

2022 Retirement



Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

The Way Forward

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

2022 Retirement Reception

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Savannah Convention Center
One International Drive
Savannah, GA**

Retirement Program 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Presentation of Colors.....Naval JROTC
Jenkins High

National AnthemKronski Jones, Ed.D.
Employee Relations Director

Welcome..... M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

RemarksDr. Joe Buck
School Board President

Retiree Presentations **Kurt Hetager**
Chief Public Affairs & Administrative Services Officer

Ramon Ray
Chief Human Resources Officer

Human Resources Division Staff

Closing Remarks.....M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Message from our Superintendent



Colleagues,

Please accept my best wishes on your retirement from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. I applaud your years of service and achievement with our school district. I am delighted that you have completed your tenure with dedication and grace and ultimately patience. I trust your career with us was an enriching experience of work with students, colleagues, and families in our community. All current district employees can be inspired by your loyal service and efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

What I believe matters most is that your retirement ends in an era we will never see again. The school system and the field of education have changed dramatically over the years, and you have been an integral part of that change. Much of our success can be attributed to the efforts of employees like you, who have gone above and beyond in making sure our district moves forward.

May you retire knowing that you made a remarkable contribution and touched the lives of our incredible children and colleagues in boundless ways.

Congratulations on your retirement! We wish you well in the years ahead.

M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.

Special Thanks



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Other Key Contributors

M. Ann Levett, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Kronski Jones, Ed.D.
Employee Relations Director
Soloist – National Anthem

Skyelite Jazz Band
Savannah Arts Academy
Matthew Bertasso, Principal
Bryan Agan, Band Director

Naval JROTC, Color Guard Unit
Jenkins High
Heather Handy, Principal
Keith Willoughby, Instructor

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

2022 Retirees

Academic Affairs

Joy Key-Smith
Chris Mercer
Chequeta Riles
Lavon Underwood

Accounts Payable

Bonnie Ward

Brock Elementary

Arlene Brown
Carolyn Chisholm
Dorothy Coaxum
Mary Ivey

Butler Elementary

Amelia Vaughn

Campus Police

Gerry Lattimore

Coastal GA Comp Academy

Russell Merkert

Coastal Middle

Susan Chamberlain
Sandra Crider
Mia Crumbley
Donna DelMonte
Sarah Eve
Alicia Harvey
Nathlie Johnson
Dawn Miller
Brian Patenaude
Carol Robinson

Data and Accountability

William Loadman
Karen Sikes

Ellis K-8

Patricia Loper
Classie Williams

Esther F. Garrison School of Arts

Michael Hutchinson
Carolyn McGirt

Gadsden Elementary

Linda Futch

Garden City Elementary

Julie Renee Dinkins

Georgetown K-8

Mark Danser
Julie Gonye
Anita Simmons
Marguery Thompson

Godley Station K-8

Monica Buckley
Marcia Stringer
Georgianne Taylor

Gould Elementary

Tracie McDaniel
James Roszkowiak
Michael Way

Groves High

Cordell Dietrich
Debra Puckett
Debra Sanchez-Saxon
Angela Stewart

Heard Elementary

Anabel Valdes

Henderson E. Formey Elementary

Carla Eady
Julieana Hall
Joyce Jones

Hesse K-8

Megan Coomer
Cecilia Stamper

Hodge Elementary

Samuel Chaplin
Maria King

Howard Elementary

Jennie Best
Pamela Novak
Leigh Ward

Human Resources

Heather Bilton
Linda Peterman

Islands High

Ellen-Augusta Livingston
Kimberly Simshauser
Betty Washington

Isle of Hope K-8

Valerie Cole
Melissa Decker
Vanessa Horry
Derrick Smith
Carol Williams

J.G. Smith Elementary

Vernon Cole

Jenkins High

Shirley English
Dan Genrich
Jannis Glover
Margaret Hall
Stephanie Irish
Ethlyn Talbert

Jenkins High

Phyllis Foster
Angela Garza
Mathew Irvine

Largo-Tibet Elementary

Margaret Carr
Kimberly Holcombe

Maintenance and Operations

Gail Clark
John Hall
Frank Hendrix

Marshpoint Elementary

Ellen Fulkerson
Rosalinda Galvan
Janet Scott
Sandra Seoane
Sylvia Wallis

Mercer Middle

Carliss Youmans

Myers Middle

Kimberly Echols
Deborah Major
Paulinda Nnamdi
Rita Williams

New Hampstead K-8

Lisa Fort

Office of the Superintendent

Katie Simmons

Oglethorpe Charter School

Stephanie Bruen

Monica McDermott

Felecia Roberts

Pooler Elementary

Linda Mathis

Angela Miller

Port Wentworth Elementary

Debra Power

Brenda Thornton

Pulaski Elementary

Marsha Sloman-Wright

Rice Creek School

Jeanette Carson

Jodi Olsen-Anderson

John Sutlive

Savannah Arts Academy

Faith Beecher

Emily Calhoun

Cynthia Hicks

David Martin

Steve Schetski

Mary Summerford

Kimberly Williams

Savannah-Chatham E-Learning Academy

Karen Malofy

School of Humanities @ JG Low

Jamie Brewer

Patricia Sheahan

Southwest Elementary

Angela Carroll

Shawn Cottingham

Patricia Fleming

Cynthia Stokes

Southwest Middle

Jerry Williams

School of Liberal Studies @ SHS

Jacquelyn Williams

The Stem Academy @ Bartlett

Kathryn Foshee

Transportation

Florence Praylo

West Chatham Elementary

Sonya Bigbie

Sharon Draeger

Meredith McCorkle

Joan Powell

West Chatham Middle

Veronica Daniel

Cynthia Kareem

White Bluff Elementary

Joyce Frazier

Susan Smith

Windsor Forest High

Denise Rouche`

Administrator Reflections

Heather Bilton

Director

Employment Services Certified Staffing

Dr. Bilton began her illustrious career as a teacher and ascended to the position of Director of Employment Services for Certified Staffing. Dr. Bilton was instrumental in developing and cultivating THRIVE, Teachsavannah, Teachsavannah International, GaTAPP and served on several state and national task forces related to teacher preparation, recruitment, induction, and retention. The district salutes Dr. Bilton's dedication to excellence and congratulate her on her retirement.

