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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MARBURY TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Montgomery, Ala. — A group of K-12 educators, administrators and support personnel are among the winners of the 2016 Marbury Technology Innovation Award.

The award, sponsored by the Alabama State Department of Education, honors Chiquita Marbury’s invaluable years of service as a technology innovator in Alabama by recognizing educators who are exemplary models of technology teachers and leaders.

Transforming learning one child at a time was Marbury’s daily pursuit. After 13 years, this passion is continued through the Marbury Technology Award program. The winners who reflect the Marbury standard of excellence are:

Superintendent
- Randy Wilkes, Phenix City School System

Technology Coordinator
- Donna Williamson, Mountain Brook City School System

Central Office Administrator/Leader
- Nira Dale, Florence City School System

School Administrator
- Chris Hayes, Walter Wellborn High School, Calhoun County School System

Elementary Teacher
- Laura Knighton, White Plains Elementary School, Calhoun County School System

Middle School Teacher
- Morgen Perez, Central School, Madison County School System

High School Teacher
- Richard Head, Handley High School, Roanoke City School System

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Nominees were judged based upon the following five criteria: Innovation and Creativity, Impact on Teaching and Learning, Leadership, Teamwork, and Scholarship. The awards panel rated teacher attribute scores for the highest level of excellence in each criteria.

Each of the award winners will receive a trophy of recognition at the 2016 Alabama Educational Technology Conference (AETC) at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) from June 7-9, 2016. The awards ceremony will take place during the Opening Session at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

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