



24 TPSD Teachers Receive 2023 Distinction Recognition

TUPELO, Miss. — It was a night of celebration Monday for educators in the Tupelo Public School District, as 23 teachers and one assistant teacher received Teacher of Distinction accolades in an evening ceremony at the Cadence Conference Center. In total, there were 51 nominations.

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.

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 2023 winners:

ECEC: Holly Allgood

Fillmore: Regena Freeman

Joyner: Andrea Cobb (A), Susan Curtis, Alden Pappas, Cathryn Richey, Brittney Womack

Lawhon: Dana McGinister

Milam: Laketia Davis

Rankin: Maria Foster, Gina Fremont, Allison Metcalf, Kayla Reynolds

Thomas Street: Rachel Davis

Tupelo High School: Murray Collum, Rand Hinds, Debra Long, Mary Newton, Kimberly Pierce, Dischedia Williams, Chelsey Wilson

Tupelo Middle School: Os Barnes, Chris Knox, Teletha Newell

(A)—Assistant Teacher

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