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Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation Sends MCSD Teachers to Harvard

Eleven teachers from the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) will attend the prestigious Harvard University Graduate School of Education July 18-22, courtesy of the Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation's (MEEF) Harvard Fellows program. This year's Harvard Fellows are *Isiah Harper*, Northside High; *Brandy Sipling*, Midland Academy; *Robert Harris* Jordan High; *Stephanie Fuerte*, Aaron Cohn Middle; *Ebony Robinson*, North Columbus Elementary; *Aleatha Thrush*, Britt David Elementary Magnet Academy; *Karen McDavid*, Midland Academy; *Amanda Reynolds* Aaron Cohn Middle; *Marlene Culpepper*, Clubview Elementary; Oliver Ellis, *Fort Magnet Academy* and Sheryl Green, *Jordan High*.

"The Harvard Fellows Program is synergistic with MEEF's mission of rewarding and recognizing excellent teachers." noted, MEEF Chair, Janet Davis "It goes beyond maximizing MEEF's investment in these teachers – we increase their capacity to improve learning for all children. Harvard Fellows bring back what they learn at Harvard and share it with dozens of teachers, impacting thousands of lives."

Each teacher will attend *Project Zero Classroom* where they will spend a week with world-renowned scholars and innovative teachers from around the world. Harvard Fellows will enhance their knowledge and expertise to recognize and develop students' multiple intellectual strengths; encourage students to think critically and creatively; and assess student work in ways that deepens learning.

"The teachers were selected from the pool of MCSD Top Ten honorees from the last ten years" Davis said, "and this year we had more teachers apply than any other year. The teachers are hearing from colleagues how the program was transformative for them and how it had direct, practical and powerful applications in their classroom."

The Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting educational excellence by recognizing and rewarding outstanding teachers in the Muscogee County School District. The Foundation has awarded over \$2 million to innovative teachers through the TOTY program, the MEEF Grant program, the STEM T³ program and the MEEF Endowment Fund.

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