Vernon Cole

Principal

Jacob G. Smith

Principal Cole was a well-rounded individual, who had an excellent rapport with the students and staff. Mr. Cole's extraordinary leadership skills were pivotal to his success. He will be remembered as a leader who believed in building good relationships with his parents and the community surrounding his school. The district thanks Mr. Cole for his service and wishes him well in retirement.

Sharon Draeger

Principal

Southwest Elementary

Sharon Draeger worked for 30 years in education, 26 of which were dedicated to SCCPSS. During her tenure at West Chatham Elementary School, she worked with a community team to create a workable car rider line that eliminated a backup of traffic to the main road in front of the school and out to the highway. Principal Draeger also took pride in creating a very nurturing and caring school climate for all her students and staff. Congratulations.

Frank Hendrix

Director

Maintenance and Operations

Mr. Frank Hendrix's employment spans over almost 4 decades, Mr. Hendrix was a long-time, dedicated employee with Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. Mr. Hendrix began working with SCCPSS as a college student, working the evening shift. Throughout the years, Mr. Hendrix's dedication and commitment to excellence was recognized throughout his career. The Maintenance and Operations family wish Mr. Hendrix well in retirement.

James Roszkowiak

Principal

Gould Elementary

Mr. Roszkowiak was a relationship builder who nurtured the ESOL population and went the extra mile to meet team goals. Mr. Roszkowiak moved Gould Elementary from 52.8 to 70.8 with the CCRPI Scores in four-years. Mr. Roszkowiak worked with the First District RESA, mentored several Assistant Principals, collaborated with BSR and Finance Department. Congratulations on your retirement.

John Sutlive
Principal
Rice Creek K-8

Dr. Sutlive served the district as a principal for many years. As a servant leader, Dr. Sutlive was dedicated to supporting his staff and making sure all students worked to their fullest potential. The district is appreciative of his dedication to the students of SCCPSS and wish him well in retirement.

Sylvia Wallis
Principal
Marshpoint Elementary

Ms. Wallis was a dedicated employee with the Savannah Chatham County Public School System for many years. During her tenure, Ms. Wallis advocated for students and impacted the lives of many. The district appreciates her dedication to our students. Ms. Wallis was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

Staff Reflections

Faith Beecher
Teacher
Savannah Arts Academy

Faith Beecher taught Health & Physical Education at Savannah Arts, Sol C. Johnson, and Savannah High School for more than 21 years. She empowered students to navigate successfully through life and maintain active lifestyles into adulthood. Ms. Beecher learned from students and enjoyed teaching and coaching. Ms. Beecher developed a great relationship with our special needs students and would often visit them in their classrooms or at lunch.

Jennie Best
Paraprofessional
Howard Elementary

Mrs. Jennie Best worked as a paraprofessional for many years. She was quick to assist a colleague or child in need and was an asset to the May Howard program. She has been missed every day since her retirement. Mrs. Best always had a positive attitude and a willingness to serve. We wish her well in retirement.

Sonya Bigbie
Library Media Technician
West Chatham Elementary

Ms. Bigbie was a mentor to teachers before becoming a Library Media Technology Specialist. Mrs. Bigbie was a model educator and an administrators dream about. She worked hard to create an engaging learning common for all students. Ms. Bigbie's passion for learning and educating students was evident to everyone she encountered.

**Jamie Brewer
Teacher**

School of Humanities at Juliette Low Elementary

Ms. Brewer had a special love for children and their families. She went above and beyond to support the whole child including their siblings and other family members. She frequently conducted home visits, planned picnics in the park, and attended other outside school activities to support students. Mrs. Brewer was a true Champion for Children.

**Arlene Brown
Paraprofessional
Brock Elementary**

Ms. Brown was an outstanding paraprofessional. She had a great rapport with students and colleagues alike. She served at Bartow/Brock for 30 years. Although it is rare for an educator to remain dedicated to one school for this length of time, Ms. Brown was that rare jewel. We will miss her dedication to our school.

**Stephanie Bruen
Teacher
Oglethorpe Charter School**

Ms. Bruen devoted herself to teaching students to the best of her ability since joining the faculty of Oglethorpe Charter. During her 29-year tenure, she has been a team leader, Math Department Chair, Science Department Chair, and supported numerous committees. Ms. Bruen will be remembered for being consistent, firm and fair with all.

**Monica Buckley
Elementary Teacher
Godley Station School**

Ms. Buckley served the district with fidelity as an educator for many years. She was dedicated to making sure all students worked to their fullest potential and set high achievement goals for all students. The district is appreciative of Ms. Buckley's dedication to the students of SCCPSS and wish her well in retirement.

**Emily Calhoun
Teacher
Savannah Arts Academy**

Ms. Calhoun increased the percentage of students making All-State Orchestra from 0.5% to 20%. Created Modern Band Program through Little Kids Rock Foundation and purchased electric string instruments to continue program development. Ms. Calhoun's program will continue to grow and create musicians for the future. Best wishes on a fruitful retirement.

**Margaret Carr
SPED Teacher
Largo-Tibet Elementary**

Ms. Carr was a dedicated educator who encouraged all students to work to their full potential. She successfully served and supported students in the special education program. She also made learning fun and made sure that each student knew that they were loved. Ms. Carr will be missed by the Largo-Tibet family.

**Angela Carroll
Paraprofessional
Southwest Elementary**

Mrs. Carroll brought a sense of joy to the SWES family for over 15 years. Mrs. Carroll helped train new paraprofessionals and was honored as the instructional support person of the year at the building level and touched the lives of countless students. SWES will miss her dearly but most of all, we will miss her infectious smile and warm personality.

