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Houston County Teacher Selected as the Georgia Pre-K Teacher of the Year

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) has named Stephanie Curington from Kings Chapel Elementary School as Georgia’s public school Pre-K Teacher of the Year.

As Pre-K Teacher of the Year, Curington received money to cover a classroom makeover and travel costs, as well as a cash prize for herself. She will serve as an ambassador for Georgia’s Pre-K Program through public speaking, representing the program at various meetings, and modeling effective classroom practices.

Curington was selected from six semi-finalists who each received a classroom observation by a DECAL Pre-K Specialist. Each finalist submitted a small group video scored by outside judges, had a classroom observation, and faced a panel for an in-office personal interview.



“Since the beginning of Georgia’s Pre-K Program almost 30 years ago, more than 1.6 million children have entered kindergarten better prepared to succeed in school,” said DECAL Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs. “That preparation has been possible only because of dedicated Pre-K professionals who work with their students every day. Honoring exemplary Pre-K teachers by recognizing Pre-K Teachers of the Year is one way to thank them for their hard work.”

Kings Chapel Elementary School is located at 460 Arena Road in Perry; Will Ray serves as principal. For more information about the school visit <https://kces.hcbe.net>.

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