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Parkview High's Kates: Georgia's HS Art Teacher of Year

The Georgia Art Education Association (GAEA) selected a **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) teacher as its "2009 Secondary Art Educator of the Year." **Parkview High's Alexandra Kates**, a fine arts teacher, was honored with the state's top honor during the organization's awards program in Young Harris, Georgia.

The organization recognized Ms. Kates for her commitment to her students' academic success, as well as her professional attention to quality art education. In addition to her dedication to her students, Ms. Kates is well known for taking an active role in her professional community. She has shared her knowledge and expertise as a presenter during the National Art Education Association Conference, has chaired the High Museum of Art's Metro Atlanta High School Exhibit for seven years, and co-coordinates the annual Shutter Sense and Non-Sense Photography Exhibit in Gwinnett County.

Ms. Kates joined Gwinnett County Public Schools in 1999. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia.

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