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“District Teacher of the Year” 2008-2009



Tamikia Billings

Canton High School's Teacher of the Year

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Tamikia Billings was born in Maywood, Illinois to Carrie and Floyd Billings. Her family moved to Mississippi and resided in the towns of Mathersville and Quitman. She graduated from the Quitman School District. She attended Jones Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi majoring in pre- sports Medicine. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Alcorn State in 2003. She completed her Master's degree from Belhaven College. Billings taught at Eastwood Junior High School in Cleveland, MS. She is currently a Biology teacher at Canton High School. Billings is also currently attending Mississippi College. She will receive a specialist degree in Educational Leadership in December 2009. Her plans are to receive a Doctorate degree from Mississippi College. The District salutes Ms. Billings for her hard work.

A Salute to Our Teachers of the Year

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I salute our "Teachers of the Year" for a job well done. 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. Children deserve a concerned and caring teacher to open him or her up to a world of possibilities awaiting them. I commend our "Teachers of the Year" for empowering our students to reach for the stars. 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.

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



Dwight J. Luckett, Ed.S.

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

The Power of One

The little things you do each day have the power to affect a great many people. You inspire us with your willingness and ability to help others. You take on the world, one day at a time, continuously searching for a way to make things better, seizing the opportunity to improve everyday life. You make a world of difference!



Derek Starling,
Board Chairman

Congratulations!

Keep up the good work!

A Salute to Our Teacher of the Year Surprise! Surprise!



Ms. Billings is surprised and overjoyed after Superintendent Dwight Luckett, CHS Principal Richard Gray, and Secondary Curriculum and Professional Development Coordinator Victoria Johnson inform her that she has been selected as the *District Teacher of the Year*. Students in her Biology class applaud her accomplishments.



Canton Elementary "Teacher of the Year"

Edward Dunigan Jr. Canton Elementary School

Edward Dunigan Jr. was born in Jackson, Mississippi to Edward Sr. and Linda Dunigan. Mr. Dunigan is married and is the proud father of three children. He graduated from Canton High School in 1998. He received his B.S. degree in Music Education from Alcorn State University. He is presently working to earn a Master's degree in Music Education at Jackson State University. Mr. Dunigan has been CES's "Mr. Music Man" since 2003. He is the leader and founder of the CES Choir and the CES Marching Band. His greatest hopes and wishes for his students are that they learn through music and share with him his love for the magic that music can bring to life.



McNeal Elementary "Teacher of the Year"

Jamie Alicia Cunningham McNeal Elementary School

Jamie Alicia Cunningham is a native of Rolling Fork, MS. She is the proud daughter of James and Katherine Tankson. She has two beautiful sisters Jeanette Tankson of Athens, GA and Janice Tankson of Memphis TN. She is a devoted and loving wife to Therman Cunningham. They are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters Trinity and Taylor Cunningham.

She received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-8, with concentrations in computers, social studies, and science from the University for Women, December, 2000. She received a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Jackson State University, December, 2005. Her goal is to receive a Specialist Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision by December 2010.

She has served as a first and second grade teacher at McNeal Elementary School in Canton, Mississippi for five years. She is an assigned mentor for one of the beginning teachers. This is her second year serving as second grade Team Leader. It is her belief that all students can learn given the necessary time and appropriate resources.

She is a member at Priestley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Canton pastured by Rev. Robert McCallum. She serves as Sunday school teacher, choir member, and a member of the Educational Committee.

Her hobbies are spending time with family and friends, reading, shopping, and traveling to new and fun places. Her motto is: I can do all things through Christ, that strengthens me. Philippians 4:13.



Nichols Middle School "Teacher of the Year"

Nichols Middle School Patricia Green



Patricia W. Green has spent 23 years in the field of education. She has enjoyed teaching Pre-K to 12th grades. Green has served as a School Improvement Chairperson, Curriculum and Committee member. Green's most recent assignment has been in teaching 5th to 8th grade Pre-Algebra and mentoring new teachers. Her teaching experience has also included working, coaching and mentoring for the Jackson Public Schools, and working for Mississippi Department of Education (conducting workshops on Literacy and Marco Polo). Green has conducted workshops in Canton Public Schools, Jackson Public Schools and Holy Child Jesus in Math, Science, Centers, and Technology. She serves as the Nichols P.T.A. Parliamentarian and sponsor of Nichols Student Council. Patricia attends Freedom Fellowship Ministries in Canton. She has been blessed with two children (Pamela and Julian) and three grandchildren (Destiny, Moses, and Be Shara). She believes every student is different, but every student is similar in this respect; he or she is a priceless gift from the Father above. Her goal in the classroom is to shape the minds with love, discipline, and academics. Green has a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Rockville University. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS.

