

**FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION  
1983**

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**1983 Accomplishments**

*Foundation Established.* The Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Excellence in Public Education held its first meeting July 21, 1983, for the purpose of organizing. The Trustees adopted Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and elected officers.

*Logo Designed.* Jim Anderson at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education created a logo for the Foundation.

*Recognition Policies Approved.* The Trustees developed and approved policies for funding recognition projects and for selecting educators to be recognized.

*Foundation Featured.* The Foundation was featured in the November issue of the Georgia School Boards Association Journal.

*Georgia Teacher Fellow Program Endorsed.* The Trustees endorsed the University of Georgia's application for a grant that would study ways to recognize outstanding teachers in math and science. Findings may provide criteria of interest to the Foundation for its recognition programs.

*Tax-Exempt Status Sought.* The Foundation filed for tax-exempt status in September.

*1984 Activities Set.* Five major activities were identified for 1984: developing promotional materials, expanding manpower, promoting the Foundation through the media and a speakers' circuit, and through the distribution of a brochure, developing a statistical base, and rewarding/recognizing teachers.

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**1984 Accomplishments**

*Minutes exist only for a February meeting--separation of BOE and Board of Trustee chairs established, first executive director named, tax-exempt status achieved.*

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**1985 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Faith Kipp Brown, Cedar Shoals; Kathryn Bumgartner, Hilsman; Jean Lovell, Barnett Shoals

**1985 Accomplishments**

*By-Laws Amended.* Amendments to the Foundation By-Laws provided for twelve trustees and for an executive director. The Superintendent assumed a non-voting advisory role.

*Funding Priorities.* Throughout the year, the Trustees addressed the broad base of funding necessary from individuals, groups, and corporations. Contributions for the year totaled nearly \$6,500, including the Junior League contribution described below.

*Junior League Funds First Teacher Awards.* The Junior League of Athens contributed \$1,500 for teaching awards, making it possible to give each of the three Teachers of Excellence \$500.

*Citizens for Public Education Offer Support.* The Citizens for Public Education discussed supporting the Foundation through a fundraiser in 1986.

*Teacher Recognition Underway.* A selection process for the Foundation's initial teaching awards was set up. Three Teachers of Excellence were chosen: Kipp Brown, Kathryn Bumgartner, and Jean Lovell. The Foundation hosted its first awards banquet in October showcasing these Teachers of Excellence.

*Annual Audit Established.* The practice of having an annual audit of the Foundation's finances was begun.

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**1986 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Teresa Hobson, Cedar Shoals; Joanna Jackson, Clarke Middle; Eleanor Miller, Gaines; Marianna Miller, Alps; Annie Laura Pace, Cedar Shoals; Ann Powell, Clarke Central

**1986 Accomplishments**

*Award Process Refined for Teachers of Excellence.* The composition of the selection committee was balanced, and eligibility for the awards was clarified. A plaque to which names can be added annually was placed in the Board of Education meeting room. The Foundation began recognizing all nominees with a reception and certificates. The YWCO gave complimentary memberships to the 1986 winners.

*Brochure Published.* The Foundation's first brochure communicate the organization's purpose and projects, emphasizing excellence in education.

*Barbeque Benefits Foundation.* The Citizens for Public Education gave the Foundation \$5,000 which represents the proceeds from the CPE's April barbeque.

*Junior Chamber of Commerce Transfers Funds to Foundation.* The former Athens Junior Chamber of Commerce transferred its building fund of approximately \$12,000 to the Foundation for the purpose of awarding scholarships to one Clarke Central student and one Cedar Shoals student pursuing a teaching career.

*Junior League Funds Awards Again.* The Junior League of Athens funded three Teacher of Excellence Awards for the second year in a row.

*Banks Back Awards.* Five Athens banks contributed \$500 each for Foundation awards-- Trust Company, First American, Athens Federal, Bank South, and Citizens and Southern.

*General Guidelines Adopted for Foundation Recognition.* The trustees adopted six guidelines for recognition of excellence. The guidelines emphasize the importance of recognition of excellence in all areas of education and allow for flexibility as the Foundation grows.

*Attendance By-law Approved.* The trustees incorporated an attendance requirement into the Foundation by-laws, requiring attendance at 75 percent of all regular or called meetings and allowing no more than two missed meetings in either the first or second half of the calendar year.

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**1987 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Sherrie Gibney, Fowler; Martha Gilree, Burney-Harris-Lyons; Ellen Hanna, Hilsman; Ruth Longman, Cedar Shoals; Pearl Powell, Cedar Shoals

*Howard Stroud Award:* Howard B. Stroud

*Scholarships for High School Students:* Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central

*Mini-Grants:* Ten \$200 mini-grants were awarded for a total of \$2,000.

**1987 Accomplishments**

*Refinement of Teacher of Excellence Process Continues.* The trustees sought ways to improve the Teacher of Excellence process. Continuity on the selection committee was addressed, nomination procedures were modified to allow for resubmission of packets, and publicity was increased.

*Howard B. Stroud Award Established.* The Foundation established the Howard B. Stroud Award for the purpose of recognizing exemplary service by a Clarke County School District employee. The intention is that the recipient's work should exemplify the same kind of performance as Stroud and mirror his qualities. Further, the Foundation decided to name Stroud as the first recipient. A plaque will be placed in the Board of Education meeting room.

*Support Continues from Junior League and Banks.* The Junior League of Athens and five local banks--Trust Company, First American, Athens Federal, Bank South, and Citizens and Southern--each gave \$500 for the Teachers of Excellence and the Howard Stroud Award recipient.

*Mini-Grant Program Begins.* The Foundation created a new teacher recognition program in the form of mini-grants of up to \$200 each for the development and implementation of a professional which provides direct benefit to Clarke County students. The trustees approved up to \$2,000 for the 1987-88 school year.

*Barbeque Benefits Foundation Again.* The Citizens for Public Education contributed \$4,000 to the Foundation. These are the proceeds from the CPE barbeque organized to benefit the Foundation's work.

*Sams Gives Generous Gifts.* Walter A. Sams, Jr. gave the Foundation \$10,000. The trustees will discuss the use of the Sams gift in 1988.

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**1988 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Vivian Alford, Whitehead; Linda Caston, Winterville; Pat Jameson, Hilsman; Patti McWhorter and Marge Schneider, Cedar Shoals

*Howard Stroud Award:* Jeff Foster, Alps

*Scholarships for High School Students:* Sophia Rawlings, Cedar Shoals; Taiwana Sims, Clarke Central

*Mini-Grants:* Twenty \$200 grants were awarded for a total of \$4,000.

**1988 Accomplishments**

*Banks Fund Awards.* Trust Company, C & S, Bank South, Georgia National, Athens Federal, and First American banks provided financial support for the annual awards and the October banquet.

*CPE Support Continues.* The Citizens for Public Education gave the Foundation \$4,800, the revenues from the barbecue fundraiser.

*Special Gift Given.* The Athens High School Class of 1938 contributed \$500 to the Foundation in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

*All Award Nominees Honored.* A tea in September honored all award nominees. The Junior League of Athens donated use of Taylor-Grady House for the event.

