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Six Gwinnett educators earn Master Teacher certification

Six Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) teachers earned certification as Master Teachers through a statewide program that honors experienced teachers who have made a difference in student achievement.

This year's Gwinnett Master Teachers are:

- **Sonjia Faye Bryant** – *Duluth Middle*
Ms. Bryant teaches 7th grade science
- **Denise Trosky Buckelew** – *Creekland Middle*
Ms. Buckelew teaches 8th grade gifted language arts
- **Tamara Nicole Candis** – *Parsons Elementary*
Ms. Candis teaches 3rd grade
- **Melinda Nicholson Lewis** – *Alton C. Crews Middle*
Ms. Lewis teaches 8th grade social studies and language arts
- **William B. Lewis** – *Creekland Middle*
Mr. Lewis teaches 8th grade gifted social studies
- **Kim Michelle White** – *Duluth Middle*
Ms. White teaches 7th grade gifted language arts

The Gwinnett educators earned the certification based on a comprehensive application process, along with demonstrated student achievement gains. These experienced classroom educators are part of the state's third Master Teachers class. Seven Gwinnett teachers were part of the Class of 2007.

The certified Master Teachers become part of a pool of candidates eligible to become Academic Coaches, professionals who serve as mentors for their peers.

The Master Teachers Certification Program is run by the Professional Standards Commission.

For more information about the Master Teachers Program, visit

www.georgiamasterteachers.org



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