**Jeanette Carson
School Counselor
Rice Creek School**

Ms. Carson was hard working, dedicated and very thorough. Ms. Carson provided guidance to students to ensure they provided with the necessary resources to ensure success. She was involved in the community, parent outreach and Good News Club. The district will miss her drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

**Susan Chamberlin
SPED Teacher
Coastal Middle**

Ms. Chamberlin supported students with special needs through their middle school years. She was known as the queen of de-escalation. When a crisis presented itself, Ms. Chamberlin's calm and steady demeanor always ensured a positive outcome. Ms. Chamberlin coached softball at CMS and assisted at the athletic concession stand. We will forever remember Ms. Chamberlin's GA Bulldog pride and spirit.

**Samuel Chaplin
Custodial Worker
Hodge Elementary**

Mr. Chaplain worked as a custodian for Hodge Elementary for almost ten years. He took great pride in keeping Hodge Elementary clean and tidy. In his spare time, Mr. Chaplain enjoys fishing. He will be remembered for his smile and sense of humor. Congratulations.

**Carolyn Chisholm
Elementary Teacher
Otis J. Brock Elementary**

Ms. Chisholm was a veteran teacher who provided 40 plus years of service as educator at Bartow/Otis J. Brock, III Elementary School. Ms. Chisholm's noteworthy achievement was the high-performance level she maintained in education as the top performing teacher in English/language arts Content Mastery. Ms. Chisholm delighted in her student's success and worked diligently to remove barriers to student success.

**Gail Clark
Head Custodian
Maintenance and Operations**

Ms. Clark was the Head Custodian of Central Office. As a longtime, dedicated employee she was always on time and willing to provide services above and beyond the normal call of duty. The Savannah Chatham County Public School System thanks Ms. Clark for her many years of service and wish her well in retirement.

Dorothy Coaxum
SNP Assistant
Brock Elementary

Dorothy Coaxum was a dependable worker who did her best to provide nutritious meals to staff and students. She was kind to everyone she encountered and was always willing to assist anyone in need. The Savannah Chatham County Public School System thanks Ms. Coaxum for her many years of service and wish her well in retirement.

Valerie Cole
Teacher
Isle of Hope School

Dr. Cole was an innovative instructor of elementary education and art. She effectively demonstrated the ability to teach pupils and influence colleagues to go above and beyond for their students. Dr. Cole found a way to balance collaboration, cooperation, and open communication between home and school to build a foundation for student success. Dr. Cole will be greatly missed by the entire Isle of Hope family.

Megan Coomer
Elementary Teacher
Hesse School

Mrs. Coomer served in the gifted education department at Hesse for many years. Under her tutelage, many gifted learners participated in several contents to include Media Festival, Spelling Bee, Science, Reading and Quiz Bowl, and Poster and Poetry Competition. Mrs. Coomer did a great job carrying out her duties and responsibilities as a professional educator.

Shawn Cottingham
Elementary Teacher
Southwest Elementary

Mrs. Cottingham was an essential part of the SWES family for many years. She was a part of the testing team, the Gifted team, and the specials/connections team and worked feverishly to ensure that every student received the best educational opportunities. Mrs. Cottingham was well respected by her peers and was nominated and selected as a building level TOTY numerous times! We will miss her funny jokes and consistent willingness to help everyone in need.

Sandra Crider
Language Arts Teacher
Coastal Middle

Mrs. Crider was part of the team of teachers who opened Coastal Middle School and she remained at Coastal Middle for the duration of her distinguished career. Mrs. Crider's distinguished, classy professionalism will be remembered by all. She left behind a beautiful classroom that she painted herself. Best wishes on a wonderful retirement.

Veronica Daniel
Teacher
West Chatham Middle

Ms. Daniels successfully taught gifted courses. Mrs. Daniels was a veteran teacher who was interested in every aspect of her student's lives. Ms. Daniels will be remembered for her willingness to assist her colleagues. The Savannah Chatham County Public School System thanks Ms. Daniels for her many years of service and wish her well in retirement.

Mark Danser
SPED Teacher
Georgetown School

Mr. Danser coached football, he was the special education department head, and LEA for Special Education, student council lead, and was on the school improvement team. Mr. Danser loved kids and held them to high standards and urged them to work towards their greatest potential. The district will miss his drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

Melissa Decker
Elementary Teacher
Isle of Hope School

Mrs. Decker was an educator who operated with integrity and gave so much of herself to children for over 25 years. One of her greatest strengths was her ability to differentiate instruction as she worked with students with various ability levels. She had a keen interest and talent for recognizing what was necessary to move students forward. Her advanced skills and inquiry-based approach made her a role model to other teachers.

Donna DelMonte
Science Teacher
Coastal Middle

Mrs. DelMonte touched the lives of thousands of students as she turned them into young scientists. Mrs. DelMonte wrote numerous grants and always found a way to bring the very best speakers and experiences to our students. Mrs. DelMonte led our Science Department for several years and served on our leadership committee.

Cordell Dietrich
Teacher
Groves High

Ms. Dietrich had a stellar record for creating a positive environment in which students developed and achieved their academic goals. She held students to high standards and proved that students will strive to reach the benchmarks set for them. Ms. Dietrich was a dedicated teacher who not only taught students' mathematics but life skills. Ms. Dietrich was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

Julie Renee Dinkins
Paraprofessional
Garden City Elementary

Mrs. Dinkins served as a leader, providing support to teachers and other paraprofessionals. Mrs. Dinkins was nominated numerous amounts of times as the instructional support person of the year. We will always remember Mrs. Dinkins for your wisdom, kindness, and style.

Carla Eady
Elementary Teacher
Formey Elementary

Mrs. Eady was 2018-2019 East Broad K-8 Teach of the Year. She was THRIVE Mentor of the Month and a 21st Century Teacher. Mrs. Eady was always willing to go above and beyond her daily roles and responsibilities. She was extremely reliable and ensured whatever task she was given was completed timely. She will be missed for coming up with innovative ideas and her loving personality.

