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“District Teacher of the Year”



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Mrs. Tiwari M. Goins currently serves as the Library Media Specialist at Canton School of Arts and Sciences. Mrs. Goins is married to Mr. Lewis Goins, Jr. This is her 10th year in the educational field. Mrs. Goins earned her B.S. in Agriculture Economics from Alcorn State University in 1997. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Tiwari Goins teaches the students library skills, but more importantly independence and ac-

countability for their reading levels, book choices, and test results. She teaches students to make wise decisions and use reading as a tool to gain understanding on various subjects. For this and many other reasons, Mrs. Tiwari M. Goins is Canton Public School District's 2007-'08 "Teacher of the Year." She is also Canton School of Arts & Sciences "Teacher of the Year."

A Salute to Our Teachers of the Year SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It is our goal in the Canton Public School District to attract and retain the best possible teachers so every child not only has a highly qualified teacher in their classroom, but one that is highly skilled in caring, quick to show compassion, and highly motivated to impart knowledge. One who knows in its heart that every child can learn. I salute our "Teachers of the Year" for a job well done. I commend you for your tireless work to educate our future. You have been selected by your principals and colleagues for going above and beyond the call of duty. Your commitment and dedication to elevating young minds to reach their full potential does not go unnoticed. You never know the countless lives you touch or hearts and minds you inspire. The district salutes you for helping our children master the fundamentals and improve their academic performance. Children deserve a concerned and caring teacher to open him or her up to a world of possibilities awaiting them. I thank all of our "Teachers of the Year" for empowering our students to reach for the stars. It truly takes all of us working together with one vision and mission to make a difference.

Keep up the good work!

Dwight J. Luckett
Superintendent



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The Canton School Board of Trustees Salutes our "Teachers of the Year."

**A Good teacher Explains ...
A Superior teacher Demonstrates ...
A GREAT teacher Inspires.**

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Derek Starling,
Board Chairman

Congratulations!

Keep up the good work!

Canton Elementary “Teacher of the Year”

Amanda Townsend Smillie resides in Brandon, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Northwest Rankin High School and later graduated Cum Laude from Mississippi State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She has taught third grade at Canton Elementary School three years. Ms. Smillie inspires and motivates her students to do their best and teaches in a way that makes learning enjoyable. She generously gives of her time and effort to create activities that build upon old learning and foster the enhancement of new learning experiences.



McNeal Elementary “Teacher of the Year”



Roberta Dowell was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. She currently resides in Flora. She has one son and three grandchildren. Dowell graduated from Belhaven College in 1992 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. In June, she will begin pursuing a Master’s in Education at Belhaven College. She has taught Kindergarten at McNeal Elementary for 14 years. Her philosophy is that teachers must innovate, create, and motivate while working for the best interest of all students.

Nichols Middle School "Teacher of the Year"



Kwinsi Bridges is an 8th grade Science Teacher at Nichols Middle School. He is a native of McComb, Mississippi. He currently lives in Byram. He is the son of the late Lee and Freddie Bridges. He is a 1995 graduate of South Pike High School, where he was salutatorian of his class. He graduated from Alcorn State University with a degree in Chemistry and minors in mathematics and physics. He also has a Master's Degree in Teaching Arts from Mississippi College. He is currently working on a Specialist degree in Educational Administration. He is married to the former Zidia Pittman of Brookhaven. He is the father of one son, Micah.

Canton High School "Teacher of the Year"

Emaly Tucker is a lifelong resident of Gluckstadt, MS. She is married to Billy Tucker of Canton, MS. They have two children and three grandchildren. Emaly attended Holmes Community College and Mississippi State where she received a B.S. in Elementary Education. She later attended Jackson State where she received her Exceptional Education Certification. Emaly has been teaching for thirty-one years mostly in Exceptional Education. She believes that all children want to feel self-worth and be loved. "Every child has strengths, says Tucker, once that strength is identified, the building process starts to make each child the very best person they can be. It is very important to blend Exceptional Education Students into the mainstream society.



Canton Career Center "Teacher of the Year"

Sheila Sumrall holds a bachelor's degree in Business Education from Delta State University, a master's from Mississippi State University, and additional certification from the University of Southern Mississippi. In twenty-eight years of teaching, she has taught a variety of subjects at the high school level and at the college level. During these years, she has been recognized for service to the teaching profession. Currently, she is teaching Cooperative Education at Canton Career Center.

