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CCPS Shares November 6 BOE Meeting Recognitions Recap

JONESBORO - On Monday, November 6, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) Superintendent/CEO of Schools, Dr. Anthony W. Smith, joined the Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) in honoring students, teachers, community stakeholders, and administrators for a series of accomplishments as well as in recognition of special events!

As the recognition portion of the meeting got underway, the Board and Superintendent recognized Joceline Rebolledo and Marlon Marquez, students at Jonesboro High School for earning the National Hispanic Recognition Award from the College Board National Recognition Program. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

Continuing the recognitions, the next honorarium was provided to CCPS School Psychologists in honor of National Schools Psychologists Week (November 6 - November 10). The 2023 National School Psychology Week theme, "Let's Grow Together," is inspired by the importance of both personal and shared strengths in our growth as individuals and school communities in every season of life. As part of National School Psychology Week, school psychologists in Clayton County Public Schools will engage students in activities focused on creating personal growth steps, acknowledging their strengths, and building active listening skills.

Next, the Board and Superintendent honored five schools for earning designations of 2022-2023 Literacy Leaders from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). GaDOE honored the five schools in the "growth" category for demonstrating a 15 percent or higher increase from the school year 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 in third-grade reading. CCPS schools earning this award were as follows:

- Harper Elementary
- Kay R. Pace Elementary School of the Arts
- Northcutt Elementary
- Pointe South Elementary
- West Clayton Elementary

A total of 155 schools were honored statewide in the "growth" category or in the "achievement" category. Literacy Leader qualifications use the Georgia Milestones Reading Status indicator, which is based on the Lexile score associated with students' performance on a subset of questions on the English/Language Arts assessment.

As the Board Recognitions portion of the agenda neared an end, the Board of Education members recognized members of the Clayton County Public Schools Division of Communications, Public Relations, Marketing, and Strategic Improvement – Editorial Services and Media Engagement Department as the team earned five state-level Georgia School Public Relations Association awards. The competition acknowledges school public relations professionals demonstrating exceptional communication skills by producing outstanding publications, photography, and electronic media. This evaluation program is designed to provide recognition and professional support for those who do great work in communicating with students and their families, the media, community members, business partners, and other specialized publics. Award winners are as follows:

- Earning a Bronze Award of Excellence in the category of Newsletter/Newspaper/Magazine – for Clayton County Public Schools March 2023 March Newsletter – Mr. Ronald T. Jones Shields, II
- Earning a Bronze Award of Excellence in the category of Videography/Electronic Media – for CCPS Students Celebrate Black History Month – Ms. Jacqueline Simmonds
- Earning a Bronze Award of Excellence in the category of Videography/Electronic Media – for CCPS Employee and Alumni Spotlights Videos – Ms. Nickey Frazier
- Earning two Silver Awards of Excellence in the category of Videography/Electronic Media – for CTAE Firefighter Pathway Video and New Hire Experience – Mr. Peter Poole.

Additionally, Mr. Damon Irving was honored for the development of Graphic Design elements as well as Mr. Charles White for editorial services. This department is under the direction of Ms. Jada Dawkins - Executive Director of Editorial, Production, and Media Engagement.

In a final recognition, district leaders and Clayton County Public Schools Foundation Board members joined together to acknowledge Bishop Dr. Wesley Greene and Dr. Rose Marie Greene of Amazing Grace World Outreach Church. This honor was presented in recognition of their 25th Pastoral Anniversary and in conjunction with their tremendous support of Clayton County Public Schools throughout the years.

Please join us as we congratulate these individuals on these amazing accomplishments and on receiving these recognitions as well as commend each of them for their excellent representation of Clayton County Public Schools!

To view images from the Board of Education Meeting recognitions, please click the following link:
<https://ccpscommunications.client-gallery.com/gallery/ccboe-recognitions-11-6-2023>

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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