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Columbia County Announces Teacher of the Year *Business Community Shows Support for Prestigious Recognition*

Ms. Callan, a music teacher at River Ridge Elementary in Columbia County, has been named County Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008. The Teacher of the Year Awards Dinner honors each Teacher of the Year from the County's 28 schools, along with the Media Specialist of the Year. "We congratulate Ms. Callan and all our teachers at this very special occasion where we celebrate and honor their important contributions in the classroom. These teachers have been identified by their peers with the qualities that define excellence in teaching. We are very appreciative of the support of our system-wide business partners, and the generous contributions of the business community that help to make this event extra special," said Charles Nagle, Superintendent of Schools.

Ms. Callan will receive a one-year lease agreement for the use of a 2007 Jaguar S-Type 3.0 from Taylor Jaguar Augusta, vehicle insurance provided by AHS & Associates, a laptop computer, \$500 cash, and a gift satchel with contributions from area businesses, including gas from Allen's Country Store.

"I have always felt that teachers are a very important part of a child's life. I can still remember several teachers who made a very big impression on my life. Without their input and intervention, I would not be where I am today. Our contribution is a small gesture to show our appreciation for the dedication our Columbia County teachers show year in and year out," said Lee Bowles, General Manager for Taylor Jaguar Augusta. Mr. Bowles handed the keys to Ms. Callan to her brand new Jaguar, which she will be able to drive for one year. Added benefits with the 2007 Jaguar S-Type 3.0 include navigation system, upgraded leather interior, Bluetooth Connectivity, satellite radio, front park distance control, moonroof, and upgraded Triton alloy wheels. Taylor Jaguar Augusta is located at 3233 Washington Road, next to California Dreaming, in Augusta. Mr. Lee Bowles can be reached at 706-650-6755.

Ms. Callan is certified in elementary education and has been teaching music in Columbia County for four years. She graduated summa cum laude from Georgia Southern University with a bachelor of arts in music education and earned her master's degree in creative arts and learning from Lesley University. Currently, she is working on a specialist degree in teaching and learning as well as completing the requirements for the reading and gifted endorsements. Ms. Callan will represent Columbia County in the state Teacher of the Year program.

A list of business partners that support employee recognition programs such as the Teacher of the Year can be found on the next page. The Teacher of the Year evening's program can be found by going to www.ccboe.net/community

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System-Wide Business Partners for 2007-2008

(Teacher of the Year Dinner, Retirement Reception, New Teacher Orientation, and employee recognitions)

Diamond \$4000 or more:

Carter-Blanchard Office Supplies (*in-kind*)
Columbia County Magazine (*in-kind*)
Dell Marketing, L.P. (*in-kind*)
Doctor's Hospital (*in-kind*)
Georgia Bank & Trust
Rhinehart's Oyster Bar (*in-kind*)
Taylor Auto Group (*Teacher of the Year*)
University Health Care System

Platinum \$2000 or more:

Augusta Coca-Cola (*in-kind*)
Brandon Wilde (*in-kind*)
Columbia County Chamber of Commerce (*in-kind*)
John Deere Commercial Products
Monsanto

Gold \$1000 or more:

AIG Valic
AT&T
Chick-Fil-A (*in-kind*)
Columbia County News Times (*in-kind*)
Georgia Power Company
Grace Baptist Church
Gwen Fulcher Young & Associates
Liberty Mutual
Meybohm Realtors
One Source Development
Papa John's Pizza (*in-kind*)
Regions Bank/Morgan Keegan
Sonic (*in-kind*)
Zaxby's

Silver \$500 or more:

Franklins Printing (*in-kind*)
Grovetown Florist (*in-kind*)
Health Center Credit Union
Learning Express (*in-kind*)
Dr. Steven Powell, DMD
J. Donnell Starrett/Phil Blanchard
Tranquility Bodyworks (*in-kind*)

Bronze \$250 or more:

Allen's Country Store (*Teacher of the Year*)
Augusta Telephone
GIW Industries
Office Depot (*in-kind*)
The Teachers Lunchbox (*Teacher of the Year*)
Westlake (*in-kind*)

Patron \$100 or more:

Brusters Ice Cream (*in-kind*)
CDW-G (*Teacher of the Year*)
CINTAS
Dippin' Dots (*in-kind*)
Fatz Café (*in-kind*)
Firehouse Subs (*in-kind*)
Kree Brulee Bakery (*in-kind*)
Prather Construction
Southern Beverage Packers, Inc. (*in-kind*)
Southern Wesleyan University (*in-kind*)
Top Line Creations (*in-kind*)
Woodman of the World (*in-kind*)

Partners-At-Large:*

Allen's Country Store
Art's-A-Way
Augusta Coca-Cola
Chick-Fil-A/Mullins Crossing
Columbia County Foundation for Children
Doctor's Hospital
Family Connections
Firehouse Subs
Kroger
One Hour Optical
Papa John's Pizza
Dr. Steven Powell, DMD
Publix
Putt-Putt Golf & Games
Seigler's Karate Center
Senior Citizen's Council
Stevie B's Pizza
The Teachers Lunchbox
Dr. Barbara Utermark
Wal-mart Optical Center
Zaxby's

* **Partners-At-Large** support five or more schools or specific school program. Information can be found at www.ccboe.net/pie