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“Fulton’s Finest” luncheon to spotlight bus drivers on Aug. 8

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

But on Thursday, August 8, 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’s Atrium Terrace at the CNN Center. Called “Fulton’s Finest,” the event is the school system’s 13th annual recognition for extraordinary school bus drivers.

Sponsored by Family First Credit Union, “Fulton’s Finest” is the school system’s 13th annual recognition for extraordinary school bus drivers. A total 166 drivers and their guests 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 12, the banquet will inspire and motivate the 800+ bus drivers who will soon take to the busy streets. 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.

The Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center is located at 100 CNN Center in downtown Atlanta.

Honorees at this year’s event include:

Alvin Adams	Wendell Duncan	William Kirstein	Carolyn Seda
Crystal Adams	Kenneth Ferrara	Robert Large	Heidi Sery
Aneb Ahmed	Lee Fissette	Ted Lee	Vanessa Shepherd
Carmarcia Allen	Terri Fitzhugh	Felder Legendre	Desmond Shirley
Tonie Anderson	Terry Fitzhugh	Wonda Lewis	William Simmons
Deborah Ansa	Renna Flanagan	Patrisha Littles	Richard Sleppy
JoAnn Ardoin	Cheryl Freeman	Katrina Lorzeme	Donald Smith
Valorie Arnold	Myoshi Freeman	Ismeta Manov	Elizabeth Smith
	Nancy Freeman	Arthur Marion	Paula Smith

Thomas Austin	Travlis Gardner	Tonya Marshall	Vera Stanley
Maria Baker	Debra Ghant	Peter Martin, III	Felicia Staples
Quinton Barrett	John Goodman	Scott Matthews	Nevada Steadham
Gwendolyn Baugh	Eartha Gordon	Pamela McTizic	Tammy Stokes-Kuykendoll
Anthony Belyeu	Patricia Greene	Jeannette Mercer	Sally Streeter
Christine Bennett	Christopher Hall	Debra Moore	Charles Strickland
Eugene Bettineschi	Donna Hall	Herbert Nelson	Mary Sumlin
Charles Biggs	Luke Hall	Nicole Nobles	Kenya Taylor
Conrad Bishop	Frederick Hallowell	Bernice Norman	Harvey Thomas
Emory Bonds	Susan Hansen	Krystal Notter	Sheila Thomas
Kidner Boursiquot	Devynn Harris	James Odenwalder	Tracie Thomas
Georgia Bowers	Charlie Hatton	Jermon Owens	Felecia Thompson
Gregory Brackman	Doretha Herring	Debra Pace	Yvonne Tolbert
Eugene Brady, III	Betty Hill	Latasha Paschal	Pauline Travis
Renita Bridges	Charronda Hines	Robert Patton	Delbert Triber
Maria Carranza	Stacie Hood	Angel Perdue	Mary Trower
Barbara Carroll	John Horrocks	Mary Phillips	Katrina Upshaw
Surette Chappel	Alice Howard	Barbara Price	Andrey Viryaskin
David Chester	Claudia Huix	Teanna Pritchett	Guoquan Wang
Robert Clayton	Cynthia Hunt	Twila Pryor	Kathy Warden
Shanta Clayton	Josthene Jaboin	Darius Reed	Alicia Warner
Gary Cobb	Cynthia Jacklyn	Rita Rhymes	Stephanie Warrior
Gail Coleman	Casandra Jackson	Nancy Richards	Ruby Whitaker
Jared Connell	Roscoe Jackson	Michael Riggs	Laura Williams
Robert Connors	Sapphire Jackson	William Rinesmith	Linda Williams
Rene Cousineau	Lisa Jacobs	James Ripley	Jack Wilson
Danielle Cox	Philome Jean	John "Tom" Roberts	Joseph Wolf
Angela Culver	Angela Jeter	Robin Robinson	Clinton Woodruff, Jr.
Charyl Davis	Valentine John	Stephanie Rogers	Tiffany Wooten
Elizabeth Delgadillo	Michael Johnson	Stephanie Rucks	Barbara Wright
Bailey Dickens	Cynthia Jones	Mozart Saintvil	Tommie Yarbrough
Sonya Dixon	Johnny Jones	Gabreille Sanford	
Phyllis Dorsey	George Kerr	Wakeelah Scott-Russell	
Barbara Duncan			

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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 93,000 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.