



ECEC's Massey Named 2021 TPSD Parent of the Year

TUPELO, Miss. — Mary Frances Massey never seems to rest.

Whether it's her full-time job or volunteering at her kids' schools, she's always on the go and traveling in many directions while wearing numerous hats.

No rest for the weary, and because of all she does, Massey has been named the 2021 Tupelo Public School District Parent of the Year for her work at ECEC, where her daughter Frances attends.

"Mary Frances has made a huge impact on our schools by providing opportunities for our children that they normally would not experience," principal Haley Stewart said. "It has been inspirational to see her dedication to our schools, children and community."

She and her husband, Adam, are both Tupelo High School graduates. Their second journey in the district began in 2015 when their first born, Molly, enrolled at ECEC. Ever since, she's been extremely involved while also serving as director of the North Mississippi Dance Company.

Massey has spent time serving on PTO's and PTA's at ECEC, Joyner and Ranking. In 2017 she became a Teaching Artists with the Mississippi Arts Commission and has provided countless instructional opportunities in TPSD classrooms sharing her passion.

She started an Artist Volunteer Program in 2017 at ECEC and expanded it to seven different daycare centers in Lee County, now known as Start With the Arts.

Her goal is to make sure every child has a chance to be successful. She considers herself to be an advocate for those who feel they have no voice.

"What an honor to be selected as TPSD parent of the year," she said. "As a Tupelo graduate, and a parent in this District, I've been surrounded by fantastic role models all my life. I have to thank all of you for helping me get here today."

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