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Top 5 Finalists for 2020 CCSD Teacher of the Year announced

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Charleston, SC – Charleston County School District (CCSD) officials surprised five unsuspecting teachers today, by announcing their selection of the Top 5 Finalists for 2020 Teacher of the Year.

The district's current Teacher of the Year, Jayuntay Williams, (West Ashley Middle School) presented each finalist with flowers and a certificate. Each finalist had the opportunity to check out a BMW from Rick Hendrick BMW of Charleston that the District Teacher of the Year will receive at the TOY Celebration Dinner, which is scheduled for April 29, 2020. Congratulations to each of our finalists!

At each stop along the route, live announcements and updates were provided on the District's social media platforms of Facebook and Twitter (@CCSDConnects). Photos from the day can also be found there.

Dr. Amy Bramble



Amy Bramble is a fifth-grade math and science teacher at Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University; an MS in Special Education from Central Connecticut State University; and an Ed.D in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. She began teaching with CCSD in 2012 at Ashley River. She was named the Ashley River Rookie of the Year in the 2013-2014 school year.

Lakevia Mills



Lakevia Mills teaches Principles of Biomedical Science and the Human Body, and biology to 9th through 12th graders at St. John's High School. She holds a BS and a Masters in Biology from Virginia State University. She taught in the Charlotte Mecklenberg School District from 2014-2017 before joining CCSD six years ago. She serves on the School Improvement Council and the Regional Health Advisory Board.

Mahwish "Mev" McIntosh



Mev McIntosh is a ninth-grade English Language Arts teacher at North Charleston High School (NCHS). She's had an extensive educational career to include the last two years at NCHS. She holds a BA from the College of Charleston, in English with a minor in Secondary Education and a Masters in secondary administration from The Citadel.

Margo Quigley



Margo Quigley teaches math to 9th through 12th-grade students at Wando High School (WHS) where she has taught for the last 12 years. She was nominated as Teacher of the Year at WHS two years in a row. She holds a BS in mathematics teaching from Clemson University; a Masters for teaching for math and science teachers from the College of Charleston; and an Masters in Administration from the University of South Carolina.

Stephanie Ganacoplos



Stephanie Ganacoplos is a special education teacher at C.E. Williams Middle School. She has seven years of experience teaching various age groups across the country. She earned a Stella Adler Acting Conservatory, Chekho Theatre Performance Certificate, a BA in theatre with honors from James Madison University, and a Master of Education with endorsements in Learning Behavior Specialist, Early Childhood, and English as a Second Language from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Special thanks to Rick Hendrick BMW of Charleston and the Charleston RiverDogs for their partnership with CCSD in recognizing and rewarding our teacher leaders through the Teacher of the Year process.

To see photos of the announcements, visit ccsdschools.com.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD), a nationally-accredited school district, is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.