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## Bonaire Middle School Principal Receives State Award from the Georgia Library Media Association



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Mrs. Alyson Keenom, Principal of Bonaire Middle School, recently received the Distinguished School Administrator Award from the Georgia Library Media Association (GLMA). This award is presented annually to a school administrator who has made worthy contributions to the operations of effective school library services and to advancing the role of the school library services in the educational program.

"I nominated Mrs. Keenom because she truly meets all of the requirements of this award. She sees the media center as the heart of the school and works to encourage literacy

and reading throughout our school across all subjects," said Tara Craig, Media Specialist at Bonaire Middle School. "Mrs. Keenom supports me in my efforts to grow our book selection as well as promote creativity in our media center."

Keenom has been the principal of Bonaire Middle School since 2019. She is a product of the Houston County School District and began her teaching career in 2004 as a teacher at Houston County High School. After nine years of teaching in the classroom, she was named as the Assistant Principal for Instruction at Houston County High.

Keenom said, "I am humbled to be selected for this award on behalf of Bonaire Middle School and the Houston County School District. The staff at Bonaire Middle, our media specialist, and Central Office personnel are all instrumental in being advocates of our school library. Ms. Craig has created an environment where students grow as enthusiastic readers and engage in learning activities such as research skills, Makerspace, book fairs, digital learning lessons, and the BMS media news, which promotes our mission of excellence in academics."

Bonaire Middle School is located at 125 Highway 96 East in Bonaire. For more information about the school, visit <u>https://bms.hcbe.net/</u>.

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