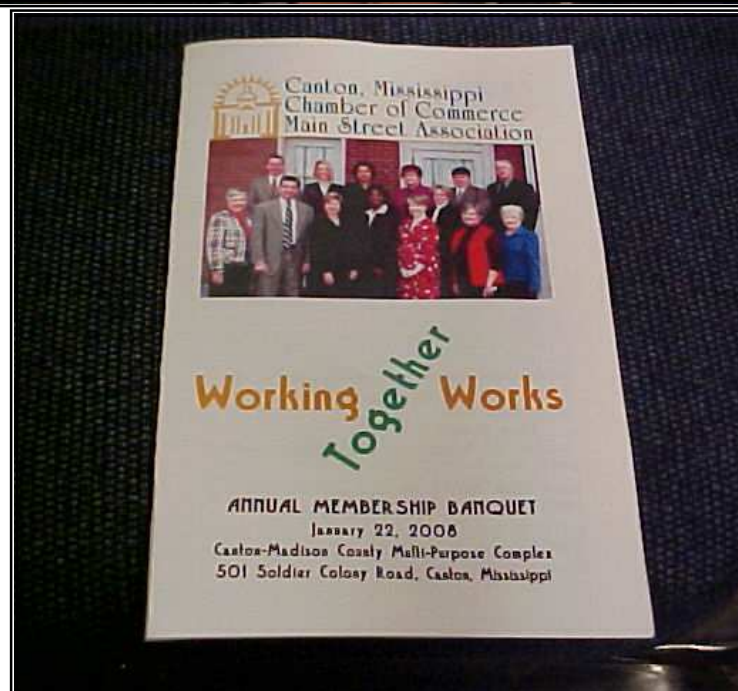


Canton Educational Services Center "Teacher of the Year"



KaTina A. Franklin is a native of Utica, Mississippi and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Franklin. She is a graduate of Utica High School of Utica, Mississippi. She graduated from Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi, where she received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. In pursuit of becoming an educator, she continued her education at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi receiving both Bachelor and Master Degrees in Education. Currently, Franklin is seeking a Specialist's degree in Education from Jackson State University. She plans to complete this degree in August 2008. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, a Dean's Scholar and a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. She has been teaching for four years and she believes that every child should be given an equal opportunity in education. She prays daily that God will grant her the Serenity to accept the things she cannot change, give her courage to change the things she can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Canton Chamber of Commerce Honors "Teachers of the Year"



Surprise! Surprise!



Mrs. Goins shares tears of joy after being congratulated by Superintendent Luckett and her colleagues at Canton School of Arts & Sciences.



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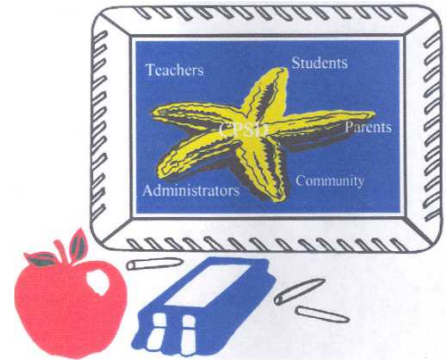
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"Working Together Works"

"The Creation of the Teacher"

The Good Lord was creating teachers. It was His sixth day of 'overtime' and He knew that this was a tremendous responsibility for teachers would touch the lives of so many impressionable young children. An angel appeared to Him and said, "You are taking a long time to figure this one out."

"Yes," said the Lord, "but have you read the specs on this order?"

TEACHER:

...must stand above all students, yet be on their level
... must be able to do 180 things not connected with the subject being taught
... must run on coffee, coke and leftovers,
... must communicate vital knowledge to all students daily and be right most of the time
... must have more time for others than for herself/himself
... must have a smile that can endure through pay cuts, problematic children, and worried parents
... must go on teaching when parents question every move and others are not supportive
... must have 6 pair of hands.

"Six pair of hands," said the angel, "that's impossible"

"Well," said the Lord, "it is not the hands that are the problem. It is the three pairs of eyes that are presenting the most difficulty!" The angel looked incredulous, "Three pairs of eyes...on a standard model?"

The Lord nodded His head, "One pair can see a student for what he is and not what others have labeled him as. Another pair of eyes is in the back of the teacher's head to see what should not be seen, but what must be known. The eyes in the front are only to look at the child as he/she 'acts out' in order to reflect, "I understand and I still believe in you",

without so much as saying a word to the child."

"Lord," said the angel, "this is a very large project and I think you should work on it tomorrow".

"I can't," said the Lord, "for I have come very close to creating something much like Myself. I have one that comes to work when he/she is sick....teaches a class of children that do not want to learn....has a special place in his/her heart for children who are not his/her own....understands the struggles of those who have difficulty....never takes the students for granted..."

The angel looked closely at the model the Lord was creating.

"It is too soft-hearted," said the angel.

"Yes," said the Lord, "but also tough, You can not imagine what this teacher can endure or do, if necessary".

"Can this teacher think?" asked the angel.

"Not only think," said the Lord, "but reason and compromise."

The angel came closer to have a better look at the model and ran his finger over the teacher's cheek.

"Well, Lord," said the angel, your job looks fine but there is a leak. I told you that you were putting too much into this model.

You can not imagine the stress that will be placed upon the teacher."

The Lord moved in closer and lifted the drop of moisture from the teacher's cheek.

It shone and glistened in the light.

"It is not a leak," He said, "It is a tear."

"A tear? What is that?" asked the angel, "What is a tear for?"

The Lord replied with great thought, "It is for the joy and pride of seeing a child accomplish even the smallest task. It is for the loneliness of children who have a hard time to fit in and it is for compassion for the feelings of their parents. It comes from the pain of not being able to reach some children and the disappointment those children feel in themselves. It comes often when a teacher has been with a class for a year and must say good-bye to those students and get ready to welcome a new class."

"My," said the angel, "The tear thing is a great idea...You are a genius!!"

The Lord looked somber, "I didn't put it there."

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