



GACTE FALL 2022

DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY

Thursday, November 17, 2022
Embassy Suites
Savannah, GA

Cruising Collaboratively on the Winds of Change



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Georgia Association of Colleges
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PROGRAM

Welcome..... J. Fidel Turner
Introduction of PerformersCora Thompson
Performance..... Savannah State University Jazz Band

Dinner Served

Recognition of SponsorsSharon Hixon & Loleta Sartin
Introduction of AwardsSharon Hixon & Loleta Sartin
Co-Presenters

GaNTEP.....Penney McRoy
GAE.....Craig Carter
PAGE.....Craig Harper
GAEL.....Robert Costley

Georgia Outstanding Mentor Teacher Awards

Cindi Chance Award

Closing Remarks.....Adrian Epps

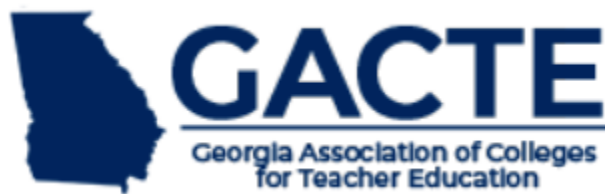
Dessert Reception



Congratulations

Georgia Outstanding Mentor Teacher 2022 Awardees

Congratulations on this well-deserved award. Mentor teachers like you have been instrumental in helping to develop a commitment to lifelong learning. You have made a significant impact on the lives of young people in your school community, to your professional community and the broader community.



GACTE provides leadership on issues related to professional education, promotes effective public policy, and enhances and improves professional education programs at member institutions.

GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Susan Barlow



Susan Barlow is a second-grade teacher at Brookwood Elementary School in Dalton Public Schools. At Brookwood, she serves as the Dual Language Immersion Co-teacher and grade level Chair for Second Grade. She has served as a mentor for first year teachers and for interns from Dalton State College since 2019. For the 2020-2021 school year, she was nominated for Brookwood's Teacher of the Year. In the past, she has served as a classroom teacher in several school systems and as an academic coach.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Palisa Bautista



Palisa Bautista is a Grade 9-12 Spanish Teacher at Colquitt County High School. She is also the department chair for World Languages. Ms. Bautista has served as a mentor for several Spanish candidates over the years and positively impacts teacher candidates' preparation through high-leverage teaching practices and by creating an inclusive and supportive environment.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Yvette Brown



Yvette Brown is a Special Education Interrelated teacher at Westside Elementary in Houston County. After serving in the US Army, Mrs. Brown worked as a paraprofessional in Houston County for 19 years before taking the leap to become a fully certified teacher. In December 2014, Mrs. Brown completed her B.S. in Early Childhood/Special Education and was a member of Middle Georgia State University's very first graduating evening track cohort.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Barrie Davis



Barrie Davis is a kindergarten teacher at Dove Creek Elementary School in Oconee County. Not only is she passionate about student success, she is also dedicated to providing students with strong teachers. Mrs. Davis has mentored several pre-service teaching candidates from multiple EPPs.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Ashley Fryer



Ashley Fryer is first grade teacher at Blue Ridge Elementary School in Columbia County. She is a graduate from Augusta University. She has mentored numerous teacher candidates from Augusta University. Additionally, Ms. Fryer co-facilitates the High School Pathway session of the Impacting Student Learning (ISL) Conference at Augusta University. She also volunteers in the greater Augusta Community.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Travis Moak

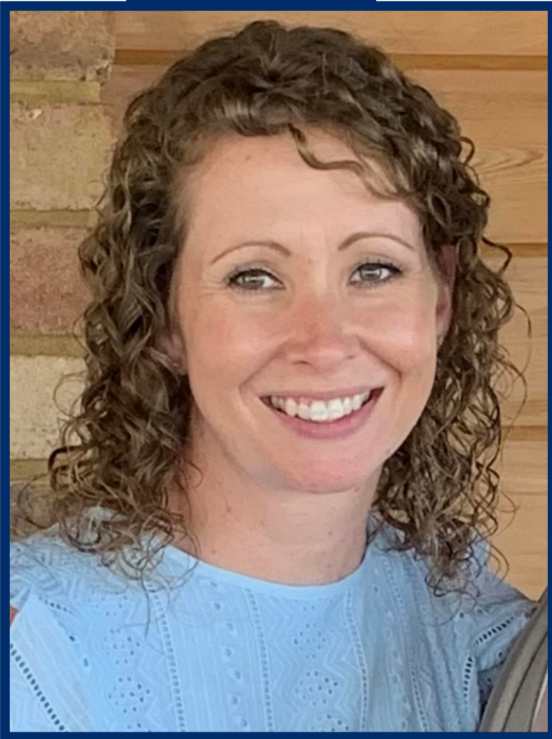


Travis Moak teaches physical education for kindergarten to fifth grade students at IIA Elementary in Madison County. He is the head varsity and head junior varsity soccer coach at Madison High School. Mr. Moak has been serving as a summer day camp counselor for the Madison County Recreation Department since 2007. For the 2017-2018 school year, Mr. Moak was the Teacher of the Year at IIA Elementary.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Kenza Murray



