



FALL 2023
DINNER & AWARDS
CEREMONY

Thursday, October 26, 2023
Crowne Plaza
Peachtree City, GA



PROGRAM AGENDA

Buffet Opens at 6pm
Musical Selections: Michael Barriteau

Welcome..... Adrian Epps

Recognition of Performer..... Cynthia Anderson

Musical Performer..... Michael Barriteau

Recognition of Sponsors Sharon Hixon & Loleta Sartin

Introduction of Awards..... Sharon Hixon & Loleta Sartin

Co-Presenters

GACTE Cindi Chance

GaNTEP Penney McRoy

GAE Craig Carter

PAGE Craig Harper

GAEL Robert Costley

Georgia Outstanding Mentor Teacher Awards
Cindi Chance Award

Closing Remarks Sheri Hardee

Dessert Reception

Congratulations

Georgia Outstanding Mentor Teacher 2023 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, in your professional community and in 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: NORTHWEST P-20

Michele Brice



Michelle Brice teaches biology and chemistry at Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy (NWGCCA), where she serves as the department head in science. She has been teaching since 2017. She was the NWGCCA teacher of the year for the 2019-2020 academic year. She hosts teacher candidates and serves as a mentor for candidates in the Robert Noyce Scholarship program. She also serves as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Arts and Sciences at Dalton State College. In addition, Ms. Brice serves on the advisor committee for the Robert Noyce Scholarship program for Dalton State College.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD: SOUTHWEST P-20

Kelli Dorminey



Kelli Dorminey has been teaching for 10 years. She currently teaches 4th grade English Language Arts (ELA) at Cross Creek Elementary in Thomasville, Georgia, in Thomas County. She serves on the Curriculum Team for ELA. Currently, she is the Lead Mentor Coordinator for Cross Creek Elementary where she works with Administrators and the District Mentor Coordinator to oversee Mentor Teachers and work with them as they support new teachers and transfer teachers. She also mentors and teaches pre-service teachers during field experience and student teaching. She has won several awards including the following: 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year for Cross Creek Elementary and 2019 Outstanding Alumni Award, Division of Education, Thomas University. In addition, she was featured in the 2023 Winter *PAGE One* with an article about Teachers Helping Teachers.



**GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR
TEACHER AWARD: METRO ATLANTA P-20**

Holly Hoover



Mrs. Holly Hoover teaches at Kennesaw Mountain High School in Cobb County, where she leads the tenth-grade lit team. Holly has mentored both field experiences and yearlong teacher candidates for the Bagwell College of Education at Kennesaw State University. She is state certified in English, Spanish, Special Education, ESOL, and Gifted.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD: WEST P-20

Johnnie McCoy



Johnnie McCoy teaches fifth grade science and math at Rosemont Elementary in Troup County. She has over 17 years of teaching experience. She was the Teacher of the Year for Mountville Elementary School. Ms. McCoy serves as a mentor teacher for candidates from LaGrange College. In addition, she works alongside the candidates and faculty members in a Professional Learning Community (PLC). She worked on the team that planned and aligned the math standards.



**GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR
TEACHER AWARD: ATHENS P-20**

Conor Naughton



Conor Naughton teaches eighth grade math at Hilsman Middle in Clarke County. He serves as a mentor teacher in middle grades education and secondary mathematics education. He currently holds the 2023 Cardee Kilpatrick Chair for Middle School Teachers from the Foundation for Excellence in Public Education in Clarke County. He was a finalist for Clarke County School District Teacher of the Year in 2021.



**GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR
TEACHER AWARD: MIDDLE GEORGIA P-20**

Marilyn Reid



Marilyn Reid teaches at Veterans Elementary School in Bibb County. She started as a paraprofessional for grades K-5, then graduated Mercer University and became a classroom teacher and taught 6th grade, 3rd grade, and 4th grade. She has been teaching since 1986. She has been an Instructional Coach and an Academic Coach. She has served as a Teacher Support Specialist, Reading Interventionist and is currently a Master Teacher Mentor. She sponsors multiple clubs at her school including the following: T.E.A. (Teaching Etiquette and Academics), Junior BETA Club, and Readers Book Club. She has won many awards including the following: Teacher of the Year 2004-05, 2007-2008, and 2018-2019, Golden Apple Award-2014, Specials Teacher of the Year 2017. She holds several endorsements: TSS/TSC, Reading, Gifted.



**GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR
TEACHER AWARD: SOUTHEAST P-20**

Marchelle Russell



Marchelle has been teaching for ten years. Currently, she teaches at Langston Chapel in Bulloch County, and she has served as the lead mentor teacher for the school, and she has served as the mentor teacher for Georgia Southern paid residents. In addition, she leads the 1st Grade Professional Learning Community (PLC) and serves on the Leadership Team. She was the teacher of the Year for Langston Chapel Middle School in 2020-2021. She has also been the Recipient of the Georgia Southern College Football Playoff Extra Yard for Teacher Grant- Fall 2023 and the \$1,000 Bulloch County Foundation for Public School Education Grant- Spring 2019 and Fall 2021.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD: EAST P-20

Debbie Thompson

Debbie Thompson has been teaching for 23 years. Currently, she teaches kindergarten at Lake Forest Hills Elementary school in Richmond County Schools. In addition, she has mentored in-service teachers in her district for 18 years and has been a site supervisor for pre-service teachers for 16 years. She has been grade-level chair for her team and served on the Leadership Team for her school. She has been nominated for teacher of the year four times. During the pandemic, she served as the virtual teacher for kindergarten for her school during the 2020-2021 school year.



GEORGIA OUTSTANDING MENTOR TEACHER AWARD: NORTHEAST P-20

Lacy Williams



Lacy Williams teaches first grade in the gifted cluster at Elbert Primary School in Elbert County School District, and she mentors first year teachers. She has served on various leadership teams at the various schools in which she has taught. She has been teaching for 23 years, and in all of those years, she has hosted teacher candidates. Currently, she serves as a mentor teacher for Emmanuel University. She has been nominated for or been awarded multiple awards including the following: she was awarded the Tiger Paw Award (2001) Excellence in First Year Teaching, the 2010-2011 Auburn Elementary Teacher of the Year, 2010-2011 Barrow County Semifinalist for Teacher of the Year, the 2022-2023 Elbert County Primary School Teacher of the Year, and the 2022-2023 Elbert County District Teacher of the Year.



CINDI CHANCE AWARD

Dr. Penney McRoy



Dr. Penney McRoy, Director of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) Educator Preparation Division, leads the agency's work related to educator preparation policy, preparation program effectiveness measures (PPEMs), program approval, and traditional and non-traditional preparation. In her eighteen years with the agency she has worked closely with program providers throughout the state to facilitate and manage the GaPSC approval review process, as well as the development and/or revision of numerous rules and regulations. From 2016 to 2020, Dr. McRoy was a member of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Board of Directors; she served as Vice Chair from 2018 to 2020. She leads the Georgia multi-agency team responsible for implementing the Council of Chief State School Officer's Network for Transforming Educator Preparation (NTEP), she serves on Georgia's University Principal Preparation Initiative (UPPI) team sponsored by The Wallace Foundation, and she maintains close associations with peers across the nation through her membership in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). Prior to joining the GaPSC, Penney directed client services for a software firm in Atlanta and spent six years in North Carolina teaching and directing district level secondary career and technical education initiatives. A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Penney holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a Master of Science degree in Technology Education from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and a Doctorate degree in School Improvement from the University of West Georgia.



Thank you to Michael Barriteau!



Michael Barriteau
MAT Candidate, Mercer University
Music Teacher

Michael is a multi-instrumental artist with a background in Audio Engineering, Composition and Arranging, as well as Performance. His primary instrument is the Tenor Saxophone, so if you're looking for a sweet sound or a beautiful serenade, please contact Michael.

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CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GACTE AWARD WINNERS!

Thank you for dedicating your careers to
serving Georgia's children!



