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### **FOUNDATION SEEKS TO HONOR, REWARD GREAT TEACHERS IN CLARKE COUNTY**

The Foundation for Excellence in Public Education in Clarke County is seeking nominations for its 2009 Awards of Excellence. Parents, students, colleagues and community members may nominate outstanding teachers and administrators for Foundation awards.

This year, the Foundation for Excellence will award four content-specific awards of \$2,400 each. These awards are presented for two years, with recipients receiving \$1,200 each year. The Specialized Teaching Awards are funded by endowments of \$25,000 and are the largest monetary awards presented by the Foundation.

- **Martha Comer Award for Teachers of Language**
- **Cardee Kilpatrick Middle School Teaching Award**
- **Ann M. Schindel Award for Teachers of Mathematics**
- **Thomas H. Whitehead Award for Teachers of Science**

The Foundation presents the following awards each year to recognize excellent school district teachers, administrators, and staff members:

- **Excellence in Teaching Awards** (Five \$500 awards presented annually; open to outstanding classroom teachers in any grade or subject)
- **Kathryn H. Hug Leadership Award** (A \$500 award presented annually to a professional school district employee who exhibits outstanding leadership. District-level administrators, school-level administrators, and teachers are eligible for this award)
- **Freida M. Thomas Teacher of Promise Award** (A \$500 award presented each year to an outstanding teacher with no more than four years experience. The award is designed to recognize early-career teachers who demonstrate excellence in the classroom at any grade level.)
- **Howard B. Stroud Award for Community Service** (A \$500 award presented each year to a school district employee who puts the good of the school district and its students above the advancement of self. Any school district employee is eligible for this award.)

Nominations forms and other information about the Foundation's awards are available on our website at [www.ffeclarke.org](http://www.ffeclarke.org) or by contacting the Clarke County School District Office of Public Relations and Communications at [phillipc@clarke.k12.ga.us](mailto:phillipc@clarke.k12.ga.us) or 706-546-7721 ext. 18248.

All nominees will be recognized at a special event in April. Award recipients will be announced in the fall and will be honored at the Foundation's gala awards banquet in October.

Nominations are due in the Clarke County School District Office of Public Relations and Communications by April 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

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