Center will be recognized as the Support Professional of the Year.

Employees of the Year:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Abbotts Hill
Alpharetta
Asa G. Hilliard
Barnwell
Bethune
Birmingham Falls
Brookview
Campbell

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Kristin Zbikowski
Georgia Lister
Lidra West-Thomas
Samantha Weaver
Tierra Bagby
Sarah Jett
Iris Johnson
Allison Haake

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Gina Miller
Helen Ryan
Kimberly Rabb
Peter Hall
Venus Bentford-Johnson
Beth Easterling
Cassandra E. Woods
Breanna Ghassemieh

Clifftondale	Olivia Mears	Amarius Reed
Cogburn Woods	Emily Wilcox	Ashley Kirbas
College Park	Denise Muller	Sanchea Simmons-Harris
Conley Hills	Shymetra Jones	Sylvia Davis-Martin
Crabapple Crossing	Alisa Dallas	Rene Rauda
Creek View	Stephanie Kohler	Dorian Gower
Dolvin	Jennifer Shaffer	Renee Morris
Dunwoody Springs	Susan Abbott	Brenda Sosa-Hernandez
Feldwood	Lekethia Weston	Brenda Mack
Findley Oaks	Lisa Kaltenbaugh	Cynthia Smith
C.H. Gullatt	Lindsay M. Knox	Matthew Lavender
Hamilton E. Holmes	Caroline Hartin	Travis Jackson
Hapeville	Nikita Roussaw	Nashadiya Blake-Gates
Heards Ferry	Josette Lumpkin	Nona Bickers
Hembree Springs	(Joan) Michell Philpott	Vera Turner
Heritage	Evelyn Lewis	Curtis Woodhouse
High Point	Margaret Abernethy	Valarie Jackson
Hillside	Lynn Shebat	Lisa Clements
Ison Springs	Summer Mallory	Catherine Williams
Esther Jackson	Mary Ohlrich	Donnie Pirozzi
Lake Forest	Bethany Martin	Lisa Robinson
Lake Windward	Rachel Coon-Arnott	Lauree Lau
Seaborn Lee	LaTonda Lewis	Felipe Reyes
S.L. Lewis	Schuerra Mattox	Daliah SmithBoney
Liberty Point	Kakenya Williams	Sasha Armelin
Manning Oaks	Katie Kinsey	Patrick Wright
Medlock Bridge	Brenda Usher	Christine Bellagamba
Mimosa	Gina Brewer	Jan Koutnik
Mountain Park	Bethany Corson	Linda Zuras
New Prospect	Diana Zarzour	Patrick Harrison
Love Nolan	Travella Webb	Tomeka Grogan
Northwood	Denise Healy	Felice Cohen
Oakley	Yipeng Wang	Onri Gregg
Ocee	Jennifer Winklmann	Megan Donnelly
Palmetto	Kiana Pinckney	Amanda Wolfe
Parklane	Patti Whaley	Chrissy Mingo
Randolph	Shantea Cowan	Robert Young
Renaissance	Ayanna Demery	Beverly Bearden
River Eves	Katie Snyder	Malena Bisanti-Wall
Roswell North	EB Blount	Laureen Wagner
Shakerag	Amber Allman	Mary Diamond
Spalding Drive	Rachel Hutchernson	Vickie Nash
State Bridge Crossing	Darlene Matthews	Margaret Sun
Stonewall Tell	Terri Randolph	Deanna Shoyoye
Summit Hill	Natalie Simonton	Daniel Simonca

Sweet Apple
Vickery Mill
Evoline C. West
Wilson Creek
Woodland
Wolf Creek

Deidre Kinoshita
Morgan Tew
Tasha Downing-Hill
Ashley Pence
Paige Alexander
Kenjila Hammonds

Vicki Wilhelm
Mayra Alicea
Teri Stewart
Megan Ryan
Cathy Fineis
Bernice Johnson

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Autrey Mill
Bear Creek
Camp Creek
Crabapple
Elkins Pointe
Haynes Bridge
Holcomb Bridge
Hopewell
McNair
Northwestern
Renaissance
Ridgeview
River Trail
Sandtown
Sandy Springs
Taylor Road
Webb Bridge
Paul D. West
Woodland

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Marisa Wesker
Jillian Walton
Bryan Flowers
Liz Speaks
Emory Johnson
Jennifer Kosciow
Allen "Clay" Thomason
Emily Skrobko
Cynthia McClammey
Janie Copple
Alaina Perkins
Kalessia Chester
Amy Palermo
Tracey A. Lawrence
Laurel Collinson
Amanda Mobley
Sarah Boltz
Amanda Campbell
Jatarra Lacefield

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Amy Pate
Alysse McCruter
Tamyka Willingham
Eric Casey
Lisa O'Hanlon
Stacey Koon
Gretta Farley
Whitney Beem
Loretta Pennington
Suresh Srinivasan
Benqueshya Milligan
Alicia White
Sarah Roberson
Daryl Brooks
Teeba Stephens
Christina Willis
Diane Sibrizzi
Shirley Washington
Claire Barnes

HIGH SCHOOLS

Alpharetta
Banneker
Cambridge
Centennial
Chattahoochee
Creekside
Independence
Johns Creek
Langston Hughes
McClarín
Milton
North Springs
Northview
Riverwood
Roswell
Tri-Cities

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Katherine Rozei
Gerald Harris
Renee Jerome
John Domville
Alyssa Martin
Johnathan Hall
Anna Standish
Jordan Smith
Ryan Haire
Tammie Collins
Lisa Silverman
Teryn Fleetwood
Camille Janess
Jerome Dunson
Emily Kennedy
Kimberly Bray