**Kimberly Echols
SPED Teacher
Myers Middle School**

Ms. Echols served as a teacher for over 30 years. In those 30 years, she has met the needs of students and displayed care and understanding for parents. Ms. Echols support for her students and the parents throughout her years of service has been outstanding. Her dedication will be missed by the Myers Middle School family.

**Sarah Eve
Social Studies Teacher
Coastal Middle**

Ms. Eve taught Social Studies and GA History for most of her tenure. Ms. Eve brought history to life and ensured students were attired in the finest colonial wear as they participate in the GA Day parade each year. Ms. Eve's classic, southern charm will be always remembered. Congratulations and best wishes.

**Patricia Fleming
Custodian
Southwest Elementary**

Ms. Fleming opened Southwest Elementary and helped keep the building pristine with a sense of pride. She made everyone that came across her path feel welcomed. She was a huge proponent of positive school climate for staff, students, and visitors. Ms. Fleming will be remembered most for her kind heart. Ms. Flemings retirement has left a void in the building that is irreplaceable.

**Lisa Fort
Student Information Specialist
New Hampstead K-8**

Ms. Fort was a dedicated employee with Savannah Chatham County Public School System for over 30 years. The district appreciates her dedication to our students. Ms. Fort was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors. Enjoy retirement.

**Kathryn Foshee
Teacher
The Stem Academy at Bartlett**

Ms. Foshee was an accomplished educator and teacher leader. She contributed greatly to the school achieving STEM and STEAM certifications as well as National Schools to Watch status. Ms. Foshee's worked hard to ensure her students matriculated in a classroom environment filled with rigorous and engaging learning experiences. The STEM Academy will miss her dedication to our school.

**Phyllis Foster
SPED Teacher
Johnson High**

Mrs. Foster worked hard to ensure every student was successful. She was a great educator who always found a way to assist anyone in need. The Savannah Chatham Public School System thanks Ms. Foster for her many years of service and wish her well in retirement.

Joyce Frazier
Paraprofessional
White Bluff Elementary

Ms. Daniels has been named employee of the month for our school and has been a nominee for Instructional Support Person of the Year. Mrs. Frazier had the warm smile was a beacon of hope to all she encountered. She was a daily advocate for students with disabilities and went above and beyond to assist and support learning in the classroom.

Ellen Fulkerson
Elementary Teacher
Marshpoint Elementary

Ms. Fulkerson was a dedicated employee with the district for many years. The district appreciates her dedication to our students. Ms. Fulkerson was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

Linda Futch
Paraprofessional
Gadsden Elementary

Ms. Futch was an accomplished employee who has dedicated herself to serving the families and community of Gadsden Elementary. Ms. Futch was known for her ability to be creative when supporting events in the school. Ms. Futch generous nature and kind heart will be missed by the Gadsden family. Congratulations.

Rosalinda Galvan
Music Teacher
Marshpoint Elementary

Mrs. Galvan provided multiple musical opportunities for the students at Marshpoint. Mrs. Galvan always continued to enhance her musical expertise by attending professional conferences. The students will always remember her love of music and the different hats she always wore. Enjoy retirement.

Angela Garza
SPED Teacher
Johnson High

Ms. Garza's passion for teaching was infectious and boosted the morale of the faculty and staff. Ms. Garza was dedicated to ensuring all students worked to the highest potential. She was always available to help and was pivotal in the success of our school. The district is appreciative of her dedication to the students of SCCPSS and wish her well in retirement.

Dan Genrich
Teacher
Jenkins High

Mr. Genrich taught a variety of courses and was instrumental in promoting the addition of science elective courses. He was always a team player and willing to assist whenever needed. Mr. Genrich worked diligently to find creative ways to keep students engaged in science. He taught students to enjoy science and the world of exploration. Mr. Genrich will be remembered for his upbeat personality and his great rapport with students.

**Jannis Glover
Teacher
Jenkins High**

Ms. Glover was devoted to her career and spent countless hours planning lessons and activities to keep her students engaged. Mrs. Glover was a team player and was willing to assist anyone in need. Mrs. Glover assisted with cheerleading and senior activities. Mrs. Glover shared her love for literature with her students and encouraged her to develop a love for reading. She will be missed by her co-workers.

**Julie Gonye
Elementary Teacher
Georgetown School**

Julie Gonye was a team player, always willing to volunteer and help around the school. She worked hard to find ways to make learning fun and exciting. The Georgetown family will miss Ms. Goyne and wish her well in retirement.

**Julieana Hall
Media Clerk
Formey Elementary**

Ms. Hall was integral in the success of the media center programs at Hubert and Formey. Her creativity allowed her to make any space inviting and fun for the students. Ms. Hall's warm demeanor and easy nature endeared her to the students. The district is appreciative of Ms. Hall's dedication to the students of SCCPSS and wishes her well in retirement.

**Margaret Hall
Library Media Technology Specialist
Jenkins High**

Ms. Hall was a dedicated employee with the Savannah Chatham County Public School System for many years. The district appreciates her dedication to our students. Ms. Hall was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

**John Hall
Supervisor
Maintenance and Operations**

Mr. John Hall demonstrated proficiency and great communication skills served him well in his work. Mr. Hall's civic duty as Councilman for the City of Savannah connected very well with his role at SCCPSS and allowed the Maintenance and Operations department to effectively work with the City of Savannah and Town of Thunderbolt. Mr. Hall will be truly missed for his candidness and jovial spirit. Congratulations on your retirement.

**Cynthia Hicks
Gifted Teacher
Savannah Arts Academy**

Ms. Hicks taught AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology during her career. Ms. Hicks brought AP Environmental Science to the Savannah Chatham County Public School district. SAA was the first to offer the course to students in Chatham County. Ms. Hicks was also identified by College Board to become an AP Coordinator consultant who trains AP Coordinators globally. Applications, Auditions, and Testing were all enhanced because of Mrs. Hicks.

**Kimberly Holcombe
Media Center Specialist
Largo-Tibet Elementary**

Ms. Holcombe has turned the Media Center into a warm welcoming environment for students and staff. The centerpiece being an amazing mural depicting our students' love of literature. She will be remembered for her love and passion for literature she shared with her students.

