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"What office is there which involves more responsibility, which requires more qualifications, and which ought, therefore, to be more honorable, than that of teaching?"

~Harriet Martineau

TEACHING
IS A
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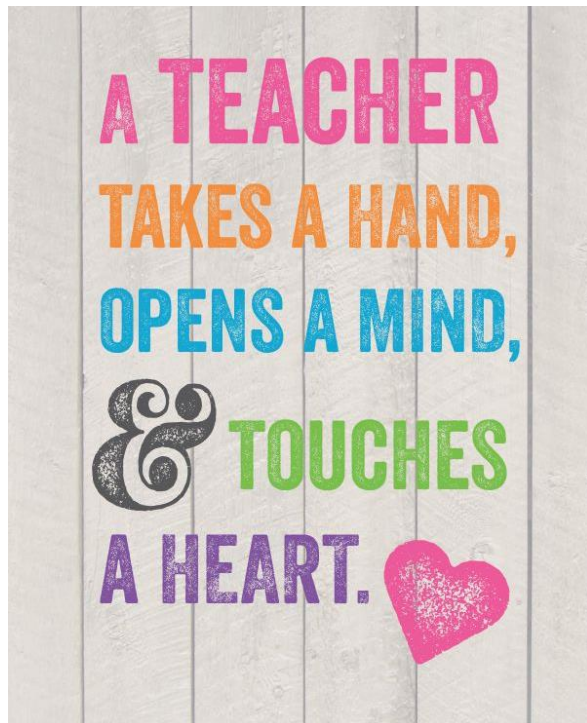
HOUSTON COUNTY TEACHER HALL OF FAME 2016 INDUCTEES

★ Mrs. Debbie Dean

★ Mrs. Brenda Littlefield

★ Mr. Eli Claude (E.C.) Warnock

★ Mr. Elijah Weatherspoon



ORDER OF EVENTS

Welcome & Opening Remarks Dr. Mark Scott
Superintendent of Schools

Inspiration Mrs. Linda Horne
Retired Assistant Superintendent for School Operations

“Star Spangled Banner” Miss Grace Thomas
Houston County High School,
2017 Miss Southeast Georgia’s Outstanding Teen
2016 Miss Warner Robins Outstanding Teen

Introduction of Guests Dr. Scott

Song Miss Thomas

Keynote Speaker The Honorable Randy Toms
Mayor, City of Warner Robins

Recognition of Honorees Dr. Scott
Mrs. Beth McLaughlin
Director of Community & School Affairs

**Refreshments will be served in the foyer
immediately following the program.**

*Please join us to fellowship and celebrate the
contributions of these extraordinary teachers.*

*Music will be provided during the reception by a brass quintet
consisting of our music teachers: Mr. Lloyd McDonald, Feagin Mill
Middle; Mr. Jay Davis, Houston County High; Mr. James Christiansen,
Huntington Middle; Ms. Anna Schmitz; Matt Arthur Elementary; and
Mr. Todd Howell, Warner Robins High.*



Mrs. Debbie Dean



Mrs. Debbie Dean was born in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from Jackson High School in 1969 and went on to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Junior High Education from Georgia Southern College. She later received her master's and specialist degrees from Georgia College in 1976 and 1983.

Mrs. Dean's first teaching job was in Clayton County, Georgia at Riverdale Junior High School where she taught 9th grade geography. In 1975, she and her husband moved to Warner Robins. She

was hired to teach English at Warner Robins Junior High where she taught for 27 years. She assisted with many extracurricular activities, to include sponsoring cheerleading and Pep Club. She was awarded many honors such as Teacher of the Year and *Who's Who Among America's Outstanding Teachers*.

Mrs. Dean retired from the Houston County School System in 2002. In 2006, she returned to the district part-time for one year to teach at the Crossroads Alternative School. Next she returned to the classroom full-time at Feagin Mill Middle School until 2013.

Mrs. Dean currently supervises and mentors student teachers at Georgia Southwestern State University. She and her husband, Oscar, have been married for 44 years. They have two children and five grandchildren.