*Mini-grant Monies.* Georgia Power and Del Mar underwrote two of the mini-grants.

*Brochure Costs Donated.* Reade Printing Company donated labor costs for the printing of 5,000 copies of the Foundation brochure.



*Board Membership Changes Proposed.* The Foundation proposed a by-laws amendment to change Board membership from five BOE members to three and seven community members to nine. This change would be phased in over a three-year period.

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**1989 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Cyndi Clark, Clarke Middle; Dolly Davis, Barnett Shoals; Anna Holshouse, Cedar Shoals; Betty Shockley, Fowler; Anna Uhde, Alps

*Howard Stroud Award:* Doris Hampton, Barnett Shoals

*Scholarships for High School Seniors:* One from Cedar Shoals and one from Clarke Central

*Mini-Grants:* Twenty \$200 grants were awarded for a total of \$4,000.

**1989 Accomplishments**

*Luncheon Honors Nominees, Tea Honors Retirees.* The Foundation Board hosted a luncheon to honor award nominees and a tea to honor retiring educators. The Junior League of Athens provided the Taylor-Grady House for these events.

*Long-term Planning Undertaken.* The Foundation Board set an annual fundraising goal of \$20,000, agreeing to set aside 75% of that amount each year to build a \$500,000 endowment by the year 2000. Strategies were established for tapping all segments of the educational community as well as the business community. Payroll deduction was set up for CCSD employees to give to the Foundation.

*Comer Chair Established.* A gift of \$10,000 from the family of Martha Comer established the Comer Teaching Chair in Foreign and Classical Languages. Processes were put in place for nominations and selection. The first chair recipient will be named in 1990.

*CPE Continues Support.* The Citizens for Public Education donated funds left over from the bond referendum to the Foundation. The CPE barbecue fundraiser netted \$5,800 for the Foundation. CPE's total gift for the year was over \$6,400.

*Other Major Contributors.* Contributions of \$500 or more came from C & S, Georgia National, Athens Federal, Bank South, Trust Company, CertainTeed, and the Athens High School Class of 1948.

*By-law Amendment Approved.* The Clarke County Board of Education approved a by-law amendment changing Foundation Board membership from five BOE members to three and seven community members to nine. This change will be phased in over a three-year period.

*Kilpatrick Leaves Directorship.* Cardee Kilpatrick stepped down from the Executive Director position after six years of service. Charlotte Brown will assume the Executive Director's duties in January 1990.

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**1990 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Jeanne Carithers, Alps; Carol Garbin, Gaines; Sally Krisel, Barrow; Michael Price, Cedar Shoals; Candace Stoffel, Burney-Harris-Lyons

*Howard Stroud Award:* Elena Brown, Winterville

*Scholarships for High School Seniors:* One from Cedar Shoals and one from Clarke Central

*Mini-Grants:* Twenty-two grants were awarded for a total of \$4,229.

**1990 Accomplishments**

*First Teaching Chair Named.* Carolyn Howell, Cedar Shoals, was named the Comer Teaching Chair of Foreign and Classical Languages. This first teaching chair is for a period of years and carries a stipend of \$750 annually.

*Second Teaching Chair Established.* A Middle School Teaching Chair was established in honor of Cardee Kilpatrick who served for six years as the Foundation's Executive Director. The proceeds of the Citizens for Public Education fundraiser--\$3,000--were designated for the new chair.

*Luncheon Honors Nominees.* The Foundation's tradition of honoring award nominees at a luncheon continued with the Junior League of Athens providing the Taylor-Grady House and Epting and Cobb Caterers supplying most of the food.

*Businesses Support Awards.* Funds for the Foundation's awards were given by Nakanishi, Trust Company, Bank South, C & S, Georgia National, and Athens Federal in amounts varying from \$500 to \$1,000.

*Teacher of Excellence Qualifications Modified.* The Foundation Board voted to change the criterion for next year's teacher awards from a minimum of five years experience in the Clarke County School District to five years of experience in Clarke County and/or other accredited school systems. This change will take effect in 1991.

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**1991 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Jean Chandler, Winterville; Ginger Davis-Beck, Burney-Harris-Lyons; Louise Neal, Cedar Shoals; Sandy Bouldin and George Harwood, Clarke Central

*Howard Stroud Award:* Barbara Mathis, Burney-Harris-Lyons

*Comer Teaching Chair:* Carolyn Howell, Cedar Shoals

*Scholarships for High School Seniors:* One at Cedar Shoals and one at Clarke Central

*Mini-Grants:* Thirty grants were awarded for a total of \$6,000.

**1991 Accomplishments**

*Cooking for Excellence.* The Citizens for Public Education barbecue earned nearly \$6,000 for the Foundation. The Athens West Rotary Club gave the Foundation the profits of \$3,000 from its annual Chili Cook-Off.

*Luncheon for Award Nominee.* Nominees for the Foundation awards were honored at a luncheon in the Taylor-Grady House.

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**1992 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Marianne Causey, Barrow; DeLois Gainey, Hilsman; Eleanor McMinn, Alps; Norma Quinn, Whit Davis; Janice Stowe, Clarke Central

*Howard Stroud Award:* Jim McGown, Barrow

*Teaching Chairs:* Comer Chair - Carolyn Howell, Cedar Shoals; Kilpatrick Chair - Sue Gammill, Burney-Harris-Lyons

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**1993 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Joan Gould, Barnett Shoals; Annette Jackson, Cedar Shoals; John Osborne, Cedar Shoals; Joyce Reynolds, Whit Davis; Freida Thomas, Alps

*Howard Stroud Award:* Pat Price, Fourth Street

*Scholarships for High School Seniors:* One scholarship was awarded at each high school.

*Mini-Grants:* A total of \$6,744 in mini-grants was awarded to teachers.

**1993 Accomplishments**

*New Teaching Chairs Approved.* Under the leadership of Dr. Joan Humphries, Alps Principal, a teaching chair in English language arts was approved to honor Dr. Frusanna Booth. Under the leadership of Dr. Jimmy Morris, a teaching chair in fine arts was approved to honor Lamar Dodd. These chairs will be awarded when sufficient funds have been raised.

*Investment Plan Established.* The Foundation Trustees set up an investment plan with Interstate Johnson Lane for the purpose of increasing yields on the Foundation endowment.

*Donations Received.* The Citizens for Public Education raised \$3,600 for the Foundation. The Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to the Foundation.

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**1994 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Molly Efland, Alps; Natalie Hicks, Barrow; Tommie Nicholson, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; William Pappas, Cedar Shoals; Beth Tatum, Cedar Shoals

*Howard Stroud Award:* Henrietta Jackson, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

*Scholarships for High School Seniors:* Frances Ward and Connie Ivey

*Mini-Grants:* Thirty-five mini-grants were awarded to teachers.

**1994 Accomplishments**

*Promotion and Fundraising Combined.* A new brochure and a direct mailing sought to inform the community about the Foundation and at the same time to encourage donations.