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

N/A
Lamonte Watkins
Carol Bybee
Fen Chen
Elizabeth Chilson
Kimberly Scott
Sara Allegood
Mulinda White
Karen Henderson
Melanie Smith
Karen Dixon
Pam Sytsema
Andy Alhadeff
Tami Walton
Amy Short
Janika Floyd

Learning Community Finalists – Teacher of the Year

Central	Paige Alexander, Woodland Elementary School
Northeast	Alyssa Adele Martin, Chattahoochee High School
Northwest	Alisa Dallas, Crabapple Crossing Elementary School
South	Kiana Pinckney, Palmetto Elementary School

Learning Community Finalists – Principal of the Year

Central	Tara McGee, Woodland Elementary School
Northeast	Dr. Maisha Otway, Hillside Elementary School
Northwest	Julie Morris, Lake Windward Elementary School
South	Dr. Duke Bradley, Banneker High School

Learning Community Finalists – School Professional of the Year

Central	Chrissy Mingo, Parklane Elementary School
Northeast	Margaret Sun, State Bridge Crossing Elementary School
Northwest	Mayra Alicea, Vickery Mill Elementary School
South	Robert A. Young, A. Phillip Randolph Elementary School

Administrative Building Finalists – Support Professional of the Year

Academics	Carla Mendes
Financial Services	Dawn Pinckney
Information Technology	Selecia Golden
Operations	Tonnyia Allen
Superintendent's Office	Sakha Reed
Talent	Daffany Reed
North Transportation	Scott Campbell
South Transportation	Yvonne Tolbert
North Maintenance	Susan Chavez
South Maintenance	Brian "Jeff" Davis

School and Business/Community Partnerships

In addition, 64 school-business partnerships are being recognized as Blue Ribbon Partners. The distinction recognizes outstanding relationships between schools and their business/community partners. Of these, 23 (denoted with *) are specially highlighted as "Prestigious Partners."

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Abbotts Hill
 Alpharetta
 Barnwell
 Bethune, Mary M.
 Birmingham Falls
 Brookview
 Campbell

BLUE RIBBON SPONSOR

YMCA - Ed Isakson
 Alpharetta Fire Dept., Station 5, Shift C*
 Publix
 Kaiser Permanente - Community Health
 Michael J. Leah, D.D.S.
 Barclay Light and Wellness*
 First Baptist Church of Fairburn

College Park
Crabapple Crossing
Creek View
Dolvin
Dunwoody Springs
Feldwood
Findley Oaks
C.H. Gullatt
Hapeville
Hembree Springs
Hillside
Ison Springs
Esther Jackson
Lake Forest
Seaborn Lee
S.L. Lewis
Medlock Bridge
Mountain Park
New Prospect
Northwood
Oakley
Ocee
Parklane
Randolph, A. Philip
Renaissance
Roswell North
Shakerag
State Bridge Crossing
Stonewall Tell
Sweet Apple
Evoline C. West
Wilson Creek
Woodland

Saving our Sons and Sisters*
RISPA
First Watch Restaurant
Children's Dental Zone
Huntington Learning Center
SCANA Energy*
Earthly Matters Painting
Carl Francois - Francois, LLC
Porsche North American Cars*
Publix @ Village Walk
Area 51: Aurora Cineplex & The Fringe Miniature Golf*
Tijuana Joe's
Kloeckner Metals
Mercedes-Benz
Coca Cola Bottling Co. UNITED. Inc East Region HQ
More Than Conquerors Church
Chick-Fil-A (Peachtree Parkway)
Lucia's Italian Restaurant
Mathnasium of Johns Creek*
Summit Counseling Center*
New City Church - Impact Ministries
Sports Clips*
Hands on Atlanta
Chick-Fil-A (Cascade Road)
APEC
Salon de la Vie
Georgia Express, FC
Cloudland Coffee Company
Miller City Farm
Crabapple Martial Arts*
Miller City Farm
Kid Chess
Sandy Springs Police Department*

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Autrey Mill
Bear Creek
Camp Creek
Elkins Pointe
Haynes Bridge
Holcomb Bridge
McNair
Renaissance
Sandtown
Sandy Springs

No nominee this year
Communities in Schools*
South Fulton Tennis Center
Summit Counseling Center*
Atlanta Workshop Players*
Roswell Rotary Club
World Changers
Wear Me Promotions, LLC
UUA Printing
Couchman Noble Foundation

Taylor Road
Webb Bridge
Woodland

Kroger of Johns Creek
Hiser Orthodontics*
South Fulton Youth Arrows*

HIGH SCHOOLS

Alpharetta
Banneker, Benjamin
Cambridge
Centennial
Chattahoochee
Hughes, Langston
Independence
Johns Creek
Milton
Riverwood International Charter
Roswell
Tri-Cities
Westlake
Abbotts Hill
Alpharetta
Barnwell
Bethune, Mary M.

Chick-Fil-A (State Bridge Road)*
Atlanta Community Food Bank
BPI Photography
Shuma Sports*
Superior Plumbing
Jackson Eye
Nothing Bundt Cakes (Winward)*
Summit Counseling Center*
Chick-Fil-A (Avalon)*
Sandy Springs Mission
Roswell Rotary Club*
Myers & Stauffer, LC*
S.M.E.D
YMCA - Ed Isakson
Alpharetta Fire Dept., Station 5, Shift C
Publix
Kaiser Permanente - Community Health

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NetPlanner Systems, Inc.
Nothing Bundt Cakes
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Summit Counseling Center

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. Approximately 96,700 students attend 105 school campuses 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.