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NMS Teacher Peggy McCall is Georgia Gifted Teacher of the Year

HOUSTON COUNTY – Peggy McCall, Northside Middle School gifted teacher, has been selected as the Georgia Association of Gifted Children (GAGC) Gifted Program Teacher of the Year. The award was announced on Friday, March 12, in Atlanta at the GAGC conference.

McCall was nominated by fellow teacher Dianne Blair and lauded by eighth-grader Regina Albert. An excerpt from Blair's nomination follows.

“Peggy McCall’s dedication to her honors science students is apparent on a daily basis. She plans for exciting differentiated instruction for all of her 6th, 7th, and 8th graders through her hands-on approach to learning. Extraordinary hours are channeled into planning and implementing her program. She is frequently seen in her classroom after hours helping students with projects or explaining and reviewing difficult science concepts. She maintains and updates a class webpage to ensure communication between home and school that includes daily assignments, upcoming events, photographs, websites, etc. As a member of the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Peggy has implemented the *Books for Babies Program* (a program that puts books in the hands of mothers and their newborns at the Houston Medical Center to help alleviate illiteracy), provided books to “at risk” elementary school students in Houston County, and has raised funds to provide numerous scholarships to rising juniors and seniors in the field of education. Mrs. McCall is considered a “master teacher” and helps her co-workers with materials and ideas. She instills a passion for learning and discovery in her classroom and school through her own exuberance for science and her own passion for learning.”

Regina’s letter of recommendation stated, “It is a renowned and acclaimed rule that science class is a chamber of never ending disorder and confusion, where all A’s are undiscovered, B’s are

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uncommon and C's and F's are all too customary. But in Mrs. McCall's class I discovered myself taking part in discussions, comprehending the lessons, and to my complete amazement, even grinning, on account of her quirky and unique sense of humor.”

To learn more about the GAGC or this award, either visit the Website www.gagc.org or call (404) 875-2284. McCall may be contacted at either 929-7845 or pmccall@hcbe.net. Barbara Finley, gifted programs director, may also be contacted for more information at 988-6200 or bfinley@hcbe.net.

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Note: The attached photo is of Mrs. Peggy McCall and Regina Albert. Mrs. McCall is holding her plaque that was presented to her this month.

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