*Foundation Financially Supported.* The direct-mail campaign brought in over \$10,000. In addition, the Citizens for Public Education contributed \$3,800.

*Scholarship Emphasis Changed.* The scholarship monies previously awarded to high school seniors who would pursue teaching as a career will now be awarded to teaching assistants who are seeking teaching credentials.

*By-Laws Updated.* The Foundation By-Laws were completely reviewed and revised as necessary to align practices and principles.

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Terrell Benton, Attorney

**1995 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Peggy Cole, Barrow; Tim Jarboe, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Barbara Jarrard, Cedar Shoals; Teresa Nestor, Whit Davis; Donna Ware, Whitehead

*Howard Stroud Award:* Don McCormick, Systemwide

*Teaching Chair:* Peggy Pitts, Clarke Middle, Kilpatrick Chair

*Scholarships for Teaching Assistants:* Karen Keller, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Frances Ward, Fowler

*Mini-Grants:* Mini-grants were funded from among 51 applications.

**1995 Accomplishments**

*CPE Efforts Summarized.* The Citizens for Public Education contributed \$42,250 to the Foundation during the nine years that CPE held its fundraising barbecue. 1994 proceeds netted \$4,000 for the Foundation.

*Mini-Grants To Be Supported by Coca-Cola Funds.* Funds in the amount of \$8,000 annually over the next three years will underwrite the Foundation's mini-grants.

*Consistency Sought in Processes.* Committees worked to bring consistency to the selection processes for teaching chairs and to the terms for Trustees.

*Chairs Supported.* C. L. Moorehead gave \$12,000 for the Dodd Chair. Dot Whitehead contributed \$10,000 toward establishing a Thomas H. Whitehead Chair of Science.

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*Teachers of Excellence:* Anne Brightwell, Clarke Central; Kevin Manglitz, Clarke Middle; Bette McEvoy, Timothy; Jerry Pope, Timothy; Lisa Stanzi, Barrow

*Howard Stroud Award:* Martin Queen, Systemwide

*Teaching Chairs:* Anita Picas, Cedar Shoals, Comer Chair; Jane Pinneau, Winterville, Dodd Chair

*Scholarships for Teaching Assistants:* Tracey Lumpkin and Claire McMillan, Whit Davis

*Mini-Grants:* Mini-grants were underwritten by the Coca-Cola funds.

**1996 Accomplishments**

*Strategic Plan Developed.* During 1996, Foundation Trustees participated in a strategic planning process facilitated by Dr. Gerry Horton. A mission statement was drafted, long- and short-term goals were set, and implementation guidelines were written. The entire plan underscores the Foundation's focus on encouraging, recognizing, and rewarding excellence in education.

*Chairs Continue to Grow.* In addition to the Whitehead Chair of Science announced at the end of 1995, the Schindel Chair of Mathematics has been established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schindel in honor of their daughter, Anne. The Schindels have committed \$25,000 for the chair.

## FFE 1997 Highlights

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Accomplishments;

- The Mae Whatley Teacher of the Year Award was established thanks to a donation by James Whatley in memory of his wife Mae.
- Newland Grant was established by the Newland Foundation
- Completed funding for the endowed Booth Chair which will be awarded in 1998. This was announced at the October 1997 banquet.

1997 Awards:

Teachers of Excellence: Robert Guy...Clarke Middle

Vicki Krugman...4<sup>th</sup> Street

Theodore MacMillan...Hilsman

Barbara Michalove....4<sup>th</sup> Street

Jeanie Trotochaud...Barrow

Howard Stroud Award...Virginia Anderson...Alps

Teaching Chairs: Robert Guy...Kilpatrick Chair

Shareef Bacchus...Schindel Chair

Margaret Schneider...Whitehead Chair

Whatley Teacher of the Year Award: Georgia Scott...Clarke Central

Scholarships for Teaching Assistants: Karen Keller...4<sup>th</sup> Street;

Tracey Lumpkin...Whit Davis

Mini Grants: Twenty-two grants were awarded for a total of \$8,041 of Coca-Cola funds

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**1998 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Matthew Boggs, Cedar Shoals; Carol Hall, Hilsman; Carmen Jordan, Systemwide; Susan Rodrigue, Whit Davis; Georgiana Sumner, Alps

*Howard Stroud Award:* Elaine Dickens, Whit Davis

*Teaching Chairs:* Jim Jones, Comer Chair; Brenda Poss, Cedar Shoals; Patti McWhorter, Booth Chair

*Scholarships for Teaching Assistants:* Monique Darrisaw, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Philip Tetteh, Cleveland

*Mini-Grants:* Eleven \$200 mini-grants, five \$500 mini-grants, and five \$1,000 mini-grants were awarded for a total of \$9,900. The Newland Foundation funded the grants.

**1998 Accomplishments**

*By-Laws Amended.* The by-laws were amended to set the number of trustees at 15 instead of 16.

*Thaxton Scholarship Established.* Through funding from Fowler Elementary School, a scholarship will be established in memory of Peggy Thaxton, long-time Fowler secretary.

*Cooper Memorial Fund Grows.* The family of Todd Cooper added \$5,000 to the memorial fund in his memory, bringing the fund to nearly \$7,300.

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**1999 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Shareef Bacchus, Hilsman; Jennifer Greer, Clarke Middle; David Harvel, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Nichole McLaughlin, Barnett Shoals; Katherine Thompson, Clarke Middle

*Howard Stroud Award:* Susan Pittard, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

*Teacher of the Year:* Sharon McKillop, Whit Davis

*Teaching Chairs:* Shareef Baccus, Hilsman, Kilpatrick Chair; Anne Brightwell, CCHS, Shindell Chair; Dava Coleman, CSHS, Whitehead Chair

*Scholarships for Teaching Aides:* Crystal Adams, Whitehead; Monique Darrisaw, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Candace Haynes, Barrow

*Mini-Grants:* Three \$1,000 mini-grants, three \$500 mini-grants, and 22 \$200 mini-grants were awarded for a total of \$8,900. The DSN Foundation underwrote \$5,000 of that amount.

**1999 Accomplishments**

*Cooper Scholarship Endowed.* The family and friends of Todd Cooper endowed a summer school scholarship fund in his memory. The first scholarships will be awarded in 2000.

*State Champs Supported.* The Foundation gave financial assistance to four CCSD academic teams that won state competitions and went on to national events.

*Picnic Hosted.* As a fundraiser, the Foundation hosted the dress rehearsal of Town & Gown's spring production, *Picnic*. Proceeds from the performance helped support the Foundation's annual awards.

*New Executive Director Named.* Lane Norton became Executive Director July 1, 1999. Charlotte Brown who retired from that position in 1998 continued in an acting capacity through June 30, 1999.

*Historian Role Created.* The by-laws were amended to include the ex-officio role of historian to maintain the historical record of the Foundation. Kathy Hug was appointed to fill this position.

*Endowment Goals Set for 2000.* After a year of study and planning, the Trustees voted to embark on a campaign in 2000 to double the Foundation's endowment and, thus, to increase the number and dollar amounts of awards. Every trustee will serve on a campaign committee.



## FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION 2000

### 2000 Trustees

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Dianne Campbell	Mike Waldrip (Began 4/2000)

Ex-Officio: Lane Norton, Executive Director  
Kathy Hug, Historian  
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### 2000 Awards

*Teachers of Excellence:* Valerie Aldridge, Barrow; Teresa Granger, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Karen Hankins, Whit Davis; Monica Knight, Coile; Ellen Sabatini, Alps

*Howard Stroud Award:* Wanda Keenum, Systemwide

*Teaching Chairs:* Meredith Blackburn, Clarke Central, Comer Chair; Carol Hall, Hilsman, Booth Chair; David Harvell, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Dodd Chair; Nicole Yount-McLaughlin, Barnett Shoals, Brown Chair

*Scholarships for Teaching Aides:* Stefan Smith, Clarke Middle; Monique Darrisaw, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

*Peggy Thaxton Scholarship:* Charlotte House, Timothy

*Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes:* Alex Stanick, Cedar Shoals; Jessica Cudnik, Clarke Central

*Mini-Grants:* Six \$200 grants, 8 \$500 grants, and three \$1,000 mini-grants were awarded for a total of \$8,200.

### 2000 Accomplishments

*"Invest in Excellence" Campaign Initiated.* The major focus in 2000 was the "Invest in Excellence" Campaign which was officially launched at a November breakfast. Brochures were created for both membership and individual/corporate giving. Trustees will carry out the campaign in 2001 and beyond.

*Additional Scholarships Established.* High school scholarships for two scholar athletes were established in memory of Gregg Lewis with a \$25,000 endowment from the Lewis family. Criteria were developed for the Peggy Thaxton Scholarship funded by Fowler Elementary School; any employee in the district may apply to enhance his or her education. Winterville Elementary School set up a scholarship to begin in 2001 to fund special education training in memory of Carol Ann Colquitt, a special education teacher.

*Apples Donated for Fundraising.* Kathy Hug donated her collection of apples for use by the Foundation for fundraising. A Foundation trustee will deliver an apple from the collection to a teacher, department, team, or faculty honored by a contribution to the Foundation.

*By-Laws Revised.* Changes in the by-laws reflect a wider pool of potential trustees through expanded qualifications and a defined role for the Foundation's treasurer.

**FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION  
2001**

**2001 Trustees**

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Mike Wooten, CCSD Liaison

**2001 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Wanda Culpepper, Whit Davis; Faith Huff, CCHS; Mary Lynn Lane, Fowler; Jennfer Leahy, CCHS; Mary Quinn, Hilsman

*Howard Stroud Award:* Shirley Sims, Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School

*Teaching Chairs:* Jennifer Greer, Clarke Central, Schindel Chair; Joyce Moseley, Hilsman, Whitehead Chair; Kathy Thompson, Clarke Middle, Kilpatrick Chair

*Scholarships for Teaching Aides:* Sharon Rehburg, Winterville

*Peggy Thaxton Scholarship:* Beatrice Moore, Clarke Central

*Lewis Award for Scholar Athlete:* Julia Ferguson, Clarke Central; Jordan Thrasher, Cedar Shoals

*Classroom Grants:* Three \$1,000 grants; 10 \$500 grants; 7 \$200 grants. The Classroom Grants were fully funded by the Newland Family Foundation (\$9,400).

**2001 Accomplishments**

*The Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant* funded by way of \$5,000 donation from REM/Athens, an art Auction at the Lyndon House Gallery and the sale of children's art cards by the art faculty of the district, will be awarded in November of 2002.

*The Margaret & Raymond Ponsoldt Chair of Elementary School Teaching* was established by BOE member, James Ponsoldt in honor of his parents. The first Elementary School Teaching Chair will be awarded in August of 2002.

The daughters of Frusanna Booth contributed another \$7,500 to the Language Arts Chair, raising the endowment to the \$18,000 level.

A new plaque is now hanging in the CCSD BOE meeting room to honor all recipients of the Howard B. Stroud Award.

A committee reviewed and revised all Teacher of Excellence, Chair and Stroud nomination forms. In addition, revisions were made to the Classroom Grant application forms.

All holdings of the FFE are now housed solely in IJL-Wachovia.

A letter writing campaign was launched to solicit and renew memberships.

A public relations class at UGA, under Professor Carolina Acosta-Alzuru, undertook to present the FFE with a public relations campaign. The plan was enthusiastically received and ideas will be implemented in 2002.

**FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION  
2002**

**2002 Trustees**

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Sydney Jackson, 2001 President  
Mike Wooten, CCSD Liaison

**2002 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Jennifer Cole, Cleveland Road; Melissa Dupre, Clarke Central; Brandis Hartsell, Whitehead; Anne Page, Coile; Mary Jo Prescott, Coile

*Howard Stroud Award:* Ernest Hardaway, Deputy Superintendent

*Whatley Teacher of the Year:* Dr. Christine Register, Barnett Shoals

*Teaching Chairs:* Ellen Harris, Clarke Central, Comer Chair; Sharon McKillip, Whit Davis, Dodd Chair, Jan Mullins, Hilsman, Booth Chair; Anne Page, Coile, Brown Chair; Christine Register, Barnett Shoals, Ponsoldt Chair

*Paraprofessional Scholarship:* Sharon Rehberg, Winterville

*Colquitt Memorial Scholarship:* Barbara Gaertig, Barnett Shoals

*Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes:* Hailey Sailors, Clarke Central; Joseph Yeatts, Clarke Central

*Morris Fine Arts Grant Awards:* Deenan Scott, Timothy; Mary Anne Edens, Fowler Drive

*Classroom Grants:* Six \$1,000 grants, nine \$500 grants, and seven \$200 grants were awarded for a total of \$11,900.

## **2002 Accomplishments**

*Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant Awarded.* Grants created to honor the memory of Dr. Jimmy Morris, director of Fine Arts Instruction in the school district for 17 years, were awarded for the first time this year.

*Charlotte and Claude Williams American History Grant Established.* Created by the Williams children to honor their parents' commitment to public education and their belief in the importance of teaching our nation's history, this annual grant of \$500 will be presented to a district teacher wishing to fund a classroom project in American History.

*Newland Family Foundation Funds Classroom Grants.* The Newland Family generously donated \$10,000 to fund most of the Classroom Grants awarded this year.

*New Foundation Logo Designed by UGA Class.* The Public Relations Class of Dr. Carolina Acosta-Alzuru created a new logo to be used on official Foundation publications, including the new "Foundation for Excellence" brochure and Trustees Manual.

*Membership/School Coordinators Committee Created.* A new committee designed strategies to increase the Foundation's visibility in schools. Trustees were assigned as contact persons for one or more schools, placing newly-designed bulletin boards in schools, keeping them current, and attending at least one PTO/School Event during the year to encourage membership in the Foundation and opportunities to honor school staff members.

