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Seven students participate in Georgia Future Educators Signing at LaGrange High School

LaGrange, GA., May 12, 2023 – In an effort to build excitement around the teaching profession and encourage students to pursue a career in education, LaGrange High School participated in Georgia's Future Educators Signing Day, a statewide initiative sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education, on May 12, 2023. The event celebrated seven graduating seniors from the class of 2023 who have decided to pursue a career in education. This is the fourth year for the Teaching as a Profession Program at LHS.

Georgia Future Educators Signing Day, held each year during Teacher Appreciation Week, is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education's Division of Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education in partnership with the Georgia Early Childhood Education Foundation (GECEF) and Georgia's colleges and universities.

Representatives from the colleges and universities the students will attend in the fall were present at the event Friday afternoon to "welcome" them to the University of West Georgia, Fort Valley State University, Troy, and Savannah State University.

Mentor teachers from various TCSS schools and family and general guests also attended the event.

Lastly, Dr. Brian Shumate, superintendent of Troup County Schools, presented each senior with an Intent to Employ letter. The letter, signed by the superintendent and notarized, states TCSS wishes to employ the students as full-time teachers in education after graduation after successfully completing the following:

- Completes a four-year degree in education in a K-12 teaching area offered by the Troup County School System.
- Passes the GACE test as is required by the state of Georgia.
- Is granted a full teaching certificate by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.
- Is cleared by a criminal background check.

- Is fully vetted and approved by the Troup County School System Human Resources Department.

TCSS desires to employ former students as teachers and educators to serve the next generation of learners.

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,200 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation. The system 2022 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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