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Teachers Recognized for Contribution to Gifted Program



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Twelve teachers of gifted and Advanced Placement students were honored in September as recipients of the Houston County Education Assistance Fund. Each was presented \$500 and a certificate by the Houston County Gifted Department on behalf of the Manoj H. Shah family.

The Shah family initiated this gift several years ago at Warner Robins High and extended it to all high schools in 2006. “Dr. Shah is a tremendous supporter of education in general and of gifted education specifically,” commented Jan Jacobsen, Director of Gifted Education and AP Coordinator. “He feels his children greatly benefited from the higher level classes that they took while students at Warner Robins High. This award is his way of supporting our school system’s gifted program and dedicated teachers.”

The certificate contains a quote by Shah: “The advanced placement and honors programs at high school offer motivated students unique opportunities to further their education. These programs have been extremely successful over the years and have produced a countless number of outstanding students. From the sciences to the humanities, dedicated teachers have been paramount in the success of these advanced classes. To further promote and facilitate the opportunities that advanced classes offer students, we wish to provide additional funds to these classes on an annual basis. We hope to enhance classroom opportunities and support dedicated educators by providing funds.”



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The following teachers were recognized in 2009:

School	Teacher	Subject Area
Houston County High	Mike Davis	AP Psychology
Houston County High	David Shepherd	AP US History
Houston County High	Margaret Molyson (pictured)	AP Biology
Northside High	Paul Guilbeau	AP Music Theory
Northside High	Nelda Lawrence	AP US History
Northside High	Patricia Ogletree	AP Calculus
Perry High	Courtney Herbert (pictured)	AP World, AP European
Perry High	Megan Cook	AP Language
Perry High	Tammy Conner	BiologyStudio Art
Warner Robins High	Pam Stanescu	Humanities and AP Psychology
Warner Robins High	Polly Sheehan	AP Studio Art
Warner Robins High	Amanda Bone	AP Psychology

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Note: Pictured are Margaret Molyson, Houston County High (top left) and Courtney Herbert, Perry High (lower right) with Superintendent David Carpenter and Jan Jacobsen.