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**Cannon County Schools Select 2024-2025 Principal and Supervisor of the Year**

WOODBURY – Cannon County Schools would like to announce the Principal and Supervisor of the Year winners for the 2024-2025 school year. Selected by their peers, the winners will be eligible to compete for Upper Cumberland regional honors.

Mr. Courtney Nichols, Principal of Cannon County High School, is the 2024-2025 Principal of the Year. Mr. Nichols is a veteran educator with 31 years of experience as a CTE teacher and principal.

Mr. Nichols received his Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1994, a Master’s Degree from Tennessee Technological University in 2006, and an Educational Specialist Degree in Instructional Leadership in 2009.

Mr. Nichols began teaching as an Agriculture teacher at Richland High School.

Mr. Nichols transferred to Cannon County High School in 2004 as a CTE teacher.

During his time as a teacher and FFA advisor, the chapter earned numerous state and national honors, such as being named the NWAE Southeast Agriculture Teacher of the Year. In 2018, Mr. Nichols became the principal of Cannon County High School and has worked to create programs where all students can achieve and be prepared for their future careers.



Cannon County Schools Principal of the Year- Left to right- Principal of the Year, Courtney Nichols; Director of Schools, Bonnie Patterson

## **Cannon County Supervisor of the Year 2024-2025- Crystal Kennedy**

Mrs. Crystal Kennedy, CTE Director, is the 2024-2025 Supervisor of the Year. Mrs. Kennedy has devoted 18 years to Cannon County Schools. She began her teaching career in Cannon County Schools at Cannon County High School as a CTE teacher and later assumed the CTE Director role. Mrs. Kennedy received her Bachelor of Science in Business Education from Middle Tennessee State University in 2007 and earned her Master's in Business Administration in 2010. Crystal has earned many awards and accomplishments during her career and has been instrumental in bringing innovative programs to Cannon County High School, such as the HUB, the Farm Lab, and the Cannon Paw Print Shop. Her grant writing skills have brought over two million dollars of funding to the district for students in CTE. Mrs. Kennedy is a board member of the Cannon County Chamber of Commerce, piloted the middle grades CTE initiative, which has provided CTE education to all students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, and has grown



industry partnerships and expanded Work Based Learning opportunities for Cannon County students.



Cannon County Schools Supervisor of the Year- Left to Right- Marcia Melton, Supervisor of Instruction; Crystal Kennedy, Supervisor of the Year; Bonnie Patterson, Director of Schools

Bonnie Patterson, Director of Schools, states, " We are blessed to have these two remarkable individuals in leadership roles. Their level of commitment to the school community is unparalleled. We wish them the best of luck as they progress to regional and state competitions."

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