



# 2021 ACADEMIES OF NASHVILLE CELEBRATION

## ACADEMY STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

**Wendy Martinez**  
Antioch High School

**Noah Hurt**  
Maplewood High School

**Keilah Woods**  
Cane Ridge High School

**Kyle Goforth**  
McGavock High School

**Angie Sanchez**  
Glenclyff High School

**Do Mung**  
Overton High School

**Paa Mensah**  
Hillsboro High School

**Ameria Johnson**  
Pearl-Cohn High School

**Oliver Orellana**  
Hillwood High School

**Cristareli Berber Vazquez**  
Stratford High School

**Kimberly Amaya Hernandez**  
Hunters Lane High School

**Tahill Sage**  
Whites Creek High School

# ACADEMY PARTNERS OF THE YEAR

## **Deloitte**

Partner at Antioch High School

## **Bill Stetar, Wingert Group**

Partner at Cane Ridge High School

## **Sherrie & Charlie Funk, Just Cruisin' Plus**

Partner at Glenciff High School

## **Jennifer Brantley of McNeely, Pigott & Fox**

Partner at Hillsboro High School

## **Ellen O'Neal, HCA Healthcare**

Partner at Hillwood High School

## **Leslie Davis, Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation**

Partner at Hunters Lane High School

## **Shayla Holt, GEODIS**

Partner at Maplewood High School

## **Nashville State Community College**

Partner at McGavock High School

## **Julie Berbiglia, Metro Water Services**

Partner at Overton High School

## **Dr. Cynthia Waller, Nashville State Community College**

Partner at Pearl-Cohn High School

## **Shelby Stone, Martha O'Bryan Center**

Partner at Stratford High School

## **Sergeant Gabriel Reynolds, National Guard Partner**

Whites Creek High School

# Academy Innovators of the Year

**Mr. Jerry Gardener**

Antioch High School

**Ms. Denise King**

Cane Ridge High School

**Mr. Terry Watkins**

Glenclyff High School

**Ms. Susan Strasinger**

Hillsboro High School

**Mr. Marc Taylor**

Hillwood High School

**Ms. April Snodgrass**

Hunters Lane High School

**Ms. Stephanie Baker**

Maplewood High School

**Dr. Nadia Saint-Louis**

McGavock High School

**Ms. Sally Spear**

Overton High School

**Ms. Brittany Edmondson**

Pearl-Cohn High School

**Ms. Savannah Price**

Stratford High School

**Ms. Jacquelyn Veith**

Whites Creek High School

# **Mobilizing to Meet Student Need Awards**

## **Family Resource Center Director Ms. Shannon Fitzpatrick**

Nominated by Antioch High School

*"Our FRC director went above and beyond during the pandemic with coordination of food drives. She physically took boxes to families despite an epidemic. She commits to serving our families seven days a week!"*

## **School Social Workers Leslie Major and Yasmin Johnson**

Nominated by Cane Ridge High School

*"In the past year, as our students and community dealt with the tornado, pandemic, flooding in addition to house fires and death of family members and friends, Mrs. Majors and Mrs. Johnson have been reaching out to families and meeting their needs. From home visits and wellness checks to providing food and clothes and sometimes finding shelter, these ladies did all that was possible to meet the need of our Cane Ridge students and families."*

## **Family Resource Center Coordinator Bailey Tidwell**

Nominated by Glencliff High School

*"Over the course of this year, Bailey has helped support hundreds of families through food, diaper, cleaning and hygiene product give aways! She has been an active member of the Glencliff family and has helped so many throughout this year! She deserves this award for all of her hard work over the course of this year and every day during this pandemic she has helped our families."*

## **The Career Marketing Team with McNeely, Pigott, & Fox**

Nominated by Hillsboro High School

*"We highly recommend McNeely, Pigott and Fox for the Mobilizing to Meet Student Needs Award for their contribution to collaborative virtual teaming which lead to a successful creation of the HHS/MPF Career Marketing YouTube channel. MPF embraced the challenge of the pandemic to provide students with real-world examples of how a nation-wide shut down of schools and businesses could transition from a typical in-person work environment to virtual environment to meet the challenging times of the pandemic. The leadership, strong support and commitment of MPF, enabled not just students but also teachers to provide Hillsboro Marketing students with the real-life opportunity to forge into unventured territory of new online curriculum."*

