

# The Exceptional Educator

## The Office of Exceptional Services celebrates HBCU week!!



**HBCU Week:** The OES Staff wore their favorite HBCU t-shirts/colors to celebrate Historically Black College and Universities during the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Pictured from left: Asia Childress, Case Manager; Preston Johnson, Behavior Specialist; Shelia N. Anthony, Director; LaQuandra Jones, Psychometrist; LaDonna Nichols, Administrative Assistant; CaTina Anderson, Transition Coordinator.

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**Ms. Jamie McGruder**



**Employee of the Month:** Ms. Jamie McGruder is the Speech Therapist who provides services to students with articulation disorders. Ms. McGruder is very dedicated to meeting the needs of students at every school in the district. She was provided with a token of appreciation from the OES team. Way to go Ms. McGruder!!

## College & Career Corner

Canton Public School District  
Office of Exceptional Services

### Transition Services' Information Session

**Target Group:** Students between the ages of 14-20 who have IEPs only

**Date:** Tuesday, August 28th, 2018  
**Time:** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Goodloe Elementary School  
Multi-purpose Room  
551 Finney Road  
Canton, MS 39046  
(Please arrive at least 10 minutes in advance to sign-in)

Topics covered:	Benefits of Attending:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What are "Transition Services?"</li><li>What are the steps in the Transition services process?</li><li>What assistance is available through this process?</li><li>How will participating affect my benefits?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You will meet Transition services' staff.</li><li>You can ask questions that give you a better understanding of what we do.</li><li>You will leave better prepared for the next steps in accessing services.</li><li>There will be a SSDI specialist on site.</li></ul>

\*Attending this Transition Services Info Session will help you thoroughly understand how you can benefit from the services offered.\*

Together We Win.

**Transition Information Session:** An information session was held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at GES to discuss transition services that are offered for students in the IEP program between the ages of 14 and 20. For more information on transition services and upcoming information session contact CaTina Anderson at (601)859-2179 or [catinaanderson@cantonschools.net](mailto:catinaanderson@cantonschools.net).



## Important Dates

**9/26: MET**

**10/8: Fall Break**

**10/10: MET**

**10/11 & 10/12: At-Risk of Failing Meetings**

**10/24: MET**





## Categories of Disability under IDEA

The Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act (IDEA) lists 13 different disability categories under which 3- through 21-year-olds may be eligible for services. The disability categories listed in IDEA are:

1. Autism (AU)
2. Deaf-Blindness (DB)
3. Developmental Delay (DD)
4. Emotional Disability (EmD)
5. Hearing Impairment (HI)
6. Intellectual Disability (ID)
7. Multiple Disabilities (MD)
8. Orthopedic Impairment (OI)
9. Other Health Impairment (OHI)
10. Specific Learning Disability (SLD)
11. Speech or Language Impairment (LS)
12. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
13. Visual Impairment (VI)

## **Related Service Provider Spotlight**



**Speech Therapist**  
Jamie McGruder

### **Speech Language Pathologists**

Claire Lovelace  
Siedah Redmond-Austin  
Melissa Moore  
Courtney Anderson

**Occupational Therapist**  
Marvin Williams

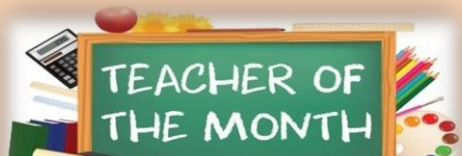
**Physical Therapist**  
Rashad Smith

**Licensed Practical Nurse**  
Arlie Coleman

## **Gifted Teachers**

**Trina Nichols**  
CSAS, GES, HPMS

**Etoia Tolbert-Griffin**  
MES, CES, NMS



### **Ms. Audrey Carroll**



**Teacher of the Month:** Ms. Audrey Carroll is the Office of Exceptional Service's Teacher of the Month. Ms. Carroll is a teacher at Huey L. Porter Middle School. She and her assistants provide outstanding care and hands-on learning experiences to students with multiple disabilities daily. She always has a winning attitude and welcomes new challenges with a smile. The OES team surprised her with a token of appreciation. Keep up the great work Ms. Carroll!!!



### **September Birthdays**

10<sup>th</sup>: ShiAngelia Copeland (MES)

10<sup>th</sup>: Karla Watts (GES)

16<sup>th</sup>: Delisa Crosby (GES)

25<sup>th</sup>: Brittany Johnson (MES)