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ALABAMA TEACHERS RECOGNIZED FOR ENHANCING
STUDENT LEARNING IN MATH AND SCIENCE
“Innovative and Highly Skilled Alabama Teachers Named Presidential Finalists”

Montgomery, Ala. – Five Alabama teachers are finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) – the nation’s highest honor for K-12 mathematics and science teachers.

These awards recognize top educators for their contributions to the classroom and the teaching profession. This year’s awards are honoring secondary (Grades 7-12) school teachers.

Alabama’s Presidential Finalists are:

Mathematics Finalists
- Dennis Butler, Central (Florence) High School, Lauderdale County School System
- Jessye Gaines, Bob Jones High School, Madison City School System
- Stephanie Steward, Spring Garden High School, Cherokee County School System

Science Finalists
- Pamela Harman, Spain Park High School, Hoover City School System
- Bryan Rosenstiel, Mountain Brook High School, Mountain Brook City School System

Alabama’s Presidential Finalists will be recognized later this fall by the Alabama State Board of Education. In addition, they will also be honored during a special awards luncheon, where each finalist will receive the National Science Foundation (NSF) Certificate of Honor in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The awards luncheon is being sponsored by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), the NSF, the Association of State Supervisors of Mathematics, the Council of State Science Supervisors, and the White House Office of Science and Technology.

Enacted by Congress in 1983 and administered by the NSF on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the PAEMST program identifies eligible K-12 teachers who exemplify the highest standards of mathematics and science teaching.

Since 1983, more than 4,300 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to mathematics and science education.

To learn more about the awards program, visit www.paemst.org, or contact Dr. Carolyn A. Jones, ALSDE Office of Student Learning, Instructional Services, at 334-694-4768 or cajones@alsde.edu.

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