## **Loveless Café & Academy Principal Celia Jolly**

Nominated by Hillwood High School

*"Loveless parted with our community food program to deliver food boxes to local apartment complexes after hearing families could not get to Hillwood. Loveless provided a van and at least one employee to assist Ms. Jolly and the school team. What started as a 1-2 time project turned in to an ongoing partnership that is still taking place over a year later. Several other staff members contributed to this project and I can provide more info as needed. We deliver 50+ boxes per week to families from multiple West Nashville schools."*

## **School Social Worker Ashlea Dull**

Nominated by Hunters Lane High School

*"Ms. Dull, our on-site Social Worker, has had her hands absolutely full this past year and a half. In that time she has single handedly taken on the distribution of school EBT cards, housing and clothing needs and organized the distribution of food resources for students in need. This year, with the tornado and the global pandemic, her presence and hard work is even more needed and she has stepped up to the plate. She deserves the recognition for all of her hard work."*

## **Nekesha Burnette and the Freshman Academy Team**

Nominated by Maplewood High School

*"Nekesha Burnette and her Freshman Academy team went ALL-OUT in serving their freshman students. While being fully virtual, then transitioning to virtual and in-person, she along with her team decided to create door-knockers (door knob hangers) that consisted of information that would be of assistance to students and parents during the pandemic. These resources included the following: any and all tech assistance, family resource center needs, social and emotional needs, attendance reminder and much more! With this information, she along with her team made consistent home visits to students and families to ensure they were fairing well. Although these educators have a ton on their plate, they still found time to go to families' homes and build community. Talk about going over and beyond!"*

## **Sergeant Raymond Gonzalez, Tennessee Army National Guard**

Nominated by McGavock High School

*"SGT Gonzalez came to me a year ago wanting to serve at the school as most partners do. Unlike any other partner, however, SGT G did not stop asking how he could help. He has donated countless supplies, spent many hours with teachers and students, as well as supports many of the events we have had--in-person and virtual. Our teachers request his presence in their classrooms and the students are so comfortable with him. Most times recruiters only care about one thing and that is the bottom line. I can gladly say that SGT G is an anomaly as he really cares about our students and school community. He is direct, fun, realistic, and very experienced. He was a new partner this year but stepped up and showed out with the engagement. We are so grateful to have him as a partner."*

## **The Overton Library Team - Lori Bervoets, Jennifer Sharp, and Rachel Davis**

Nominated by Overton High School

*"With over 2,000 students and 150 staff, Overton had a ton of work to do and the Library team orchestrated seamless plans to distribute, upgrade, trouble shoot, replace, image, and inventory devices for everyone. They had to answer to multiple constituencies this year as "experts on demand" and be on call, winter, spring, summer, and fall. This team did not wait for MNPS to create plans for managing the fire hose of help requests. They created an in-house help que so kids didn't have to come to wait in line for help. If a student needed a new laptop, they imaged it and delivered it to the student's classroom so no instructional time was lost. During busy times, they were averaging 9 miles of walking at work! They delivered laptops to countless houses, did house calls to trouble shoot issues, and maintained constant communication with families about using technology. I think they are the unsung heroes of school during the pandemic."*

## **Rashed Fakhruddin and Nashville Electric Service**

Nominated by Pearl-Cohn High School

*"Rashed has invested time, resources, and opportunities for our Pearl Cohn students. over the course of several freshman academy advisory board meetings and one on one planning meetings, Rashed responded to our needs with an initiative to put leaders of diverse backgrounds in front of students so that they could see what they could see what they could be. The result was an unprecedented response to show up and invest in our students. Member of the panel not only offered profound advice, they donated generous monetary amounts to several of our extracurricular programs."*

## **School Campus Supervisors Daniel Williams and Sonja Crews**

Nominated by Stratford High School

*"Ms. Crews and Mr. Williams played a huge role in supplying our students with laptops as well as passing out meals to student families. In our return to in-person learning, they support the students by assisting with laptop issues, encouragement in their studies, assisting with maintaining safety protocols and building security. They have played a vital role in keeping Stratford students engaged and connected to our school family."*

## **Sergeant Gabriel Reynolds, National Guard**

Nominated by Whites Creek High School

*"Mr. Parker has assisted my students many times in this virtual setting with complicated math and engineering related topics. He always is happy to help and works well with students even in this challenging virtual environment."*

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HONOREES!**

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