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District Honors Teachers and Employees of the Year Announces Houston County Teacher of the Year ~ NES Crystal Tucker



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County School District honored 38 Teachers of the Year and six Employees of the Year during the district's virtual Opening Session on July 28, 2020. The districtwide Teacher of the Year and four finalists were announced for the first time. **Crystal Tucker** of **Northside Elementary School** is the **2020-2021 Houston County Teacher of the Year**.

Tucker teaches fourth grade math and science at Northside. She earned both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in education from Mercer University. A product of the district, she graduated from Perry High in 2005. Her background includes service in the U.S. Army and insurance field. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Chris Tucker, and they have two children. Her hobbies include playing the drums and fishing.

The district also announced four finalists for districtwide Teacher of the Year (TOTY). Congratulations to:

- ★ Houston County High ~ Shayna Brown;
- ★ Northside Middle ~ Christina Sanders;
- ★ Quail Run Elementary ~ Ashley Gordon; and
- ★ Shirley Hills Elementary ~ Britney Fulghum.

Six Employees of the Year were also honored during the ceremony. Congratulations to:

- ★ Bus Driver of the Year: Angeleke Nicely;
- ★ Bus Monitor of the Year: Shirleyane James;
- ★ Custodian of the Year: Albert Smith, Bonaire Middle School;
- ★ Distribution Center Employee of the Year: Daniel Ward;
- ★ Maintenance Employee of the Year: Ben Moore; and
- ★ School Nutrition Program Manager of the Year: Wanda Keene. Northside High School.

Many thanks are expressed to the companies that provided event sponsorship. The 2020-2021 event sponsors are:

- ★ Premier level: Totem Benefit Solutions, Parrish Construction, AIG Retirement Services - Mr. John Lamberth, Flint Energies, HEA Federal Credit Union, and Houston Healthcare;
- ★ Gold: Cox Communications, Synovus Bank, Christina Barfield Agency - Horace Mann, and Golden Key Realty;
- ★ Silver: Central Georgia Technical College and Georgia Military College.

Honorees received gifts from the community valued at several hundred dollars each, as well as congratulatory letters from Governor Brian Kemp and Houston County's state legislators. As the Houston County Teacher of the Year, Tucker received gifts valued at approximately \$15,000, to include \$2,800 in cash awards from the HEA Federal Credit Union, Houston Association of Educators, Robins Regional Chamber, Sonny's BBQ, and Synovus Bank. She was also awarded a new Honda for the year by Hughes Honda.

The school system greatly appreciates the following companies that provided gifts:

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- ★ Museum of Aviation
- ★ National Bank Products
- ★ Office Depot
- ★ Outback Steakhouse
- ★ Pampered Chef, Jenny Millward
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