**Vanessa Horry
Elementary Teacher
Isle of Hope School**

Mrs. Horry was a perceptive, sharp, and savvy teacher with a high capacity for problem-solving. She was driven to understand how to improve learning and teaching in her classroom. Her calm demeanor and openness to feedback was pivotal to her continued growth as an educator. The IOH Family will miss Mrs. Horry tremendously.

**Michael Hutchinson
Band Teacher
Garrison Elementary**

Mr. Hutchinson was always looking to change the game and will be remembered for his professionalism and conversations. He was well known through-out the southeast for his superior band knowledge and what he has brought to the band community. Mr. Hutchinson inspired his students and his colleagues to do more and give more. He was the ultimate professional and will be remembered for his coat tails.

**Stephanie Irish
Academic Specialist
Jenkins High**

Mrs. Irish was dedicated and work years in her role as an Academic Specialist. She always had a calm and supportive demeanor. Ms. Irish was diligent in her role and ensured her students were taken care of. Her patience and supportive nature made her great at her job. Mrs. Irish was a team player and respected by her co-workers. She assisted wherever needed and played a big role in her department.

**Matthew Irvine
SPED Teacher
Johnson High**

Mr. Irvine was good about staying in constant communication with his students' parents. He demanded academic excellence from his students. He was an advocate for children and worked hard to provide students with the best resources available. The district will miss his drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

**Mary Ivey
Gifted Elementary Teacher
Otis J. Brock Elementary**

Ms. Ivey's accomplishments as an educator: WTOC Top Teacher Award, TOTY recipient-3x school level winner. She worked with Thunderbolt Pep Squad, the Jr. Beta Club advisor, Lead Teacher for Summer School, Site Coordinator for 21st Century for many years, and served on various committees. Brock Elementary will miss Ms. Ivey and the care she showed to others. Congratulations Ms. Ivey.

**Nathlie Johnson
Social Studies Teacher
Coastal Middle**

Ms. Johnson had a long and distinguished career working at both Thunderbolt Elementary, and Coastal Middle School. Ms. Johnson's class was always orderly and filled with hard working, well-mannered students. Ms. Johnson served as our role model for "How to dress professionally." Ms. Johnson was loved and respected by the entire Seahawk family. Her birthday cards, encouragement and beautify style will be greatly missed.

**Joyce Jones
Paraprofessional
Formey Elementary**

Ms. Jones was a caring teacher who went out of her way to ensure students were included and provided with the resources they needed each day. Ms. Jones worked with pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students and was well-known for her ability to bring students out of their comfort zone and encouraged them to try new things. Ms. Jones went above and beyond the call of duty for our school and we will miss her presence.

**Cynthia Kareem
Language Arts Teacher
West Chatham Middle**

Ms. Kareem assisted sixth graders with ELA Learning. Mrs. Kareem pleasant disposition was key to building a great relationship with her students. She worked daily to ensure her students were excellent writers and readers. The West Chatham Middle family will miss her well in retirement.

**Joy Key-Smith
Program Specialist
Academic Affairs**

For the past 30 years, Mrs. Key-Smith was a dedicated employee whose innovative spirit served her well. She was always one to push beyond her limits and obtain her goals. Mrs. Key-Smith was willing to assist the department and her coworkers when needed. We will miss her contributions to the team.

**Maria King
Paraprofessional
Hodge Elementary**

Mrs. King worked as a paraprofessional and contributed to the education of students for thirty years. She was quiet but patient with her students and was always quick with a smile. Her artistic contributions to the classrooms she worked with will be missed. Congratulation on your retirement.

**Gerry Lattimore
Resources Officer
Campus Police**

Advanced Police officer (APO) Lattimore worked as a School Resource Officer since 1998. He provided service in many capacities and was always willing to assist. In addition to being assigned to a school, he was a field training officer, certified marijuana tester and crime scene technician. Officer Gerry Lattimore made an impact at his assigned schools. He served the community for over 20 and had a positive impact on young people.

Ellen-Augusta Livingston
Teacher
Islands High

As a math teacher and club advisor, Ms. Livingston has been an integral part of impacting many students in the classroom and beyond as they prepared for life after graduation. Ms. Livingston was always willing to volunteer to help any group at the school. The district will miss her drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

William Loadman
Tech Specialist
Data and Accountability

Mr. Loadman was a key part in our advancement and support of mobile devices. He was the go-to person for anything related to Apple. Mr. Loadman was a great employee who got along with everyone and was always willing to go that extra mile to support our SCCPSS staff and students. Congratulations Mr. Loadman.

Patricia Loper
Teacher
Ellis School

Ms. Loper was a dedicated employee with Savannah Chatham County Public Schools for many years. Ms. Loper was an advocate for children and worked hard to provide students with the best resources available. The district will miss her drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

Deborah Major
Paraprofessional
Myers Middle School

Ms. Major successfully guided students and assisted faculty and staff at Myers Middle School. She was always prepared and ready to assist the lead teacher in all instructional directions to meet the needs of the students. Ms. Major always had a smile and brought a very warm feeling to her classroom environment. MS. Major's students were always engaged and on task each day.

Karen Malofy
Language Arts Teacher
Savannah-Chatham E-Learning Academy

As one of the first teaches of SCELA, Mrs. Malofy worked to shape our vision/mission of serving the students of Chatham County in a virtual environment. She brought the DEEP Writing Club to SCELA as one of the first extracurricular activities offered to students. She was instrumental in sharing best practices with her colleagues. Mrs. Malofy will be remembered as a passionate educator who was not afraid to challenge herself and try something new.

David Martin
Math Teacher
Savannah Arts Academy

Mr. Martin taught for over 30 years and 20 of those years were spent teaching at Savannah Arts Academy. In addition, Mr. Martin coached football, basketball, baseball, and soccer during his career. As the SAA Head Girls Soccer Coach, he led the girls to several region championships. Mr. Martin played an important role in preparing scholars for graduation and developing student athletes.

