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## **Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award**



Freida M. Thomas served for 20 years as teacher of the gifted at Alps Road Elementary School, and led the school's team in Future Problem Solving Program competitions to one international and 3 state championships. She was hosted site visits for foreign government national education delegations seeking "how to" guidance for implementing problem solving and creative thinking into their classroom curricula; these visits were organized by the US State Department/USAID and included Japan, Egypt, and New Zealand. She was twice named Alps Road Teacher of the Year and was also chosen as a Foundation for Excellence Teacher of Excellence. Honors following her death included the Clarke County School District naming the media center at the new Alps Road Elementary School in her honor and memory and the Georgia Future Problem Solving Program creating the Freida M. Thomas Coach of the Year award.