*All funds transferred to Merrill Lynch.* As of April 2002, all funds were transferred from IJL-Wachovia to Merrill Lynch Investment Group in order to reduce management fees and increase return on investments.

*Nomination Forms Translated into Spanish.* In recognition of the increasing Latino enrollment in the school district, Guillermo Alzuru translated all nomination forms for awards into Spanish.

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2003**

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**2003 Awards**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Evelyn Bain, Barrow; Mary Bradbury-Bailey, Cedar Shoals; Susan Cardin, Cleveland Road; Thomas Glenn, Clarke Middle; Fannie S. Smith, Burney-Harris-Lyons.

*Howard Stroud Award:* Rosa Ghosheh, Bilingual Parent Liaison, Fourth Street Elementary.

*Whatley Teacher of the Year:* Letty Fitch, Coile

*Teaching Chairs:* Mary Quinn, Hilsman, Kilpatrick Chair; Shareef Bacchus, Hilsman, Schindel Chair; William Pappas, Cedar Shoals, Whitehead Chair.

*Paraprofessional Scholarships:* April Byrd, Chase; Christina Glenn, CCSD Even Start Program.

*Thaxton Scholarship for Continuing Education:* Melanie Pittman, Winterville.

*Colquitt Memorial Scholarship for Special Education:* Elizabeth Kadlec, Winterville.

*Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes:* Xi Chen, Clarke Central; Teerawit Supakorndej, Cedar Shoals.

*Morris Fine Arts Grant Awards:* Brenda Poss, Cedar Shoals; Michelle Wynn, Barrow.  
*Charlotte and Claude Williams American History Grant:* Pat Waldrip, Gaines.

*Classroom Grants:* Six \$1000 grants; eight \$500 grants; six \$200 grants for a total of \$11,200.

## **2003 Accomplishments**

*Arthur Moog Middleton Memorial Media Center Grant* established in memory of Cedar Shoals student Art Middleton to build library of contemporary literature at both high schools. Annual \$500 grant to be divided between schools.

*Williams American History Grant* established by children of Charlotte and Claude Williams to honor their parents' commitment to public education and their belief in the importance of teaching American History awarded for the first time.

*Todd Cooper Memorial Tuition Grant* established in memory of Clarke Central student Todd Cooper to provide financial aid to three deserving high school students who need support to stay on track for graduation. \$500 annually.

*Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award* endowed honoring CCSD teacher and administrator (1979-1996) to recognize superior instructional leadership. First \$500 annual award to be given in October, 2004.

*Teacher of Promise Award* plans initiated to recognize and encourage teachers with fewer than 5 years teaching experience and outstanding professional potential. Committee named to develop criteria and solicit funds.

*Policy Committee* developed financial policies and guidelines to govern contributions, gifts and endowments, as well as chairs, grants, awards, and scholarships, under the direction of John Whitehead, Treasurer.

*Davis Family Foundation* (\$2500), *R.E.M.* (\$2500), Bertis & Katherine Downs (\$2500), and Elena Brown (\$1000) provided generous donations to support Classroom Grants.

*Dell Computer Purchased* for Executive Director Lane Norton to conduct Foundation business.



# FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

## 2004

### 2004 TRUSTEES

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### 2004 AWARDS

*Teachers of Excellence:* Wanda Claxton, Alps; Lori Dean, Barnett Shoals, Francine Dalton, Clarke Central, Lili Li, Barrow; Gwen Turner, Clarke Central.

*Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:* Jane Mcneely, Barrow Elementary

*Whatley Teacher of the Year Award:* Steve Piazza, Hilsman

*Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:* Maxine Easom, Clarke Central

*Howard Stroud Award:* Kathleen Smith, CCSD, Adaptive Physical Education

*Teaching Chairs:* Linda Howard, Clarke Central, Comer Chair; Beverly Mallon, Alps, Lamar Dodd Chair; Melissa Dupree, Clarke Central, Booth Chair; Erika Douglas, Gaines, Brown Chair; Lili Li, Barrow, Ponsoldt Chair.

*Paraprofessional Scholarship & Thaxton Scholarship:* Nancy Tisdale, Whit Davis

*Todd Cooper Memorial Tuition Grant:* Laura Fahy, Nathaniel McLean

*Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes:* Eve Carson, Clarke Central; Mark Cervero, Clarke Central

*Friend of Public Education Award:* Alisa DeMao, Athens-Banner Herald

*Morris Fine Arts Grant Awards:* David Osborne, Fourth St., Claire McGee, Whit Davis

*Williams American History Grant:* Jennifer Cole, Barrow Elementary

*CitiGroup Literacy Grant:* Alps, Barrow, Clarke Central, Clarke Middle, Fowler Dr., Gaines/Cedar Shoals, Hilsman, Oglethorpe, Whitehead, Winterville for a total of \$10,000.

*Classroom Grants:* Alps, Chase St., Fowler Dr., Alternative Education Program, Barnett Shoals, Clarke Central, Clarke Middle, Hilsman, Timothy, Cleveland Rd., and Gaines for a total of \$7,600 including the *Middleton Grant* to high school media centers, \$19,600 in grant funds targeted innovative teaching.

### 2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award* endowed in memory of long-time teacher of academically gifted students at Alps Road Elementary. First \$500 award presented to a teacher with fewer than five years teaching experience and outstanding professional potential.

*First Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award* presented to recognize superior instructional leadership.

*Friend of Public Education Award*, non-monetary, presented first time to Alisa DeMao, Athens Banner-Herald for "fair and balanced reporting" of school news.

*CitiGroup Foundation*, through Athens Branch of Smith Barney, made \$10,000 donations to fund classroom grants designed to increase student literacy skills. *Awards Tea for Grant Recipients* initiated in response to CitiGroup's donation, honoring grant recipients, school principals, and outgoing trustees.

*Generous donations, in addition to Hug and Thomas Awards:* Sandy Lewis, \$600; Horace Mann, \$1200; Gayle Rogers, \$750; Bertis Downs, \$1200; Davis Foundation, \$2500; Norton Foundation, \$500; Colquitt family, \$2000; Joe Frierson, \$5000; Athens West Rotary, \$1000; Athens First, \$1000; Cleveland Rd. Elementary, \$1100; VP of Outreach & Public Service, UGA, \$500; Athens Health Plan Select, \$250.

*Budget surplus* allowed Ponsoldt Elementary Teaching Chair to be endowed at same level as other chairs.

*By-Laws Amended* to allow board of trustees to appoint an Investment Advisory Committee to assist treasurer in management of Foundation's investment portfolio.

*CCSD Web Site Updated* to include user-friendly access to Foundation information, including current nomination/application forms for awards, grants and scholarships.

**FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION  
2005**

**2005 TRUSTEES**

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Vivian Fisher, Past-President

**2005 AWARDS**

*Teachers of Excellence:* Paul Blais, Cedar Shoals; Ivette Foreit, Clarke Middle; Stella Guerrero, Cedar Shoals; Claire McGee, Whit Davis; and Manel Ratnayaka, Hilsman.

*Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:* Christi Lee-Trust, Alps Road Elementary

*Whitley Teacher of the Year Award:* Ansley Greene, Cleveland Road

*Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:* Scarlett Dunne, Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary

*Howard Stroud Award:* Javier Zapata, Programs for Young Children.

*Specialist Teaching Awards:* *Kilpatrick Middle School Teaching* - West Corley, B-H-L; *Schindel Mathematics Teaching* - Elaine Pappas, Cedar Shoals; and *Whitehead Science Teaching* - Peggy Bailey, Clarke Middle

*Paraprofessional Scholarship:* Nancy Tisdale, Whit Davis; *Peggy Thaxton Scholarship:* Derek Maxwell, B-H-L; *Carol Ann Colquitt Scholarship:* Dianne Scott, Hilsman

*Todd Cooper Memorial Tuition Grant:* (None given in 2005)

*Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes:* Rachel Eldridge, Clarke Central; Joel Weber, Cedar Shoals

*Morris Fine Arts Grant Awards:* Nancy Elliott (Art), B-H-L Middle; Rachel Osborne (Music), Whit Davis

*Williams American History Grant:* Jennifer Cole, Barrow Elementary

*Classroom Grants* : Endowed by Friends of Cardee Kilpatrick, The Davis Family Foundation, REM-Athens, and Merrill Lynch, along with the \$250 per high school Arthur Middleton Grants, **totaled**

**\$12,300**, to Alps Road Elementary, Barnett Shoals Elementary, Cleveland Road Elementary, Alternative Education Program, Clarke Middle, Whitehead Road Elementary, Barrow Elementary, Cedar Shoals High School, Clarke Central High School, Hilsman Middle, and Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle.

**2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

*Twenty/Twenty Anniversary Celebration raised \$20,570 from past recipients and friends of the Foundation to endow two Teacher of Excellence Awards:* Founding Executive Director Cardee Kilpatrick and former president, Sydney Jackson co-chaired the committee with members Margie Shedd, Julie Knowlton, Joan Humphries, C. J. Amason and Lane Norton. Former recipients were recognized at the banquet and storyboards displayed in the lobby summarized the Foundation's history with special tributes to visionary founder, Dr. C. B. Lord and founding Executive Director, Cardee Kilpatrick.

*Investment Advisory Committee appointed subsequent to Section 7a of Foundation By-Laws:* John Whitehead, Jim Newland, and Joe Frierson were appointed to advise the Foundation on its investment portfolio.

*By-Laws Amended to require only one Board of Education Representative on Foundation Board.* The reassignment of Allison Lucas-Wright to the BOE Finance Committee prompted the decision to amend the By-Laws to require only one Board of Education Representative, with the understanding that while BOE representation is critical to the Foundation, no district committee has more than one BOE member currently assigned. This change necessitated increasing the number of other trustees from 13 to 14.



# FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

2006

## 2006 TRUSTEES

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C. J. Amason, Past-President

## 2006 AWARDS

**Excellence in Teaching:** Nancy Baumann, Barnett Shoals; George Bullock, Cedar Shoals; Stephen Castile, Cedar Shoals; Allyson Griffith, Barrow; Cecilia Hyers, Clarke Middle

**Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:** Yvonne Manley, Alps Road Elementary

**Whatley Teacher of the Year Award:**

**Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:** Janis Stephens, Early Learning & Family Engagement

**Howard Stroud Award:** Mary Kelly, Alps Road

**Specialized Teaching Awards:** David Ragsdale, Frusanna Booth Award, English/Language Arts; Ashlee Wegmann, Charlotte Brown Award, Special Education; Laura Lee D'Huyvetter, Lamar Dodd Fine Arts Award; Wanda Culpepper, Margaret and Raymond Ponsoldt Award, Elementary School Teaching

**Paraprofessional Scholarship:** Freda Sims, Fowler Drive; Mudiwa Smith, H.T. Edwards

**Carol Ann Colquitt Scholarship:** Susan Atkinson, Oglethorpe Ave. Elementary

**Todd Cooper Memorial Tuition Grant:**

**Gregg Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes:** Erin Hill, Clarke Central; Alexander Stephens, Clarke Central

**Friend of the Foundation Award:** Cheryl Phillips, Community Relations Office, CCSD

**Morris Fine Arts Grant:** \$1000, Mary Lazzari, Framing award winning student art for community display

**Williams American History Grant:** Lucille Srivastava, Hilsman, Historical Documentaries

**Classroom Grants :** Endowed by The Davis Family Foundation, Joe and Ann Frierson, Bank of America, Dan Minor with Citi Group/Smith Barney, along with the Morris and Williams Grants and Arthur Middleton Grants, grants **totaling \$14,300, were made** to the Alternative Education Program, Barnett Shoals, Barrow, Burney Harris Lyons, Chase Street, Cleveland Road, Clarke Middle, Fourth Street, Fowler Drive, Hilsman Middle, Whit Davis, Winterville, Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central.

## 2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TRANSITIONS

**Lane Norton resigns as Executive Director after 9 years of exemplary leadership, seven and a half as executive director.** The Foundation will solicit funds to endow a **Lane Norton Literacy Grant** in her honor. Mrs. Norton will continue in an ex-officio capacity as historian, replacing Joan Humphries who is moving from Athens. **John Whitehead, former trustee and current member of the Investment Advisory Committee, has agreed to assume the position of executive director in 2007.**

**The Classic Center and Lee Epting Catering Sponsor the October Awards Banquet, changing the venue from the Georgia Center for the first time in its twenty-year history.** Additional support was provided through a **\$500 gift from Pat Allen in the UGA Development Office.**

**The Classic City Rotary Club donates \$1000 in support of the Nominees' Luncheon held at Trumps to honor 65 educators nominated for Foundation Awards. Trumps owners, Ron Schwartz and Andree Kosack, provided support for this luncheon and the Classroom Grants Tea held to honor teachers receiving grants.**

**Carol Ann Colquitt's family endows the Colquitt Memorial Scholarship for staff members wishing to pursue certification in special education.**

**Teachers of English Language Learners (ELL) are now eligible for Martha Comer Foreign and Classical Language Award, adding 29 teachers to those who may be nominated.**

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2007

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Lane Norton, Historian  
Mike Wooten, CCSD Liaison  
Davin Welter, Past-President

## 2007 AWARDS

***Excellence in Teaching:*** Amanda Barham, Timothy Road; Sara Cross, Barrow; Becky Lewis, Alps Road; Claire Smith, Alps Road; Candice Southall, Cedar Shoals

***Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:*** Elizabeth Upchurch, Clarke Central

***Whatley Teacher of the Year Award:*** Judy Green, Alps Road

***Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:*** Dr. Ken Sherman, Clarke Middle

***Howard B. Stroud Award:*** Sam Hicks, Clarke Central

***Specialized Teaching Awards:*** Sasha Baker, Cardee Kilpatrick Award for Teachers of Middle School; Stella Guerrero, Thomas Whitehead Award for Teachers of Science; Jodi Bolgla, Martha Comer Award for Teachers of Language, Clarke Central; Janet Wilkins, Ann M. Schindel Award for Teacher of Mathematics, Clarke Middle

***Paraprofessional Scholarship:*** Susan Atkinson, Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary

***Carol Ann Colquitt Scholarship:*** Susan Atkinson, Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary

***Todd Cooper Memorial Grant for Technology and Equipment:*** \$2000 - used to support four projects at the Alternative Education Program, Clarke Central, Clarke Middle and Howard B. Stroud Elementary

***Gregg Lewis Awards for Scholar Athletes:*** Merin Yu, Clarke Central; Timothy Daniel, Clarke Central

***Williams American History Grant:*** Barrow Elementary teachers' project titled *Lyndon House Arts/History Collaboration*

***Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant:*** \$1,000 - split among Melanie Powers, Whitehead Road and Linda Moon, Cedar Shoals

***The Arthur Moog Middleton Memorial Media Center Grant:*** \$500 - awarded Clarke Central and Cedar Shoals High Schools \$250 each to purchase challenging, current literature for their media center collections.