Kenza Murray teaches 6th-8th grade band at Ebenezer Middle School in Effingham County. She manages and directs the entire band program, which includes 5 bands. She leads in the Visible Learning Initiative at Ebenezer Middle School. Additionally, Ms. Murray serves on the State Executive Board Committee for the Georgia Music Educators Association. She also mentors new teachers.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Erica O'Neal



Erica O'Neal is a math teacher at Hampton High School in Henry County. She is also the math department chair. In addition, she is the head boys' tennis coach, the head girls' tennis coach, and the Region 5 AAAA Tennis Coordinator. In the last academic year, she served as a master teacher to interns participating in the Intern to Teacher program in Henry County Schools. She provides afterschool tutoring to ensure students are prepared for the state of Georgia's End of Course tests.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD

Nancy Smith



Nancy Smith is an interventionist/coach at Carrollton Elementary School in Carrollton City Schools. She has thrived in the role as a site supervisor for UWG as the Mentor Teacher. Mrs. Smith is a 30+ year veteran educator who has received various awards for her excellence in teaching. Her guidance has helped both veteran teachers and mentees with professional decision-making and discernment.



CINDI CHANCE AWARD

Susan Hagood



Susan Hagood, PhD, is professor and Coordinator of Assessment and Accreditation at Thomas University in Thomasville, Ga. Dr. Hagood also serves as the director of initial teaching programs overseeing all undergraduate and Master of Arts in Teaching programs. Dr. Hagood was named the Thomas University Professor of the Year; has received the Physical Education Teacher of the Year by Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Inc.; was recognized as an outstanding professor at Indiana State University; and was named the Indiana State University student organization faculty advisor of the year. Dr. Hagood has served as Treasurer, Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and Parliamentarian and Treasurer, Georgia Assessment Directors Association. Dr. Hagood is a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) National Site Visitor and a Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) Program Approval Site Visitor. Her work has appeared in publications like GATEways to Teacher Education, Ubiquity: The Journal of Literature, Literacy, and the Arts, Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport and she has made numerous presentations at state and national conferences throughout her career.



Thank you to the Savannah State University Jazz Band!



The Savannah State University Jazz Band is composed of talented collegiate musicians who perform R&B, soft jazz, contemporary jazz, swing, and rock music. The musicians are well versed in musical understanding, expressive performance, and improvisational skills. The group has performed for the Savannah Jazz Festival and all throughout the Savannah area. Recently, the band received the outstanding performance award for the 2022 HBCU Jazz Band Competition. The Jazz Band is under the directions of Dr. Gabriel Arnold.

GAE Congratulates the 2022 GA Mentor Teacher Award Winners



GAE is proud to be a sponsor of the 2022 GA Mentor Teacher Awards. The recipients of this award epitomize the collaborative and professional educators whose work will help create the next generation of great teachers and great public schools for all of Georgia's students.

Congratulations to all of this year's awardees.

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CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GACTE AWARD WINNERS!



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WHO WE ARE

The mission of GAEL is to improve public education in Georgia through high quality leadership development, advocacy, and a resource network for educational leaders.

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Congratulations to the 2022 GACTE Mentor Teacher Awardees!

Established in 2013 and supported by a grant from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the **Georgia Network for Transforming Educator Preparation (GaNTEP)** is a consortium of state education agency representatives and university partners engaged in the improvement of educator preparation. Georgia was selected by CCSSO to pilot ten recommendations published in the 2012 report, *Our Responsibility, Our Promise: Transforming Educator Preparation and Entry into the Profession*, which focused on licensure, program approval, data collection and sharing, and stakeholder engagement.

GaNTEP activities include guiding the development and continuation of Georgia's P-20 Regional Collaboratives, funding professional learning initiatives aimed at improving teaching and learning, and more. Supporting the GACTE Mentor Teacher Awards is a natural extension of the GaNTEP commitment to improving the preparation of teachers and ultimately, the retention of educators who positively impact student growth and learning.



GaNTEP Members:

Georgia Department of Education
Dr. Heather Bilton and Mr. Jim McMickin

Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Dr. Cindi Chance

University System of Georgia
Dr. Cynthia Bolton-Gary

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CONGRATULATIONS ALL MENTOR TEACHER AWARDEES

Georgia's Largest & Most Trusted Educator Association Celebrates You!

As excellent educators, you're positively influencing the lives of your students. As exceptional mentors, you're ensuring the success of Georgia's students and teachers for generations to come.

From all of us to each of you, thank you for all you do.



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