Agenda Request Form

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Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy Teacher Karen Garland -- Named the 2020 Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year by Georgia Farm Bureau

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Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District teacher is the top agriculture educator in the State!

Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy teacher Karen Garland has been named the 2020 Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year by Georgia Farm Bureau.

Ms. Garland, who teaches science lab classes to students in kindergarten through fifth grade, earned the statewide honor for her successful efforts in teaching her students how agriculture impacts their daily lives. She earned a $500 cash prize and an expense-paid trip to the 2021 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference to be held next summer in Des Moines, Iowa. She also is invited to present a workshop on her best practices at the Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) Educational Leadership Conference.

The honor is the latest in a long list earned by Ms. Garland, who was named the Georgia Science Teachers Association 2020 Teacher of the Year for Elementary Schools in January, following earning her school's 2020 Teacher of the Year title and being named one four finalists for the Cherokee County School District title. She serves on the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia's Board and has earned its Odum Lifetime Achievement Award. A past Department of Natural Resources' Georgia Conservation Teacher of the Year winner, Ms. Garland also has earned the title of Georgia Department of Education Science Ambassador. Prior to joining the faculty at Clark Creek, Ms. Garland served as the Georgia Conservancy's environmental education senior manager.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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