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Dr. Cannady Honored for Distinguished Service

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Dr. Zabrina Cannady, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, was recognized with a 2021 Jimmy Stokes Distinguished Service Award by the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL). Dr. Cannady was honored on Jan. 24, 2021, at the GAEL conference.

This award is reserved for leaders who are positive role models because of their dedication and distinguished service to Georgia's children. Long-time GAEL members who have been faithful and loyal supporters of both GAEL and their affiliate organization under the GAEL umbrella are candidates. Dr. Cannady was recognized for her work with the Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education (G-CASE).

Currently she serves as the treasurer of the national CASE, Past-President of G-CASE and treasurer of GAEL. She has worked in her current position with the district for six years and has served in the field of education for 27 years.

Dr. Cannady said, "It is an honor to be recognized by my peers for serving an organization that means so much to me. That this award carries the name of the legendary Dr. Jimmy Stokes is truly humbling. Being part of G-CASE and GAEL has enriched my career and provided me opportunities to forge lifelong friendships with other educators across our great state."

The mission of GAEL is to improve public education in Georgia through high quality leadership development, advocacy and a resource network for educational leaders. Organized in 1974, GAEL unites Georgia's school leadership groups. It is a statewide "umbrella" organization, comprised of seven professional affiliate associations for school leaders:

- [G-CASE](#)
- [Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals \(GAESP\)](#)
- [Georgia Association of Middle School Principals \(GAMSP\)](#)



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- [Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals \(GASSP\)](#)
- [Georgia Association of Curriculum and Instructional Supervisors \(GACIS\)](#)
- [Georgia School Superintendents Association \(GSSA\)](#)
- [Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators \(GASPA\)](#).

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