"Debbie's passion for teaching has been the very core of her existence. She is a teacher's teacher. She is a master teacher. She is the teacher everyone should model after." ~ Carol M. Beatty

"She was always willing to help her colleagues, sharing valuable ideas and lending a helping hand when needed. A compassionate person, Debbie's friendly disposition and warm smile put parents and cohorts alike at ease." ~ Jenny D. Bloser

Mrs. Brenda Castleberry Littlefield



Mrs. Brenda Castleberry Littlefield was born in Crawford County, Georgia. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English in 1969 and Master of Education in 1983 at Georgia Southwestern.

Mrs. Littlefield began her teaching career at Warner Robins High School in 1968 as a student teacher. In 1969, she was offered a full-time position at the school and began teaching 10th grade English. At the end of the school year her husband, John, was offered a job in Americus, Georgia. She then began teaching 7th and 8th grade English at Staley Junior High School in the Americus City School System. In the spring of 1971, her husband was offered the assistant principal position at Rumble Junior High and they moved back to Warner Robins. Mrs. Littlefield was offered a position at Northside High School and continued to teach there for the next 38 years until her retirement in 2004. She returned to Northside High part-time until 2009.

During her tenure she sponsored many clubs and activities to include Student Council, Mr. Northside, Miss Northside, Costumes class, Top 5% Banquet, and many more. 2016 marks the 30th year that she has worked with Northside's drama program helping with costumes for both the One Act and spring musical. Mrs. Littlefield, with her late husband John, has two children and six grandchildren.

*"One of the most important lessons Brenda taught me was that you did not have to be 'hard' to be a good teacher. Time management, classroom management, and lessons plans were important, but, the most important thing you do as a teacher is to care about your students."
~ Virginia Newberry*

*"I have always admired the way Brenda could spot the lost and/or marginalized student who needed a kind word, a smile, or the motherly push to complete work. Sometimes these forgotten students, the silent ones, who have struggles that we as educators never know about are the very ones that we need to focus on the most. Brenda would do just that."
~ Donna C. Havrilla*

Mr. Eli Claude (E.C.) Warnock



Mr. Eli Claude (E.C.) Warnock was born in Baxley, Georgia on June 3, 1940. He graduated from Warner Robins High School in 1958 and went on to earn Bachelor and Master of Music Education Degrees from Florida State University. He also obtained a Specialist in Music Education: IS6-Music Supervisor Certification from the University of Georgia in 1972.

Mr. Warnock was a founding member of the band at Warner Robins High School in 1953 and was the first student from

the school to make the Georgia All-State Band. In 1967 he returned to his alma mater as the Director of Bands, remaining at Warner Robins High School for 25 years. Bands under the direction of Mr. Warnock received more than 30 Superior ratings in GMEA sponsored events. Several of his students have become successful band directors.

Mr. Warnock played principle trumpet in the Macon Symphony and also performed in the Macon Brass Quintet in the 1970s and 1980s. He is a current member of Phi Beta Mu, Georgia Retired Educators Association, and Georgia Music Educators Association and a board member of the Warner Robins Community Concert Association. He volunteers for the food bank at his church and is active in the Houston County Retired Educators Association. Mr. Warnock and his wife, Beth Ann, have three sons and three grandsons.

"Mr. Warnock's "results...not excuses" mantra and dedication to make sure we excelled have a lasting effect on generations of students. I would not have had the foundation in discipline or confidence to consider medical school without him. I thank him for a wonderful band experience, but more importantly for believing in me." ~ Bruce Brown, MD

"His impact on thousands of students is unquestionable, and the distinct influence he had on students who have entered the music education field is particularly admirable. Without a doubt, Mr. Warnock had an impact on me joining this procession." ~ C. Lloyd McDonald

Mr. Elijah Weatherspoon



Mr. Elijah Weatherspoon was born in Cairo, Georgia. He attended Fort Valley State College where he received a Bachelor of Physical Education. Later he earned a master's degree in Physical Education at Georgia Southwestern.

Mr. Weatherspoon, known by his students and colleagues as "Coach Spoon," began his teaching career in Jefferson County as an educator and coach. In 1967 he came to Houston County to teach physical education and health at the Houston County Training School. He also coached football, first as

the assistant coach and then as the head coach the next year. As head coach of the Houston Indians he led his team to a state championship. In 1970 he was sent to Rumble Junior High School to teach and coach. He served as the Athletic Director for both Rumble Junior High School and Huntington Middle School. He retired from the Houston County School System in 2001.

After his retirement, the Rumble Junior High School Gym was renamed in his honor. Mr. Weatherspoon and his wife, Brenda, have three children and several grandchildren.