***Classroom Grants:*** Funded by The Davis Family Foundation, Joe and Ann Frierson, The Classic City Rotary Club, R.E.M., Bertis and Katherine Downs, along with the Morris and Williams Grants, Cedar Shoals High School Jaguar Run, Dr. and Mrs. Del Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and gifts in memory of Adrienne Wasserman, Athens-Clarke County Mayor Heidi Davison's mother, **grants totaling**

**\$14,000, were made** to Alps Road, Alternative Education Program, Barnett Shoals, Barrow, Cedar Shoals, Clarke Middle, Cleveland Road, Coile, Fowler Drive, Whit Davis and Winterville.

## 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TRANSITIONS

***John Whitehead, former trustee,*** was appointed to the position of executive director in 2007.

***The Todd Cooper Memorial Tuition Grant*** was changed to ***the Todd Cooper Technology Grant*** to supplement and enhance the Classroom Grants Program.

***The Howard B. Stroud Award*** was successfully endowed with memorial contributions made in honor of ***Mr. Stroud*** who died in March 2007.

***The Marge Schneider Science Award*** was endowed by the family of ***Marge Schneider***, a former biology teacher at Cedar Shoals and Clarke Central High Schools and a former FFE trustee, who died in August 2007. The award will provide a \$250 prize to a high achieving science student at each high school who

also participates in community service. Other contributions received in memory of *Marge Schneider* will be used for classroom grants in science for the 2008 and 2009 grants.

*The Lane Norton Literary Grant* was successfully endowed with gifts from the Norton family and friends of *Lane Norton*, who retired after many years of service as Executive Director of the Foundation for Excellence.

*The Foundation for Excellence Board* decided to discontinue the paraprofessional scholarships. There was no permanent funding and applications have been low.

*A group of graduate students in the Masters of Public Administration program's Non-Profit Resource Center at the University of Georgia* conducted a study of the operation of the Foundation and provided an excellent report and handbook for future improvement for fund-raising and governance.

*The Foundation for Excellence* conducted a successful fund drive in the summer of 2007 which provided funds for The Lane Norton Literacy Grant, the Stroud Award, Classroom Grants and general Foundation uses.

# FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

2008

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## 2008 AWARDS

***Excellence in Teaching:*** Ann Benedek, Fowler Drive; Harry Cooper, Clarke Central; Beverly Harper, Cleveland Road; Mikelle Innes, Timothy; Heather Sitler, Barrow

***Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:*** Dr. Ellen Sabatini, Barrow

***Howard B. Stroud Award:*** Terry Reid, Police Team Leader, Clarke Central

***Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:*** Steve Sacco, Clarke Middle

***Specialized Teaching Awards:*** Lindy Cox, Clarke Central, Frusanna S. Booth Award for Teachers of English and Language Arts; Joy Sims, Alps Road, Charlotte Brown Award for Teachers of Special Education; Jeff Barnett, Clarke Central, Lamar Dodd Award for Teachers of Fine Arts; Jennifer Cole, Margaret and Raymond Ponsoldt Award for Teachers of Elementary School

***Carol Ann Colquitt Memorial Scholarship for Special Education:*** Derek Davis, Coile Middle

***Gregg W. Lewis Memorial Scholarship:*** Athena Lao; Matthew Nichols, Clarke Central

***Marge Schneider Memorial Science Award:*** Sarah Weber, Cedar Shoals; Athena Lao, Clarke Central  
***Classroom Grants:***

***The Lane Norton Literary Grant:*** Becky Lewis and Mary Kelly, Alps Road Elementary School

***Todd Cooper Memorial Technology Grant:*** \$600 - awarded project entitled *Lego Mindstorms Enrichment* Project, Ann LoCiero and Michelle Vecchio-Weinmeister, Clarke Middle

***Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant:*** \$1,000 - split among Michelle Wynne, Barrow and Linda Moon, Cedar Shoals

***Charlotte and Claude Williams American History Grant:*** Barrow Elementary teachers' project titled *A Walk through Time in Georgia: A Hands-On Experience*

The ***Arthur Moog Middleton Memorial Media Center Grant:*** \$500 - awarded Clarke Central and Cedar Shoals High Schools \$250 each to purchase challenging, current literature for their media center collections.

***Marge Schneider Science Grant:*** Stephen King, Whit Davis; Stella Guererro, Cedar Shoals

***General Classroom Grants:*** Funded by Cardee and Jeremy Kilpatrick, Ann and Joe Frierson, and Carl and Sara Glickman grants **totaling \$10,200, were made** to Barrow, Cedar Shoals, Chase Street, Gaines, and Oglethorpe Avenue.

## 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

***The Eve Carson Memorial Fund*** was created with gifts in memory of Eve Carson, a 2004 Clarke Central graduate who was killed in March 2008. Gifts from over 300 donors in 20 states totaled \$60,000. Uses for the fund were to be finalized in 2009.

**“Belie-v-e Album:** Several of Eve’s friends created a memorial CD, “Belie-v-e - Songs in Memory of Eve Carson.” The CD included a compilation of musical pieces as well as spoken words by Eve’s teachers. A release party was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Melting Point with over 400 guests attending. The album raised over \$6,000 for the Eve Carson Fund.

