

FRANCIS MARION SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK
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Dr. Shelicia Ford wife of Mr. Jason Ford is humbled by the one child's life that I did impact, and decided to speak up and ask that I be nominated as being the Employee of the Week at Francis Marion School. As an educator and nurse, I am passionate about my profession and the capacities that it allows me to serve others. I am so thankful to God whose love never fails. I serve as the first African American Health Science Educator in the Perry County School System. Because of this opportunity I was allowed to carry out a life's mission. I am going to mention some names and partnerships that have been established over the past 13 years. I know I will miss some, but that does not mean that I didn't value our partnership and what you did for the Health Science students any less. I will go ahead and ask for your forgiveness now.

I would like to recognize the Parents/Guardians. Parents/ Guardians thank you for answering the numerous calls, remind messages and having the sometimes hard but heart felt conversations. Thank you for receiving and assisting with the numerous health science Ziploc bag projects, shoe box projects, HOSA competitions, after school and after church study sessions. Please be informed that, at times parents came to the study sessions when their child was not able to attend. I know you probably were

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tired of seeing cotton balls, Hulu hoops, modeling clay, scissors, double Dutch jump ropes, paint, petri dishes, paint brushes, pipe cleaners, rulers, glue sticks, poster board, balloons, and etc. Parents' thank you for the classroom visits where you participated as panelists for the students presentations.

In order for the teacher, educator, employee to begin to be their best self, there needs to be support from their colleagues. We have had those tough conversations where we were trying to be the checks and balances for each other. To Dr. Trimble, Dr. Wright, Ms. Stephens, Ms. King and all of my colleagues, thank you for accommodating my students. You all allowed us to interrupt your day and classes with our numerous community awareness projects, debate sessions, court case presentations and the list goes on and on. Thanks for being my checks and balances with the numerous projects and tasks that we were so graciously given.

Last but most of all, I am thankful to God whose love never fails, my husband who loves beyond measure, to my family, friends who bought class room supplies such as toiletries, Lysol, hand sanitizer, fixed the sink, the wall, donated time, finances and etc.... Thank you so much. In order for the teacher, educator, employee to begin to be their best self, there needs to be support from the family, friends, colleagues, community members, parents/guardians, students, board members, Superintendent, and all support staff. You all answered the call. There is a saying that it takes a village to raise a child, I would like to say it takes a village to ensure that a child is college, career and life ready. You all have been that village. You see this honor is not only because of my willingness to serve humanity but also because of each of you. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve in the Perry County School System.

Recognitions:

2011-2012 Staff Member Recognition under Ms. Maxine Coley.

2014-2015 Golden Apple Award presented by the class of "2015"

2018 Outstanding Partner with the University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences and AHEC