



### **30 TPSD Teachers Receive 2022 Distinction Recognition**

**TUPELO, Miss.** — Monday night was cause for celebration for educators in the Tupelo Public School District, as 27 teachers and three assistant teachers received Teacher of Distinction accolades in an evening ceremony at the BancorpSouth Conference Center.

These prestigious awards have been given yearly to TPSD teachers since 1999 and are sponsored by the CREATE Foundation and the Association for Excellence in Education, in addition to individual and business donations.

Teachers received a \$1,000 monetary gift, while assistant teachers were awarded \$500. It was the largest group of teachers recognized since the inception of the program.

Students, parents, teachers, administrators, other school district employees or community citizens make nominations based on their observation and assessment of the teacher. An external selection committee chooses the award winners.

Following are the 2022 winners:

**Carver:** Carole Elliott

**ECEC:** Amy Buzzell, Laura Nicholson (A), Anna Taylor, Amanda Young

**Joyner:** Rebecca Carroll, Dana Daugherty, Emily Lee

**Lawhon:** Cassidy Rhoades

**Milam:** Cooper Haywood, Amanda Johnson, Timothy Norris, Melanie Plunkett, Stephanie Wayne

**Parkway:** Jennifer Fulgham, Shawnece Harris, Chandler Steele, Kerianne Ware (A)

**Rankin:** Caren Barber, Anna Hamilton

**Thomas Street:** Donna Bridges

**Tupelo High School:** Elizabeth Autry, Kayty Rawson, Teresa Ware

**Tupelo Middle School:** Terence Adair, Stephanie Cayson, James Garrett, Lesley Godown, Dustin Thrasher, Cicely Warren (A)

(A)—Assistant Teacher