GCPS’ Teacher of the Year named Great American Teacher

The Ron Clark Academy has selected Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) teacher Dr. Aimée Burgamy as the recipient of the first ever “Great American Teacher” award. Dr. Burgamy, Gwinnett County’s 2009 Teacher of the Year, teaches fine arts at Trickum Middle. Selected from a group of five national finalists, Dr. Burgamy was recently honored at an awards gala.

The award recognizes one teacher in the nation for his or her use of creative and innovative strategies to teach students. Thousands of educators were nominated for the honor. A team of national education leaders selected 20 semifinalists and later the five finalists. As part of the selection process, Mr. Clark and a team of judges observed Dr. Burgamy teaching during a visit to her classroom.

Dr. Burgamy joined Gwinnett County Public Schools and the Trickum Middle faculty in 2005. She is a former museum of fine arts curator and university professor. She holds a doctoral degree from the University of Georgia. Dr. Burgamy sponsors Trickum’s Middle’s art club, a leadership role for which she was recognized with the 2009 Outstanding National Junior Art Honor Society Sponsor Award. She was named Gwinnett’s Teacher of the Year in November of 2008.

As part of the recognition, Dr. Burgamy will receive a $10,000 cash award, a $5,000 cash gift for Trickum Middle, and several tools for her classroom.

News media representatives interested in speaking with Dr. Burgamy should coordinate through the Department of Communication and Media Relations by calling 678-301-6020.

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