CSAS "Teacher of the Year"

Mrs. Dorothy R. Scott Canton School Of Arts & Sciences

Mrs. Scott is a native of Flora, Mississippi. She lived in Chicago, Illinois for over thirty years where she was an outstanding educator. In 1992 she was listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers". Mrs. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Alcorn State University and a Master of Arts from Roosevelt University. After retiring from the Chicago School District, she moved back to Canton and decided to continue her efforts to provide positive and constructive educational experiences for children.

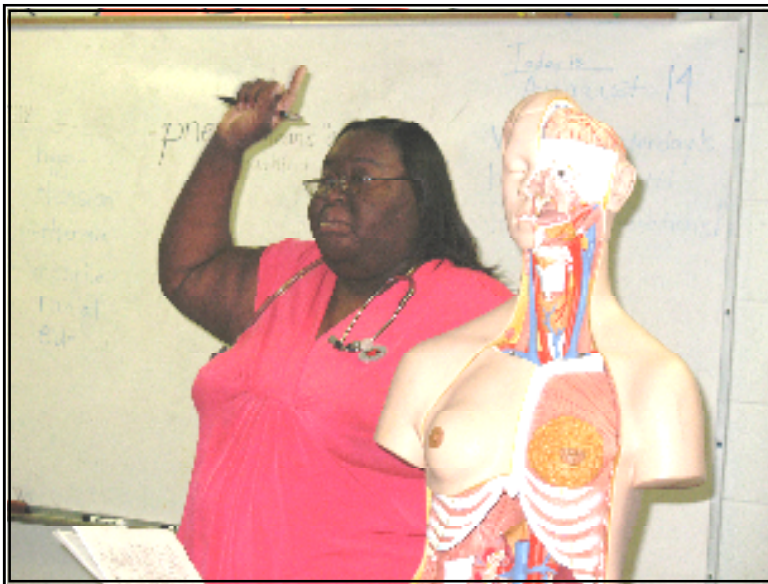
Mrs. Scott is currently teaching second grade at Canton School of Arts and Sciences. She is an innovative instructor who inspires her students to reach their full potential. She believes that education is the foundation of opportunity for America's children. She is always eager to help provide them with the knowledge and training they need to become leaders of tomorrow.



Canton Career Center "Teacher of the Year"

Anjanette Jackson Canton Career Center

This is Anjanette Jackson's first year teaching in the Canton Public School District. She teaches Allied Health for grades 10 through 12. She received her nursing degree from Holmes Community College and is currently enrolled at Delta State University where she will graduate this May with her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She wanted to become a teacher because she felt that teaching could be fun and innovative. She says she doesn't want her students to think that learning has to be hard. Jackson also wanted to combine two things she loves: health and teaching. Her motto is "you reap what you sow, so sowing an education to someone else allows you to reap even more knowledge."



Canton Educational Services Center "Teacher of the Year"

Jo Ann Cable Canton Educational Services Center

Jo Ann Cable is the daughter of Marie Walker and Joe Davis, the Wife of Rev. Lionel Cable, and the mother of five children. She is a graduate of San Francisco State University and Pittsburgh State. She holds a Bachelors of Art Degree and a Masters of Science Technical Education. She has been employed by Canton School District since 2002. She currently teaches at the Canton Educational Services Center in the Title I computer lab.



Before moving to Mississippi, she taught in a variety of programs and institutions- jail, prison, college, alternative school, junior high school, Indian Education Program, workplace training, and vocational schools. Her broad teaching experiences have allowed her to touch the lives of students from every continent and walk of life. With more than thirty years of teaching experience, she has learned the importance of touching every aspect of a student's life.

To who much is given, much is required. It is with this thought in mind that her greatest joy as a teacher in Canton is meeting the needs of students by providing uniforms, other clothing, food, school supplies, after school tutoring/mentoring, and praying daily at 4:00 A.M. and 5:30 A.M. for students, staff, and administrators.

Her greatest burden is seeing some of her students drop out of school, end up unemployed or incarcerated. But she is committed to helping save every child that she can. Upon retirement, her greatest wish is to come back to Canton and help former students get their GED, gain a marketable trade, develop life skills, and find employment. Her greatest day will not be her retirement, but when the lives of her former students are changed spiritually, socially, academically, and economically.

Canton Chamber of Commerce Honors "Teachers of the Year"



The Canton Chamber of Commerce honored CPSD "Teachers of the Year" at its annual banquet. The Chamber's Education Committee awarded certificates and treated teachers to a free meal to show its appreciation. Education Committee members say this is one way they hope to motivate teachers to keep up the hard work of inspiring and molding future leaders. The Chamber also provides teachers with cakes and other goodies throughout the school year from local merchants to show its appreciation. CPSD thanks the Canton Chamber of Commerce for its community involvement to help our students reach their full potential.

***To succeed... you need to find
something to hold on to,
something to motivate you,
something to inspire you.***
Tony Dorsett

***It is not wanting to win that
makes you a winner; it is
refusing to fail.***
Kristi



