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Top Three Honorees Selected in MCS D Teacher of the Year Program

The Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation announced the Top Three honorees for the Muscogee County School District Teacher of the Year (TOTY) today, March 18, 2014. The Top Three were selected after interviews with the Top Ten finalists – each named the Teacher of the Year for their respective schools. Top Three Honorees are:

Laura Perryman	<i>Blackmon Road Middle, 8th Grade Math</i>
Brandy Sipling	<i>Midland Academy – 2nd grade</i>
Bruce Fussell	<i>Allen Elementary, 4th & 5th Grade EBD</i>

MEEF recognizes teachers who have dedicated themselves to excellence in the classroom. The Top Three will have an on-site classroom observation by the MEEF Selection Committee, which is made up of business and educational leaders in Columbus. After the observations at their respective schools, the Selection Committee will select the 2014 MCS D Teacher of the Year. The announcement for the 2014 Teacher of the Year will be announced at the TOTY Gala on Thursday, May 1st at the Trade Center to an expected crowd of 800 supporters of excellence in education.

The gala is open to the public and tickets to the Gala can be purchased at Springer Box Office April 14 - 25 for \$35 each.

The Selection Committee members include MEEF Board members, community leaders and former MCS D Teachers of the Year. Chair is The Selection Committee includes MEEF Board members, community leaders and former MCS D Teachers of the Year: *Chair* Dr. Carole Rutland – *ACF Stakeholders*; Crystal Shahid – *CB&T, Chair Partners in Education Board*; Dr. Barbara Buckner – *Dean, CSU College of Education and Health Professions*; Vincent Sneed – *MCS D Teacher of the Year 2012*; Dr. Carmen Cavezza – *Chairman, National Infantry Museum*; Paul Hampton – *MCS D Teacher of the Year 2011*; Larry Sanders – *Retired CEO, Columbus Regional*; Dr. David White – *Vice Chancellor, Troy State University*.

MEEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering educational excellence by focusing on individual teachers who are innovative and exceptionally effective in their profession in the Muscogee County School district. The Foundation has awarded over **\$1,650,000** to innovative teachers in MCS D, through financial incentives in the TOTY program, the MEEF Grant program and the MEEF Endowment Fund, the STEM-T3 program and the Harvard Graduate School project.

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