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**ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES TOP FIVE TEACHERS AND
SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR**

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – The Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is proud to announce the top five Teachers of the Year and Support Staff of the Year for their outstanding contributions and dedication to education. These exceptional individuals have gone above and beyond in their roles, inspiring students and colleagues alike.

Top 5 Teachers of the Year:

Corderia Grant - Brookdale Elementary
Ashley Murray - Edisto Elementary
Mary Stephens - Edisto Primary
Audrey Irick - Marshall Elementary
Sophia Smith - Sheridan Elementary

Top 5 Support Staff of the Year:

Patricia Rivers - Ellore Elementary
Kimberly Skinner - Mellichamp Elementary
Stephanie Felder-Hilliard - Whittaker Elementary
Belinda Preston - West Area Transportation
Katina Guinyard – Cope Area District Office

The winners of the prestigious Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year awards will be revealed during the highly anticipated district convocation on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. This event serves as a platform to recognize the commitment and hard work of the district's educators and staff. Dr. Shawn Foster, Superintendent of Orangeburg County School District, commends the efforts of these educators and staff members for their remarkable impact on the lives of students.

"Our teachers and support staff are the heart of our district. They tirelessly shape the minds and hearts of our students, fostering an environment of growth and knowledge. Each honoree represents the epitome of excellence in education, and I am proud to recognize their significant achievements," said Dr. Shawn Foster, OCSD Superintendent.

The district convocation will be an event filled with celebration and appreciation for the exceptional work of these teachers and support staff members. The honorees will be presented with well-deserved awards and accolades in front of their colleagues, families, and friends.

Media partners, please mark your calendars for the Orangeburg County School District convocation on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, to witness the announcement of the Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year recipients. If you plan to attend, please RSVP here: [RSVP to OCSD Convocation 2023](#)

Orangeburg County School District

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurture the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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