"Mr. Weatherspoon always demonstrated the highest level of professional commitment and competency in his work with students and colleagues. To carry out his professional responsibility, he gave generously of his valuable time, and often his work extended beyond the school day." ~ Edwards James Dyson, III

"Coach Spoon had a humor that could brighten the gloomiest day and a voice that captivated by either singing or talking. Spoon taught me the real meaning of hard work, support and dedication." ~ Gretchen Washington-Gordon

The Best Teachers

Teachers open up young minds,
showing them the wonders of the
intellect and the miracle
of being able to think for themselves.

A teacher exercises
the mental muscles of students,
stretching and strengthening,
so they can make challenging decisions,
find their way in the world,
and become independent.

The best teachers care enough
to gently push and prod students
to do their best
and fulfill their potential.

You are one of those.

Thank you.

By: Joanna Fuchs



Congratulations to our Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame Members!

2015

- ★ Mrs. Barbara T. Asbell
- ★ Ms. Dorothy C. Hardy
- ★ Mrs. Cerelia W. Sipe

- ★ Ms. Gloria M. Combs
- ★ Mrs. Shelia W. Keener

2013

- ★ Mrs. Linda Faraone
- ★ Mrs. Gail R. Maye

- ★ Mrs. Mary Ann Gore
- ★ Mrs. Pamela R. Stanescu

2012

- ★ Mrs. Inez Daughtry Brewton
- ★ Mrs. Donna Crawford Havrilla
- ★ Mrs. Sherin C. Hinnant

- ★ Mrs. Joyce Bridges Jones
- ★ Mrs. Jeanne Connell McDonald
- ★ Mrs. Carolyn K. Stonehouse

2011

- ★ Mrs. Joyce Brooks
- ★ Mrs. Mary Alice Holland
- ★ Mr. Ray Horne

- ★ Mrs. Annabelle Watts Lytle
- ★ Mrs. Billie Goode Mosteller
- ★ Mrs. Bertie Riner

2009

- ★ Mr. Philip Brewton
- ★ Mrs. Jean Brown Lambert
- ★ Mrs. Gloria Mason Ragin

- ★ Mrs. Evelyn Dowdy Ross
- ★ Mr. Leon Tompkins
- ★ Mrs. Martha González Valdés

2008

- ★ Mrs. Eva Nelson Holland
- ★ Mrs. Dorothy Naomi Jones
- ★ Mr. W. Earl Marshall, III
- ★ Mrs. Mildred Montgomery
- ★ Mrs. Alberta H. Moody

- ★ Mrs. Gervaise Wynn Perdue
- ★ Mrs. Thelma Eleanor Ross
- ★ Mrs. Carolyn Coleman Smith
- ★ Mrs. Pearl J. Stephens
- ★ Mrs. Mabel Ellis Weaver

2007

- ★ Mrs. Gladwyn Sproull Barfield
- ★ Mrs. Ruby Pickens Carpenter
- ★ Mr. Earl H. Cheek
- ★ Mrs. Marion Hunter Cheek
- ★ Mrs. Claire Tyson Coleman
- ★ Mrs. Mamie Horne Coleman
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- ★ Mrs. Malissa Giles Tucker

Teacher Hall of Fame Criteria

The Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame exists to honor extraordinary classroom teachers. Teacher Hall of Fame candidates are judged on their significant, long term contributions to student success worthy of system-wide recognition. Teacher Hall of Fame members upheld exemplary standards of behavior and ethics; exhibited leadership; were enthusiastic about teaching and learning; demonstrated competency in their subject matter; worked well with colleagues and administrators; and consistently sought to encourage, inspire and motivate students toward greater accomplishments.

Criteria used to select the Hall of Fame members include:

- ✓ 20 years or more classroom experience in Houston County;
- ✓ proof of quality teaching;
- ✓ significant contributions to student success;
- ✓ involvement outside of the classroom, such as a sponsor of extracurricular activities;
- ✓ degrees held; and
- ✓ retired five years or more.

Nomination packets are accepted year-round. Biographies of inductees and nomination forms are posted online to the Board of Education website, www.hcbe.net/THOF. For more information, contact the Houston County Board of Education Community Relations Department at (478) 988-6390.



*Those who submitted nominations and letters of support
for the Teacher Hall of Fame are appreciated!*