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2009

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## 2009 AWARDS

***Excellence in Teaching:*** Ansley Clarkson, Cleveland Road; Kelly Felt, Cleveland Road; Barbara Gaertig, Barnett Shoals; Elizabeth Royer-Woodward, Alps Road; Beth Selleck, Barrow

***Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:*** Greg Hull, Pre-Kindergarten Coordinator

***Howard B. Stroud Award for Community Service:*** Julie Evans, district-wide adaptive physical education teacher, Student Services

***Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:*** Ashley Goodrich, Clarke Central

***Specialized Teaching Awards:*** Virginia Anne Gillis, Clarke Middle, Cardee Kilpatrick Award for Middle School Teaching; Emily Dowd, Clarke Central, Martha Comer Award for Teachers of Languages; Summer Tuggle, Clarke Middle, Ann M. Schindel Award for Teachers of Mathematics

***Gregg W. Lewis Memorial Scholarship:*** Augustus Boyd; Sara De La Torre-Beron, Clarke Central

***Marge Schneider Memorial Science Award:*** Clara Starkweather, Cedar Shoals; Lauren Wooten, Clarke Central

### ***Classroom Grants***

***The Lane Norton Literary Grant:*** James C. Willingham, Oglethorpe Avenue

***Todd Cooper Memorial Technology Grant:*** \$500 - award project entitled *Lights, Camera, Learning!*, Christopher Sugiuchi, Chase Street; \$200 - awarded project entitled *Lights, Camera, Learn!*, Jennifer Thiel, Gaines

***Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant:*** \$500 - Lindy Crace, Clarke Central; \$1,000 - Lori Ragsdale and Mary Kelly, Chase Street and Alps Road

***The Arthur Moog Middleton Memorial Media Center Grant:*** \$500 - awarded Clarke Central and Cedar Shoals High Schools \$250 each to purchase challenging, current literature for their media center collections.

***Marge Schneider Science Grant:*** Steven King, Whit Davis

***General Classroom Grants:*** Funded by BKOS, Eve Carson Fund, Barbara Bloom-Fisher, Jack and Sarah Frierson, Cardee and Jeremy Kilpatrick and Don Schneider grants **totaling \$8,400, were made** to Barrow, Chase Street, Gaines, Oglethorpe Avenue and Whit Davis.

## 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Eve Carson Award was established in 2009 to honor the life of Eve Marie Carson, a 2004 honor graduate of Clarke Central High School, and to promote a humanitarian spirit in the youth of the Clarke County School District. Each elementary, middle and high school in the Clarke County School District selects one student in the exiting class (grades 5, 8, and 12) who best exemplifies the qualities exhibited by Eve to honor each spring. Awards are given as follows: 5th grade - \$50 gift card; 8th grade - \$100 gift card; 12th grade - \$250 check.

The Eve Carson Memorial Service Learning Grant was established in 2009 to honor the life of Eve Marie Carson, 2004 honor graduate of Clarke Central High School, whose spirit of service was evidenced



throughout her life. The Carson Grant provides \$1000 annually to a certified employee in the Clarke County School District to fund a school/classroom/organization project that connects school-based curriculum with the intrinsic caring and concern young people have for their world.

Dr. Walter Allen, Sr. Excellence in Teaching Award was endowed in 2009 by his friends.

An anonymous donor endowed a fourth Excellence in Teaching Award to be named for Eve Carson.

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2010

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## 2010 AWARDS

### *Excellence in Teaching:*

*Dr. Walter Allen, Sr. Excellence in Teaching Award:* Marlana Street, Clarke Central

*Friends of Eve Carson Excellence in Teaching Award:* Lee Ann Callebs, Whitehead Road

*Joan D. Humphries Excellence in Teaching Award:* Leslie Dutcher, Whit Davis

*Newland Family Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award:* Lindsay Williamson, Timothy Road

*FFE Excellence in Teaching Award:* Kena Worthy, Timothy Road

*Specialized Teaching Awards:* Virginia Anne Gillis, Clarke Middle, Cardee Kilpatrick Award for Teachers of Middle School; Emily Dowd, Clarke Central, Martha Comer Award for Teachers of Languages; Summer Tuggle, Clarke Middle, Ann M. Schindel Award for Teachers of Mathematics;

*Frusanna S. Booth Award for Teachers of English and Language Arts:* Jamie Jordan, Burney-Harris-Lyons

*Larlotte Brown Award for Teachers of Special Education:* Barbara Gaertig, Barnett Shoals

*Lamar Dodd Award for Teachers of Fine Arts:* Krista Dean, Chase Street

*Margaret and Raymond Pondsoldt Award for Elementary School Teaching:* Steven King, Whit Davis

*Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award:* Tad MacMillan, Clarke Middle, Principal

*Howard B. Stroud Award for Community Service:* Vance Sims, Counselor, Gaines

*Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award:* Ian Altman, Clarke Central

*Gregg W. Lewis Memorial Scholarship:* Clara Nibbelink, Cedar Shoals; Ivan Santillan, Clarke Central

*Marge Schneider Memorial Science Award:* Roma Amin, Cedar Shoals; Ivan Santillan, Clarke Central

### *Classroom Grants:*

*Lane Turner Norton Literary Grant:* Gwen Bailey, Cleveland Road

*Todd Cooper Memorial Technology Grant:* \$600 - award project entitled *Math Photo Fun*, Lori Jackson, Lesley Dean, Aliceson Nobles, Freda Williams, Barnett Shoals

*Dr. Jimmy Morris Memorial Fine Arts Grant:* \$500 - Rachel Osborne, Whit Davis; \$500 - Krista Dean, Chase Street

*Charlotte & Claude Williams U.S. History Grant:* \$500 - Stacie Tarbet Carson and Beverly Barksdale, Alps Road

*Eve Carson Service Learning Grant:* Tad MacMillan, Ellen Sabatini, Mimi Elliott-Gower, Barrow

*The Arthur Moog Middleton Memorial Media Center Grant:* \$500 - awarded Clarke Central and Cedar Shoals High Schools \$250 each to purchase challenging, current literature for their media center collections.

*Marge Schneider Science Grant:* Steven King, Whit Davis

*General Classroom Grants:* Non-endowed classroom grants were supported in 2010 by generous gifts from Joe and Ann Frierson, Hue Henry, Cardee and Jeremy Kilpatrick, the BKOS Birthday Club, and gifts in memory of Marge Schneider and Eve Carson. Grants **totaling \$10,000 were made** to Barnett

Shoals, Barrow, Burney-Harris-Lyons, Cleveland Road, Coile, J.J. Harris, Oglethorpe Avenue and Timothy Road.

## **2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Dr. Walter Allen, Sr. Excellence in Teaching Award** was presented for the first time.

The award endowed for Eve Carson in 2009 was named the **Friends of Eve Carson** Award and presented for the first time.

Two Excellence in Teaching awards, previously endowed by a fund drive in 2005, were named the **Joan D. Humphries** Award and the **Newland Family Foundation** award. They were presented for the first time.

The Foundation agreed to sponsor the Athens-Savannah Bike ride in 2011 to endow the fifth Excellence in Teaching Award. For 2010 that award was named the FFE Excellence in Teaching Award and was funded by Athens First Bank.

Individual plaques, rather than one large collective plaque, for the Excellence in Teaching Awards were created for the first time.

The **Janis J. Stephens Paraprofessional of the Year Award** was endowed by Bertis and Katherine Downs to honor former school district employee Janis J. Stephens. It was presented for the first time.

A new endowed classroom grant, **The Eve Carson Service Learning Grant**, was awarded for the first time.

**The Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Classroom Grant** was created and endowed by transferring funds from the former Carol Ann Colquitt Special Education Scholarship. The scholarship was no longer viable because of a change in district and state policies for hiring and employing special education teachers.

Classroom grants were announced and awarded at the beginning of the school year in August, rather than in December. This change allows teachers to use the grants for the entire school year.