**Linda Mathis
Media Clerk
Pooler Elementary**

Mrs. Mathis was always helpful, friendly, and made the Media Center a pleasant place that the children love to visit. She was Instructional Support Person of the Year for Pooler in 2010 and for Bloomingdale in 2017. We will always remember her willingness to help and her calm, quiet disposition. Mrs. Mathis took great pride in fostering a love for reading among students.

**Meredith McCorkle
Paraprofessional
West Chatham Elementary**

Ms. McCorkle served as a second-grade teacher in the SCCPSS system for 22 years. She quickly became part of our WCES family and has always shown flexibility and a willingness to help. Ms. McCorkle has brought a clear caring and dedication to our school and while we have only had a short time together, we have loved having her.

**Tracie McDaniel
SPED Teacher
Gould Elementary**

Ms. McDaniel was a dedicated employee with the district for many years. She always maintained a strict focus on education and stressed to her students the importance of operating in excellence. The Gould family will miss Ms. McDaniel and wish her well in retirement.

**Monica McDermott
Gifted-Coordinator
Oglethorpe Charter School**

Ms. McDermott was an outstanding educator who was selected as teacher of the year. She served as the gifted coordinator of the school, coached our Academic teams, and she was heavily involved in our FTE process serving as the coordinator. She has been greatly missed since her retirement.

**Carolyn McGirt
Custodial Worker
Garrison Elementary**

Ms. McGirt's attention to detail served her well in her role. She insured our building was clean and ready for operation each day. Ms. McGirt possessed the innate ability to lift the spirits of students and staff. We will miss her kindness and willingness to help others.

**Angela Miller
School Counselor
Pooler Elementary**

Ms. Miller was a dedicated counselor who greeted students with a smile and a helpful attitude. She loved working with students and seeing them succeed. The Pooler Elementary family will always remember Ms. Miller's bubbly personality and compassionate nature. Best wishes on a fruitful retirement.

**Paulinda Nnamdi
SPED Teacher
Myers Middle**

Ms. Nnamdi was well respected by her peers, students, and parents. Ms. Nnamdi encouraged her students to work hard and keep moving forward. She was known for spreading positivity and encouragement amongst the staff and students. Congratulations.

**Pamela Novak
Elementary Teacher
Howard Elementary**

Ms. Novak was a dedicated employee with Savannah Chatham County Public Schools for many years. Ms. Novak was an advocate for children and worked hard to provide students with the best resources available. The district will miss her drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

**Jodi Olsen-Anderson
Elementary Teacher
Rice Creek School**

Ms. Olsen-Anderson was the fifth-grade department chair. She worked well with students and consistently looked for ways to improve and celebrate their achievements. The Rice Creek family will miss Ms. Olsen-Anderson and wish her well in retirement.

**Brian Patenaude
Science Teacher
Coastal Middle**

Mr. Patenaude touched the lives of many as a middle school math and science teacher. Mr. Patenaude was known for making fun spirited gestures to encourage student success. One gesture required Mr. Patenaude shave his head after a student was selected as Salutatorian. Mr. Patenaude coached football for Coastal Middle School and wrestling for Islands high School. Mr. Patenaude was known for his rich sense of humor.

**Linda Peterman
Benefits Compliance Analyst
Human Resources**

Mrs. Peterman was truly an asset to Human Resources. She was dedicated to her role and always went above and beyond to ensure compliance. Mrs. Peterman always thought outside the box and was known for developing "what-if" scenarios which encouraged others to consider the repercussions of a decision. She brought joy and patience to our team. The Human Resources family will miss Mrs. Peterman and wish her well in retirement.

**Debra Power
SPD Teacher
Port Wentworth Elementary**

Ms. Power was a significant support to her students, school staff, and parents. She was very caring and very supportive of her students. The district is appreciative of Ms. Power's dedication to the Students of SCCPSS and wish her well in retirement.

**Florence Praylo
Bus Driver
Transportation**

Ms. Praylo served as the face of Transportation each year during the school start-up media ride along. Ms. Praylo assisted in the daily management of the Transportation facilities. She took on the responsibility of ensuring buses were prepared for operation each day. She is the epitome of a School Bus Driver. She has a passion for children and dedication to her job. Pupil transportation would benefit greatly from more drivers like Ms. Florence Praylo. She will be missed.

**Debra Puckett
Teacher
Groves High**

During her time at Groves High, Mrs. Puckett was the Department Chairperson for the Health and Physical Education Department, earned Gifted Certification, and been an important member of the school's Leadership Team. Mrs. Puckett was committed to educating and inspiring students to become responsible, productive, and innovative citizens for 16 years. Congratulations Mrs. Puckett.

**Chequeta Riles
Social Worker
Academic Affairs**

For the last 33 years, Mrs. Riles has been dedicated to serving students in Savannah Chatham Public Schools. Mrs. Riles was a selfless employee who gave generously of herself and resources. Mrs. Riles was a valued member of the Student Affairs Team and will truly be missed.

**Felecia Roberts
Language Arts Teacher
Oglethorpe Charter School**

Ms. Roberts brought a level of Professionalism and kindness and served as a positive role model for all the teachers in the building. She treated all stakeholders with the utmost dignity and respect. Mrs. Roberts will be greatly missed since.

**Carol Robinson
Paraprofessional
Coastal Middle**

Ms. Carol Robinson was lovingly known as a "Founding Mother" of Coastal Middle School. She and staff from Wilder Middle School opened the doors to Coastal Middle School. As our ISS teacher, Ms. Robinson's accomplishments are many. She was the first to step up and assist wherever needed. Ms. Robinson poured tough love into so many of our students and helped them find their way through their middle school years.

**Merkert Russell
SPED Teacher
Coastal GA Comprehensive Academy**

Mr. Merkert dedicated his career to serving the underprivileged students in our district. His selfless approach to advocating for student achievement was second to none. He is truly blessed with endless patience and perseverance. Mr. Merkert was a teacher who provided opportunities to underserved students. Mr. Merkert's professionalism was second to none.