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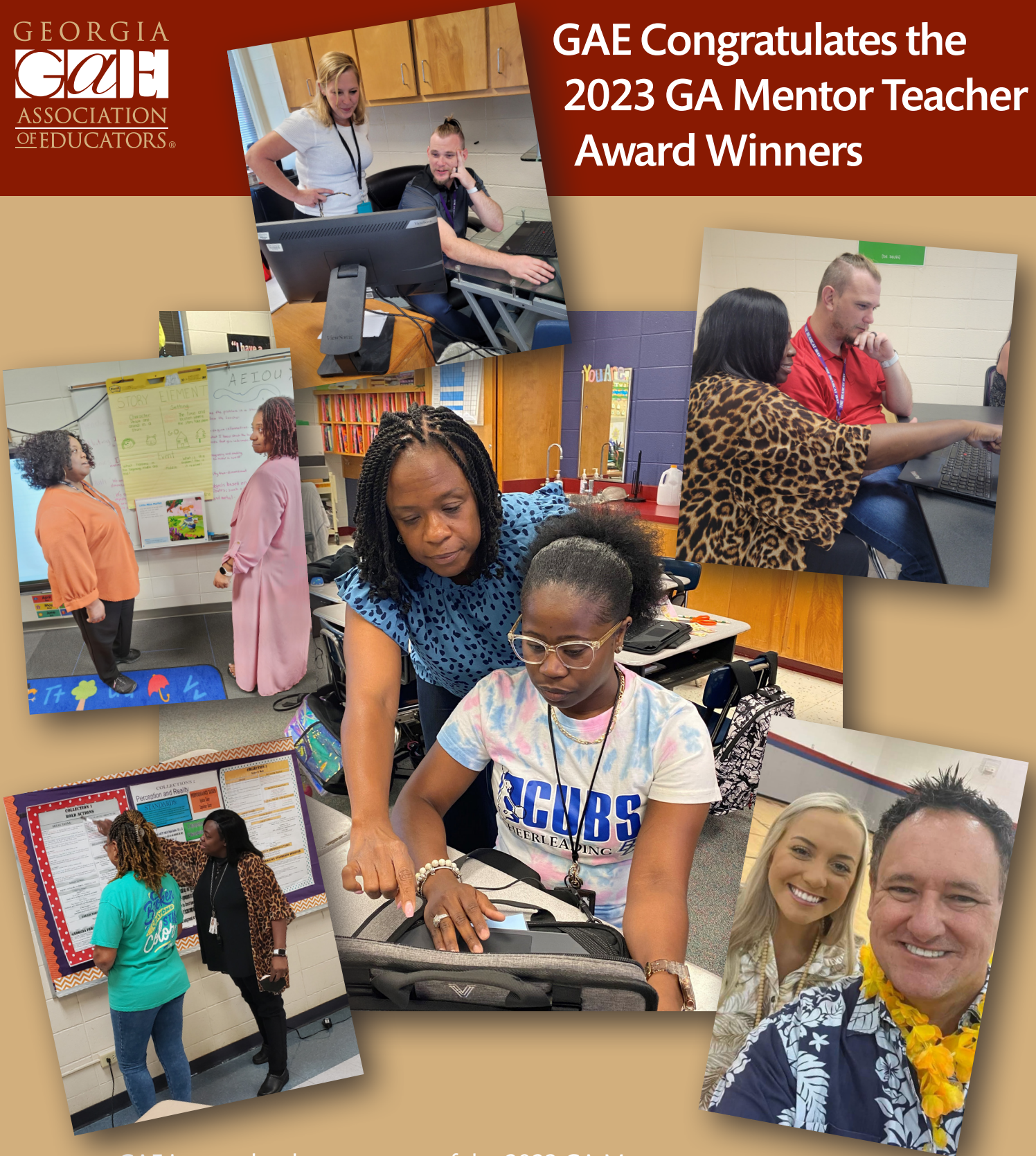
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2024 GAEL SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 14-17, 2024
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Jekyll Island, GA

GAE Congratulates the 2023 GA Mentor Teacher Award Winners



GAE is proud to be a sponsor of the 2023 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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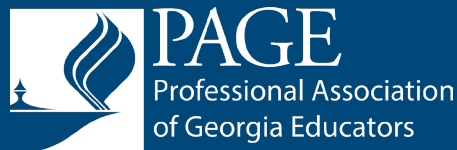
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PAGE congratulates all mentor teacher awardees.

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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Georgia Network for Transforming Educator Preparation funding was provided to support the **GACTE Mentor Teacher Awards.**

Congratulations to the 2023 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) was 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. The recommendations were reflected in work already underway in Georgia, such as tiered certification, preparation program effectiveness measures, and the establishment of mutually beneficial P-20 partnerships.

Included among many GaNTEP activities were guiding the development of Georgia's P-20 Regional Collaboratives, as well as funding professional learning initiatives in each region aimed at improving clinical experiences for pre-service teachers. Supporting the GACTE Mentor Teacher Awards was 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 Member Agencies and Organizations Included:

- ❖ The Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (GACTE),
- ❖ The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE),
- ❖ The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC),
- ❖ The Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA),
and
- ❖ The University System of Georgia (USG).



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Cindi Chance