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### **Saraland Teacher Named Regional Winner of Inaugural Science Lab Competition** *Nationwide 39 Science Teachers Recognized for Finding Innovative Ways to Deliver Quality Lab Experiences to Students*

**Saraland, AL—July 16, 2018**—Mrs. Chasity White, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher at Saraland Middle School, was recently honored in Philadelphia, PA as one of 39 science teachers named a regional winner in the inaugural year of the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge. Sponsored by Shell Oil Company and administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the competition encouraged K-12 teachers who have found innovative ways to deliver quality lab experiences to share their approaches for a chance to win a school science lab makeover support package valued at \$10,000 (for the elementary and middle levels) and \$15,000 (for the high school level).

“We are extremely proud of this year’s regional winners. Their innovative approaches, creative ideas, and unwavering commitment to give their very best to their students—and to society, as they engage and motivate the STEM leaders of tomorrow—is commendable and inspiring,” said Dr. Frazier Wilson, Director, Shell Workforce Development & Diversity Outreach. “We are so pleased to have the opportunity to partner with teachers to help in furthering quality science education in the classroom.”

To enter the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge, K-12 science teachers located in select school districts near Shell assets were asked to describe their school’s current laboratory resources, explain why laboratory upgrade support is needed, and describe their approach to science education instruction utilizing their school’s current lab facilities. A panel of science educators then reviewed and selected the top entries.

“These science teachers have implemented truly remarkable science programs, providing high-quality lab experiences for their students,” said Dr. David Evans, NSTA Executive Director. “We commend all of the regional winners for their creativity, resourcefulness and commitment to their students.”

Regional winners now advance to the national phase of the competition, where they will have a chance to win an additional \$5,000 of support to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education in St. Louis, Missouri where three grand prize winners and their principals will be honored at the Shell reception and Teachers Awards Gala, taking place during the conference.

Best of luck to Mrs. White in the next stage of the competition!