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Norcross High's Parrish inducted into Hall of Fame

A Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) teacher who was once charged with developing one of the largest theater arts programs within the district, has been honored for her decades of service. **Gina Parrish**, who teaches drama at **Norcross High**, is the latest inductee to the Georgia Thespians Hall of Fame. Ms. Parrish was inducted at the state conference of the Georgia Thespians held at the River Center for the Performing Arts, in Columbus. The Georgia Thespians annually recognize an individual for their years of dedicated service in the field of theater education.

In inducting Ms. Parrish, the organization honored her as a role model respected by peers and students who exemplifies extraordinary service to local and state thespian programs, exhibits extraordinary passion and enthusiasm for the educational process of theater arts, and extraordinary leadership and vision. In her 19 years of service to Norcross High's fine arts department, Ms. Parrish has contributed to the successful acting careers of many of her former students. Their success, she says, is due to the overall education career students experience. She explains, "It is a reflection of the work ethic that we instill in our actors, athletes, and students in general. I really believe that that work ethic transfers to everything they will endeavor in life."

After teaching for three years in Virginia, Gina Parrish moved south and joined Gwinnett County Public Schools in 1993 making Norcross High her home ever since. In fact, Ms. Parrish often expresses her pride in being part of the Norcross Cluster saying, "I am blessed and thrilled to know that I will retire a Norcross Blue Devil." Ms. Parrish holds a bachelor's of fine arts degree from Sam Houston State University, and a master's degree from the University of Virginia.

The Gwinnett County Board of Education honored Ms. Parrish for her recognition during their monthly Board meeting in April.

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