Debra Sanchez-Saxon
Teacher
Groves High

Ms. Sanchez-Saxon has been a true advocate for the ESOL students at Groves High School. She has worked diligently to ensure that all the students in the English Language Learner Program receive the best education possible and are prepared for college and career. Ms. Sanchez-Saxon has a true heart for students and gave 100% each day to support the Groves High School Learning Community. The Grove family will miss Ms. Sanchez-Saxon and wish her well in retirement.

Steve Schetski
Art Teacher
Savannah Arts Academy

Mr. Schetski was recognized by Georgia State University as the first Georgia Scholastic Art Teacher of the Year in 2010. The Alliance for Young for Artists & Writers (Scholastic Art and Writing Awards) recognized Mr. Schetski with numerous National Teacher Award medals. Many of Mr. Schetski's students have been recognized for their artwork in publications such as Strokes of Genius, Artist's Magazine, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, two art textbooks, and College Board. Mr. Schetski is one of the founding members of SAA and has been her throughout its development and growth.

Janet Scott
Student Information Specialist
Marshpoint Elementary

Janet Scott worked with the district for 23 years and was well known for her dedication, compassion, and love for students and parents. Ms. Scott would often favor the staff and students with song to motivate and uplift the school. Ms. Scott dedicated her life to serving students and their families. She was compassionate and thoughtful to everyone around her. The district appreciates Ms. Scott's dedication to our students.

Sandra Seoane
SPED Teacher
Marshpoint Elementary

Ms. Seoane served hundreds of students with disabilities in her career with the district. In the most recent years, she served PreK students and students in grades 3-5 in the community by helping them learn and grow. Ms. Seoane was also an asset to families in developing skills to appropriately support their children. She was compassionate and thoughtful to those around her. We wish her nothing but the best in her new chapter.

Patricia Sheahan
Teacher on Loan
School of Humanities at JG Low

Ms. Sheahan was a dedicated educator who stressed the importance of students valuing education, working to their potential, and being held accountable for their choices. Mrs. Sheahan taught students to take pride in their work and respect themselves and others. Congratulations Ms. Sheahan.

**Karen Sikes
Charter School Liaison
Accountability and Research**

Karen Sikes has many years with the district. Mrs. Sikes does not hesitate to take on responsibility, step forward, and complete the work that needed to be done. Her attention to detail has been a tremendous benefit to the district. We wish her well on her new future path. Mrs. Sikes was a pleasure to work with and will be missed by coworkers and supervisors.

**Anita Simmons
Teacher
Georgetown School**

Ms. Simmons served as an educator and role model at Georgetown for over 40 years. Mrs. Simmons made every holiday season memorable. She was a caring and dedicated educator who always gave her best to students and the community. The Georgetown family will miss Ms. Simmons and wish her well in retirement.

**Katie Simmons
Executive Secretary
Office of the Superintendent**

Ms. Simmons superior communication skills and dedication to excellence were pivotal in her work supporting the highest office in the district. Ms. Simmons worked diligently to ensure the district was always represented well in all endeavors. All who encountered Ms. Simmons were greeted with her signature smile and calm demeanor. The district will miss Ms. Simmons and wishes her well on her future endeavors. Congratulations.

**Kimberly Simshauser
Library Media Technology Specialist
Islands High**

Mrs. Simshauser was our school's guru for many things including technology related items. Her skill and level of service are unmatched. She cultivated a learning space that was inviting and inclusive of all students' abilities and interests. Mrs. Simshauser possessed an energetic attitude and focused on ensuring all students thrived and felt supported.

**Marsha Sloman-Wright
Paraprofessional
Pulaski Elementary**

Mrs. Sloman-Wright was an asset to the Pulaski Elementary School stakeholders and all who worked with her. She worked with students of all ages at PES and served in many capacities. Mrs. Sloman-Wright participated in many committees and attended all school functions. She always modeled Pulaski Spirit! Mrs. Sloman Wright is a positive force and we will miss the laughter and joy that she has brought to us!

**Derrick Smith
Teacher
Isle of Hope School**

Derrick Smith served the students of Isle of Hope as a CTAE lab instructor, math teacher, and co-teacher. His knowledge of math, business, and economics made him an asset for learning and teaching. Mr. Smith was a hardworking, energetic member of the Isle of Hope family. Mr. Smith's ability to make math applicable to students' lives will be missed. Congratulations.

Susan Smith
Library Media Technology Specialist
White Bluff Elementary

Ms. Smith was an advocate for reading and using technology in the classroom. She authored more than ten successful grants for the media program. Ms. Smith's admiration for her craft was evident in her work ethic and her willingness to accept any task. The district is appreciative of Ms. Smith's dedication to the students of SCCPSS and wish her well in retirement.

Cecilia Stamper
Elementary Teacher
Hesse School

Mrs. Stamper was a great addition to our school. As an EIP teacher she worked tirelessly implementing reading interventions. As an Early Intervention Program teacher Mrs. Stamper worked diligently to help students of varying academic levels with reading fluency and comprehension. Mrs. Stamper cared deeply about student success and worked to support students academically, socially, and behaviorally.

Angela Stewart
Teacher
Groves High

Ms. Stewart served as the department chairperson for the English/Language Arts Department and was named WTOC Top Teacher during the 2021-22 school year. Ms. Stewart was a faithful and phenomenal educator who ensured all students received the best education. Ms. Stewart's infectious nature made an impression on all she encountered.

Cynthia Stokes
Paraprofessional
Southwest Elementary

Mrs. Stokes was a staple at SWES for more than two decades and touched the lives of many during that time. She loved students and always pitched in whenever needed. Mrs. Stokes was nominated and selected as the Instructional Support Person of the Year numerous times. SWES will truly miss Mrs. Stokes and her spirited personality. We will remember her most for her beautiful smile.

Marcia Stringer
Elementary Teacher
Godley Station School

Mrs. Stringer worked as a classroom teacher and an EIP teacher. She actively participated in the leadership team and Gifted Education Program competitions. Mrs. Stringer was an amazing educator was passionate about her work with children each day. Mrs. Stringer always gave her best effort each day educating and nurturing her students. Congratulations Mrs. Stringer.

