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SPECIAL AWARDS EDITION

ALL NOMINEES TO BE HONORED!

The CPEA Building Representatives had a difficult decision to make at their April 9th meeting. They had to select the CPEA Educator of the Year from the following list of extremely qualified, dedicated and highly respected nominees:

David Anderson

English Teacher at McKinley High School

Sherry Buda

Intervention Specialist at AIM Academy

Mindy Engler

Librarian at McKinley High School

Penni Jones

2nd Grade Teacher at Cedar Elementary

Dr. Geneva Parker

5th Grade Teacher at Youtz Intermediate

Paula Pedrotty

English Teacher at BVA 9-12

CONGRATULATIONS!

The 2023-2024 CPEA “EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR” is . . .

Dr. Geneva Parker



“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.” “This quote by civil rights activist Marian Wright Edelman, is a very accurate description of Dr. Geneva Parker. Geneva is extremely passionate about education and doing whatever she can to improve the lives of others. After 24 plus years of friendship and working together as colleagues, Dr. Parker has been the same caring, compassionate, intelligent, inspiring, empowering, dedicated, creative, engaging, persevering and passionate person that I know.” . . . Yvonne Parks

Geneva has taught in Canton City Schools for the entire 35 years of her teaching career. As a member of CPEA, ECOEA, OEA, and NEA, Dr. Parker was elected as the first African American President of the Canton Professional Educators’ Association. While CPEA President, Dr. Parker served on the Ohio 8 Coalition of Urban Schools and the Ohio 8 Minority Educator Recruitment Committee. She is the founder and director of D.I.V.A., a Girls Leadership Program, is a member of the Leila Green Alliance of Black School Educators, and holds positions and memberships in many community and professional organizations.

. . . “Geneva’s commitment to greatness has helped her to achieve mastery in all areas of her career endeavors. She is a positive influence on colleagues and encourages co-worker involvement in district initiatives as well....In addition to her success as a classroom teacher and school counselor, she has been influential in promoting positive academic initiatives at the state and national level. I am honored to call her a colleague and friend.” . . . April Chenault-McLeod

. . . “I credit Dr. Parker for keeping me encouraged and committed throughout a few very challenging times (personally and professionally) over the last 12 years. Her persistence, perseverance, and resilience are inspiring to say the least! . . . Dr. B. Harrell-Snell

. . . “I had the privilege of having Dr. Parker as my colleague at McGregor Elementary for many years.She is a passionate teacher who truly cares about children. She engages her students, listens to their needs, and respects them. She is an excellent communicator and inspires students of all backgrounds. Her colleagues, students and parents respect her.” . . . Delores Pressley

. . . “Geneva strives to lift others up and is always willing to assist her colleagues when they need help with anything. She has also been a mentor to new teachers and other staff within the CCS District.” . . . Dimitri Miles

Congratulations to Geneva! She will be presented with her award at the annual CPEA Spring Banquet at LaPizzaria on Monday, May 13th, 2024.

2023-2024 CPEA AWARD WINNERS



“Layperson of the Year” Award

William V. Sherer, II
Mayor of Canton

“Community Partnership” Award

Ironworkers Local 550

Recipients of the Nathaniel Roberts Scholarship, Samuel J. Dorto, Jr. Scholarship, and First Generation College for African American Student Scholarship will be announced the week of April 22, 2024.

Recipients of the Memorial Scholarship will be announced on May 6, 2024.

STARK EDUCATION CELEBRATION NOMINEES

The Canton City Schools’ nominees for this year’s Stark Education Celebration are:

Benjamin Hoskins / Worley - Teacher of the Year, and Nicala Stinson / Harter - Rookie of the Year
Congratulations!

Anyone wishing to help honor these award winners at the annual CPEA Spring Banquet at LaPizzaria on Monday, May 13, 2024 may make a reservation by calling the CPEA Office or returning the form below.



CPEA Spring Banquet Reservation Form Monday, May 13, 2024 – LaPizzaria Social/Cash Bar 5:30 - Program begins at 6:00 p.m.

Name(s) _____ Bldg. _____

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$25/person)

Make checks payable to CPEA

Dinner is served Family Style and includes: Salad, Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Lightly Seasoned Scrod, Sausage & Peppers, Fresh Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Penne Pasta in Marinara, Dessert & Beverage.

Please return this form and payment to the CPEA Office by Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTION RESULTS

After the ballots were tabulated on April 5th, the candidates elected to the ELT in contested positions were:

Middle School: *Juliann Doerschuk & Jennifer Eberle*

Also, elected to fill uncontested positions were:

President: *Paul Palomba*

Treasurer: *Darren Furno*

Pre-K - 3 Level: *Sharen Lindberg; Tina Riley*

Grade 4-6 Level: *Ruth Allison, Geneva Parker, Yvonne Scott*

High School: *Cheryl Bissmeyer; Jennifer Henderson*

Multi-Level Resource: *Paul Soska*