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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **MCSO CTAE Educators Honored at the 79th Annual Georgia ACTE Summer Conference**

**COLUMBUS, GA** – Five educators from the Muscogee County School District's Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) program were recognized for their outstanding leadership, service, and commitment to student success during the **79th Annual Georgia Association for Career & Technical Education (GACTE) Summer Conference**, held June 9–11 at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.

More than 1,300 CTAE educators from across Georgia attended the conference, where approximately 80 career, technical, and agricultural education professionals were honored for excellence in their respective fields.

The following MCSO educators received division-level recognition:

- **Michael Campbell - New Teacher of the Year**, Government and Public Administration Division, Northside High School
- **Bethany Collins - Teacher of the Year**, Health Science Education Division, Spencer High School

- **Bethani McNelly - Carl D. Perkins Outstanding Community Service Award**, Health Science Education Division, Northside High School
- **Dr. Victoria Thomas - Carl D. Perkins Outstanding Community Service Award**, Administrative Leadership Division, Senior Director of CTAE, STEAM & Robotics
- **Willie Washington, Teacher of the Year**, Government and Public Administration Division, Kendrick High School

Each division award recipient was recognized as the 2026 nominee for their respective category and advanced for consideration at the state level.

"We are incredibly proud of these outstanding educators for earning recognition among the very best CTAE professionals in Georgia," said Dr. David F. Lewis, Superintendent. "Their dedication, innovation, and commitment to preparing students for college, careers, and life exemplify the excellence we strive for across our district. We congratulate each of them on this well-deserved honor."

The Muscogee County School District congratulates these exceptional educators and thanks them for their continued dedication to providing high-quality career and technical education opportunities that empower students to succeed both in the classroom and beyond.

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#### **About Muscogee County School District**

The Muscogee County School District is committed to providing an education that inspires and equips students to reach their full potential and become productive citizens in a global society. Focusing on excellence, equity, and innovation, the district serves a diverse student population, fostering academic success, personal growth, and community engagement.

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