



**2019 TPSD Teacher Of Distinction Awards Announced**

**TUPELO, Miss.** — It was a day to celebrate educators Monday afternoon at First Baptist Church of Tupelo, as 23 teachers and six assistant teachers received Teacher of Distinction Awards at the annual luncheon.

These awards have been given yearly to Tupelo Public School District teachers since 1988 and are sponsored by the CREATE Foundation and the Association for Excellence in Education. The annual luncheon is hosted by a joint meeting of the Tupelo Rotary, Kiwanis and Civitan clubs.

Winning teachers received \$1,000, while assistant teachers were awarded \$500.

Following are the 2019 winners:

**ECEC**

Alison Smith – A

**Carver Elementary**

Andrea Watson

**Joyner Elementary**

Summer Riles  
Shalisa Adair – A  
Toni Noe – A

**Lawhon Elementary**

Ali Ballard  
Kimberly Burkley  
Tamlea Ezell – A

**Lawndale Elementary**

Courtney Wilemon  
Selina Harris – A

**Milam Elementary**

Roger Newsom  
Tereif Osborne  
Towana Thomas – A

**Parkway Elementary**

Summer Blinson  
Kathy Bondurant  
Jessica Hall  
Brittany Higgins

**Rankin Elementary**

Lesley Jones

**Thomas Street Elementary**

Lakeisha Bowdry  
Sharronda Moore Evans

**Tupelo Middle School**

Eileen Bailey

**Tupelo High School**

Allana Austin  
Teneeshia Boyd  
Sharin Chumley  
Twyla Crayton  
Anna Garner  
Charles Wallace

**Pierce Street Elementary**

Cathy Enis  
Ashley Moton