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## **Foundation Names Sneed MCSD Teacher of the Year**

The Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation (MEEF) named Vincent Sneed, Music and Band teacher at Hardaway High, the 2012 MCSD Teacher of the Year. The award was given during the Foundation's Teacher of the Year Gala at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center on Thursday, May 3.

Sneed was chosen from 59 honorees representing each school in the Muscogee County School District. Sneed said in his interview, "Teaching is not just a job for me, it is my calling in life. I'm lucky enough to teach Music to students and incorporate other subject areas to enhance their learning process."

MEEF Chairman, Robert Granger, presented this year's MCSD TOTY by describing him as, "... a captivating storyteller. Sneed takes storytelling one step further engaging students so they truly understand the stories used to illustrate lessons. The students were incredibly engaged in the learning process and it was easy to see how he taught them well and inspired them to be better human beings in whatever they were doing."

Each school honoree received \$100, the Top Ten honorees received \$500 and an annual movie pass for Carmike Cinemas, the Top Three received \$1,000 and Sneed received \$2,500, a one-year lease on a 2012 Honda Accord and two annual movie passes.

MEEF is dedicated to fostering excellence in education in the MCSD. The Foundation's main programs are the Teacher of the Year Gala, the Harvard Professional Development Program and the Teacher grant program. In its sixteen-year history, the Foundation has awarded **over \$1,400,000** to honor and recognize outstanding and innovative teachers in the Muscogee County School District.

Granger added, "*We are especially grateful for our generous sponsors who allow us to reward and recognize excellent teachers including W. C. Bradley Company; Carl Gregory; Aflac; Carmike Cinemas; CB&T/Synovus; St. Francis Hospital; TSYS; Columbus Regional Healthcare System; Georgia Power Foundation; Hatcher Stubbs Land Hollis & Rothschild; 2 WR; Bell Media; Columbus Technical College Foundation; Columbus Water Works; Cornerstone Literacy; David Rothschild Co.; Gardner Spencer Smith Tench & Jarbeau; Hecht Burdeshaw Architects; Howell Rusk Dodson Architects; Hughston Clinic; Knology; MeadWestvaco; MEA Federal Credit Union; Schuster Enterprises; Skanska USA Building; The Honorable Art Smith; TIC Federal Credit Union; Virtucom.*"

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