Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
December 14, 2023	A-8

Title

Recognition of Sequoyah HS teacher Casandra Hembree for Georgia Outstanding Achievement in Career Awareness and Exploration Award

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

A Cherokee County School District teacher has been honored by the state for excellence in career education!

Sequoyah High School teacher Casandra Hembree, who leads the school's Work-Based Learning (WBL) program, received the Outstanding Achievement in Career Awareness and Exploration Award from the Georgia Department of Education.

The award was presented at the Georgia DOE's WBL and Youth Apprenticeship Conference at which Ms. Hembree also was recognized for completing the department's Top Gun Training for WBL teachers. The WBL program gives high school students the opportunity to earn school credit while working in a job related to their Career Pathway studies.

Ms. Hembree, who began her teaching career in 1991 and joined Sequoyah HS 18 years ago, has served as the school's WBL program coordinator for seven years. Among her many success stories was seeing Class of 2023 graduate Emily Brown, one of her WBL students last school year, earn the 2023 Georgia WBL Student of the Year Award for the northwest region. The award recognizes only four students statewide each year for outstanding achievement through a WBL internship. Emily was honored for her success as a healthcare science Career Pathway intern at Northside Hospital Cherokee.

Priority Area

Quality Workforce

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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