Mary Summerford
Social Studies Teacher
Savannah Arts Academy

Ms. Summerford has fostered a love for history and learning. She has also taught students skills for success in school and in life. Measurable accomplishments would be her students AP scores in AP European History and AP World History. Mrs. Summerford is a wealth of knowledge and has experience that has helped blaze the trail for success at SAA.

**Ethlyn Talbert
Teacher
Jenkins High**

Mrs. Talbert was a dedicated educator who engaged students with humor and an energetic teaching style. Through the years, she took great pride in creating amazing lessons, activities, and science fun for students. Former students loved to return to visit Mrs. Talbert - "their favorite teacher of all times." Mrs. Talbert will be deeply missed.

**Georgianne Taylor
Language Arts Teacher
Godley Station**

Ms. Taylor worked with fidelity for twenty-three years and was a part of Godley Stations gifted program. Ms. Taylor was a passionate teacher who embraced every opportunity to teach and impact her students. The district will miss her drive and determination. Enjoy retirement.

**Marguery Thompson
Teacher on Loan
Georgetown School**

Ms. Thompson earned Teacher of the Year while teaching 2nd grade. She always did what was best for her students. Ms. Thompson worked to make sure that students are safe and always learning. Congratulations Ms. Thompson.

**Brenda Thornton
SPED Teacher
Port Wentworth Elementary**

Mrs. Thornton, as a special education teacher was heavily engaged stepped up to the plate when needed. She will be remembered for working closely with co-teachers, students, and families. She established a lasting bond and rapport with them. The Port Wentworth Elementary family will miss Ms. Thornton and wish her well in retirement.

**Lavon Underwood
Secretary
Academic Affairs**

Ms. Underwood executed her duties with a high level of professionalism and integrity. Ms. Underwood was dependable and always willing to assist where needed. Ms. Underwood was a pleasure to work with and will be missed.

**Anabel Valdes
Elementary Teacher
Heard Elementary**

Mrs. Valdes has worked hard establishing a positive learning environment for students. It was evident to all that Ms. Valdes loved her students and truly wanted them to succeed. Mrs. Valdes will be remembered for her positive attitude and willingness to try different strategies to support student achievement. Mrs. Valdes passion for teaching and learning will be missed at Heard Elementary.

**Amelia Vaughn
Elementary Teacher
Butler Elementary**

Amelia Vaughn has been an outstanding, dedicated educator for over 31 years! Coach Vaughn spearhead Jump Rope for Heart annually, Field Day, and Walk to School Day. Her attendance was impeccable, and she knows the work! She has already committed to helping at Butler while in retirement. We love her!

Bonnie Ward
Accounting Technician
Accounts Payable

Ms. Ward was a leader and subject area expert within the department and for the district. She enjoyed working with others and always went above and beyond to help those in need. Congratulations Ms. Ward.

Leigh Ward
Student Information Specialist
Howard Elementary

Ms. Ward's detailed and meticulous nature was present during her career with the district. Ms. Ward led the Kiss A Pig initiative for the American Diabetes Association for many years helping to raise thousands of dollars making May Howard #1 in this fundraiser. Ms. Ward was named the Instructional Support Person of the Year.

Betty Washington
SNP Assistant
Islands High

Ms. Washington was a jewel who produced delicious meals and loved the students she served. The number of years Ms. Washington provided great service to the students of this district are commendable. Ms. Washington will always be considered a stellar employee of the School Nutrition Program. The years of love and great meals will always be remembered.

Michael Way
Elementary Teacher
Gould Elementary

Mr. Way was an educator who approached every day with a renewed sense of energy and passion for teaching. Mr. Way constantly looked for ways to impact students and make a difference in their lives. The Gould Elementary family will miss Mr. Way and wish him well in retirement.

Classie Williams
Elementary Teacher
Ellis K-8

Ms. Williams built strong relationships with both students and parents. She fulfilled several roles within the school including Montessori teacher and tech teacher. Ms. Williams quiet determination always ensured students received the highest level of academic support and personal care. Ms. Williams believed in the ability of all children to reach their potential. Her contributions will be missed.

Carol Williams
Custodial Worker
Isle of Hope

Mrs. Carol Williams was a dedicated and hard-working team member who did not hesitate to do what was necessary for the good of the school. Mrs. Williams good character and stellar work ethic were critical to the success of our school and will be missed. Congratulations Mrs. Williams.

**Rita Williams
Paraprofessional
Myers Middle**

Ms. Williams has always gone above and beyond for faculty, students, and parents. She was extremely innovative and possessed many talents which enriched the educational culture of our school. She effectively assisted the lead teacher in her classroom for over 30 years. Ms. Williams helpful nature was always on display as she coordinated numerous school events. The Myers family will miss her kind nature. Enjoy retirement.

**Kimberly Williams
Teacher
Savannah Arts Academy**

Ms. Williams was a dedicated educator who has always been an advocate for students and staff. Ms. Williams always went above and beyond the call of duty for her students. Mrs. Williams says, " I came to work...taught my students...and helped my fellow teachers." The Savannah Arts Academy family will miss her dedication to our school.

**Jerry Williams
SNP Assistant
Southwest Middle**

Mr. Williams has been an integral part of the School Nutrition Program. His passion for serving meals showed in his interaction with each student. Mr. Williams ensured all meals were nutritionally sound and appealing. Congratulations on your retirement.

**Jacquelyn Williams
Custodial Worker
School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High**

Ms. Williams has ensured that the school was immaculate and orderly. She was a dedicated team player with a pleasant demeanor. She will be greatly missed.

**Carliss Youmans
SNP Lead Assistant
Mercer Middle**

Carliss Youmans leadership was pivotal to the success of our school cafeteria. Ms. Youmans colleagues appreciated her ability to step in and assist wherever necessary. Ms. Youmans was a Lead Assistant who stood above the rest and will be truly missed by the Mercer and Groves Team.