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Sean McPhail Wins Georgia Bus Technicians' Competition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Transportation Department school bus technician Sean McPhail won top honors at the 15th Annual Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) Technicians' Competition on June 3, 2019, in Macon. McPhail was presented \$1,500, a jacket, and a trophy by Shooter Roberts with Yancey Bus Sales. As the first place winner at state, McPhail qualified to represent Georgia at the national competition.

He is pictured (center) with Roberts and Pat Schofill, GaDOE Director of Facility Services and Pupil Transportation. Technicians were tested on their ability to troubleshoot and

repair complex school bus air, hydraulic, mechanical and electrical systems. The National/America's Best Technician Competition will be held Nov. 2-5, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio.

Houston's school bus technician Hugh Cross also won an award. He placed 10th in the competition (pictured front row, fifth from left). Other top-10 winners are from Marietta City and Cherokee, Catoosa, Troup, Paulding, Bibb, Jackson and Pickens Counties (pictured in no particular order).

Director of Transportation Tom Walmer said, "We are so proud of Sean and Hugh for their success at the state competition! They are great examples of



the caliber of our district's employees. Our mechanics perform at a high level on a daily basis to keep our buses safe for our students.”

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