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Cannon County Schools Announce District-Level Teachers of the Year for the 2024-2025 School Year

WOODBURY – Cannon County Schools take pleasure in honoring the District Level Teachers of the Year for the 2024-2025 school year. A committee selected one teacher in each category to represent Cannon County as the District Teacher of the Year in the Upper Cumberland CORE Region. This past week, the district winners were recognized at each educator’s school.

The Teacher of the Year program recognizes and honors outstanding teachers in Tennessee. The Tennessee Department of Education applauds teachers who care about children, devote their professional lives to enriching Tennessee students' lives, and demonstrate exceptional gains in student achievement. The program is designed to promote recognition, respect, and appreciation for teachers, to stimulate interest in teaching as a career, and to encourage public involvement in education. Teachers of the Year are selected competitively through five cycles: school, district, region, grand division, and state in three grade bands: Pre-K–4, 5–8, and 9–12. Please note that these levels refer to the grade(s) taught by the teacher and not to the grade structure or designation of the individual school.

The following teachers were selected to represent Cannon County Schools as District Teachers of the Year 2024-2025:

PreK-4th Grade District Teacher of the Year – Robin McCord, Cannon County

Elementary- Mrs. Robin McCord has worked in Cannon County Schools for the past 15 years and is currently teaching Pre-K at Cannon County Elementary School. Mrs. McCord received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Tennessee Technological University and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Austin Peay State University. Mrs. Robin has been active in many leadership and community involvement projects, such as outreach services for families in crisis, leading VPK Pre-K teacher for multiple years, being a Community Pre-K Advisory teacher representative, and being a Tennessee Promise mentor. Mrs. McCord has earned several honors, including Teacher of the Year at her school, and graduated with honors from APSU. Mrs. McCord states, “Throughout my years in education, I have discovered that students are more than test scores. They need love and support. As educators, we must have a solid understanding and rapport with both students and their families to create relationships that foster trust, security, and a willingness to become the best that each can be.”



Left to right- Julie Hackney, Assistant Principal Cannon County Elementary School; Emily Layne, Principal Cannon County Elementary School; Robin McCord, Pre-K-4th Grade District Teacher of the Year; Marcia Melton, Supervisor of Instruction; and Bonnie Patterson, Director of Schools.

5th Grade – 8th Grade District Teacher of the Year– Mrs. Carla Parker, Cannon County Middle School- Mrs. Parker is in his 21st year of teaching and currently teaches 6th grade at Cannon County Middle School. Mrs. Parker received her Bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and is completing her Master's in Educational Leadership from Tennessee State University. Mrs. Parker has spent her entire career in the Cannon County School System, has served on numerous leadership committees, and has mentored many new teachers in multiple positions. Mrs. Parker has been a Beta Sponsor, a member of the school's medical response team, a Capturing Kids Hearts Process Champion, and has been selected Teacher of the Year in 2008, 2014, and 2020. Carla's community involvement includes being a part of WeCareCannon since 2015, working in the AmeriCorps program serving at-risk youth, and serving on the Cannon County Senior Center Advisory Board. Mrs. Parker states, "I want students to be active learners who take an active role in their learning, which helps them be more successful in school. My philosophy for teaching is to encourage students to develop a growth mindset so they realize that everyone can better themselves. My goal is simple: striving to help all learners become high achievers."

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Left to right- Tammy Smith, Assistant Principal Cannon County Middle School; Annie Reed, Principal Cannon County Middle School; Carla Parker, 5th-8th Grade District Teacher of the Year; Bonnie Patterson, Director of Schools; and Marcia Melton, Supervisor of Instruction;

9th Grade – 12th Grade District Teacher of the Year– Ms. Amanda Kreh, Cannon County High School- Mrs. Kreh is in her 24th year of teaching, including 6 years teaching French classes at Cannon County High School. Ms. Kreh received her Bachelor of Science and Master’s degrees from Auburn University. Ms. Kreh has served in multiple positions throughout her career. She has been a technology coach, testing coordinator, Co-Director for After School programs, and a Federal Title II Program Coordinator. She has been active in her community by working as a Girl Scout Troop leader and a Sunday School teacher at her church. Ms. Kreh

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states, “I try to teach my students in a way that helps them be more successful in class. At the beginning of each year, I assign a learning styles assessment. As a result, these projects have a lasting impact, and students remember them long after graduating.”



Left to right- Courtney Nichols, Principal Cannon County High School; Amanda Kreh, 9th-12th Grade District Teacher of the Year; Marcia Melton, Supervisor of Instruction; and Bonnie Patterson, Director of Schools;

Bonnie Patterson, Director of Cannon County Schools, states, “We are extremely proud of these outstanding educators. Each of our winners exemplifies Cannon County Schools' mission and vision. Our school community wishes them the best as they represent Cannon County in the Teacher of the Year Upper Cumberland competition.”

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