The Fifteenth Annual District 14 Special Education Teacher of the Year Luncheon was held on February 10 at the Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro. Special Education Teachers were chosen by their peers for this recognition. This dedicated group of individuals teaches students who have a variety of special needs on many different grade levels. Each teacher received a plaque, a trophy, a gift basket and the gratitude of their administrators who attended the event with them.

The recipients of the 2010 - 2011 Special Education Teacher of the Year are as follows: **Appling County – Amy Spikes**, Candler County – Lisa Deloach, Cedarwood Program – Jason Trotter, Evans County – Celeste Welch, Jeff Davis County – Kay Daniel, Toombs County – Margaret Redman, Vidalia City Schools – Kimberly Heath, and Wayne County – Jana Collins.

**Georgia Teacher of the Year, Pam Williams from Appling County Schools** addressed the group about The Language of Students. Pam Williams was chosen to represent the over one hundred thousand teachers in Georgia for 2010 - 2011.

The Special Education Directors of District 14 and Southeast Georgia Learning Resources System, (GLRS) sponsored the event. Southeast GLRS is located in Claxton and provides professional learning and resources to educators, agencies and families of students with disabilities.

**Pictured in the photo of District 14:**
(From left to right)
Kimberly Heath - Vidalia City, Jana Collins - Wayne County, Jason Trotter - Cedarwood Program, Lisa Deloach - Candler County, Amy Spikes - Appling County, Margaret Redman - Toombs County, and Celeste Welch -Evans County.

(From left to right)
Karen Wheeler-Assistant Director of Special Education, Amy Spikes, teacher at Appling County Primary School Debra Brantley- Director of Special Education