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TEACHING EXCELLENCE HONORED BY FOUNDATION
Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation Announces
59 Teachers of the Year from MCSD

The Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation (MEEF) proudly announced 59 Muscogee County School District Teacher of the Year (TOTY) honorees today at the Columbus Public Library.

The MEEF Board of Directors recognized teachers who have dedicated themselves to excellence in the classroom. Lee Brantley, MEEF Chair, noted, “Each of you have made a significant impact in your schools and with the children you serve every day. It is indeed an honor to be here today and MEEF congratulates you.”

These remarkable teachers, nominated by their individual schools, will be acknowledged in a variety of ways throughout the year, including breakfast with the National Teacher of the Year in March and culminating with the Teacher of the Year Gala on Thursday, May 2nd at the Trade Center. At the Gala, business and community leaders and other supporters of excellence in education, gather to celebrate and honor some of the most talented and respected teachers of MCSD. The 2013 MCSD Teacher of the Year will be announced at the Gala to an expected crowd of 800 public education supporters. Tickets to the Gala can be purchased at the Springer Opera House Box Office April 15-26 for \$35 each.

MEEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering educational excellence by focusing on individual teachers who are innovative and exceptionally effective in their profession. The Foundation has awarded over \$1,500,000 to innovative teachers through financial incentives in the TOTY program, the MEEF Grant program and the MEEF Endowment Fund.

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A list of the honorees and their schools is attached. Interviews are available with the TOTY honorees and/or representatives from MEEF.



2013 Teachers of the Year



	Title	First Name	Last Name	SCHOOL	Grade
1	Mr.	James	Brooks	Academic Success Center	9th-12th
2	Ms.	Susan	Elder	Allen Elementary	K-4th
3	Mrs.	Ronda	Allen	Arnold Magnet Academy	7th
4	Mr.	Rodolfo	Perez	Baker Middle	6th-8th
5	Mrs.	Piper	Hudmon	Blackmon Road Middle	7th
6	Mr.	Robert	Ogburn	Blanchard Elementary	4th-5th
7	Ms.	Stephanie	Marley	Brewer Elementary	K
8	Mrs.	Kim	Lester	Britt David Magnet	5th
9	Mrs.	Annette	Williams	Carver High	9th-12th
10	Mrs.	Carol	Wink	Clubview Elementary	Pre K - 5th
11	Ms.	Sonya	Allen	Columbus High	12th
12	Ms.	Marilyn	Wilson	Cusseta Road Elementary	2nd-4th
30	Mrs.	Willie Mae	Wade	J.D. Davis Elementary	5th
13	Mrs.	Tamika	Freeman	Dawson Elementary	2nd
14	Mrs.	Kathryn	Stein Kemp	Dimon Elementary Magnet	Pre K - 5th
15	Mrs.	Wendye	Melzar	Double Churches Elementary	3rd-5th
16	Mr.	Brian	Hale	Double Churches Middle	6th
17	Mr.	Nicholas	Goff	Downtown Elementary Magnet	k-5th
18	Mrs.	Amy	Griffis	Eagle Ridge Academy	K
19	Mrs.	Christy	Grigsby	Early College Academy of Columbus	10th-11th
20	Mrs.	Deborah	Robertson	East Columbus Magnet Academy	6th-8th
21	Ms.	Teresea	Marvets	Eddy Middle	8th
22	Mrs.	Mary	Jones	Edgewood Elementary	1st
23	Mrs.	Tracy	Barnes	Forrest Road Elementary	3rd
24	Mrs.	Natasha	Anderson	Fort Magnet Academy	8th
25	Mrs.	Amanda	Patel	Fox Elementary	5th
26	Mrs.	Ellen	Lane	Gentian Elementary	5th
27	Mrs.	Treniece	McJunkins	Georgetown Elementary	2nd
28	Ms.	Nancy	Willis	Hannan Elementary Magnet Academy	1st
29	Mrs.	Brenda	Howell	Hardaway High	9th-12th
31	Ms.	Brittany	Heimlich	Johnson Elementary	4th
32	Mrs.	Rachael	DuBois	Jordan High	10th
33	Mr.	Josiah	Sumbry	Kendrick High	11th
34	Mrs.	Sirona	Peters	Key Elementary	3rd
35	Dr.	Jennifer	Langford	Lonnie Jackson Academy	2nd
36	Mrs.	Gabrielle	Bryant	Marshall Middle	7th
37	Mrs.	Candice	Watson	Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary	1st
38	Mrs.	Donna	Vaughan	Mathews Elementary	5th
39	Mrs.	Candace	Burkhalter	Midland Academy	1st
40	Mrs.	Jennifer	Bray	Midland Middle	7th
41	Mrs.	Doran Yvette	Sall	Muscogee Elementary	K-3rd
42	Ms.	Candace	Turner	North Columbus Elementary	1st
43	Mrs.	Jennifer	Sappington	Northside High	9th-11th
44	Mrs.	Vanessa	Caldwell	Reese Road Leadership Academy	2nd
45	Mrs.	Lindsey	Barker	Richards Middle	8th
46	Ms.	Rosie	Reynolds	Rigdon Road Elementary	3rd
47	Mrs.	Lela	Snead	River Road Elementary	3rd
48	Mr.	Jeffery	Jones	Rose Hill Center/Daniel	9th-12th
49	Mr.	Les	Cole	Rothschild Middle	6th
50	Mrs.	Lynda	Kannady	Shaw High	10th-11th
51	Ms.	Rachel	Wilson	South Columbus Elementary	2nd
52	Mr.	Lamont	Sheffield	Spencer High	9th-10th
53	Mr.	Benjamin	Foust	St. Elmo Center for the Gifted	4th-5th
54	Mrs.	Maris	Walls	St. Mary's Elementary Magnet	Pre K - 5th
55	Mrs.	Blair	Tucker	Veterans Memorial Middle	7th
56	Mrs.	Hanna	Williams	Waddell Elementary	1st
57	Ms.	Amber	Hurley	Wesley Heights Elementary	5th
58	Mrs.	Theresa	Price	Woodall Program	3rd-12th
59	Mrs.	Sherrie	Meadows	Wynnton Arts Academy	1st

