Examples of Excellence Phil Pickens Leadership Award Nominee





Ann Cross Gordon County

Accolades of Leadership

- Recipient of 2010 TEAM Gordon Award, 2011 Gordon County Leadership Award, and 2012 Outstanding Leader of the Year
- Five years as GCASE representative and Communication Committee Co-Chair for two years
- Keynote Speaker at GADOE Leadership Conference

Support PM involvement in CLIP

- Worked with Parent Mentor to start the Each One– Reached One program to lower dropout rate to 5%
- Assigned Parent Mentor to leadership team, LIPT, and special projects with Title I, co-trains with Parent Mentor

Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP

- One of first systems to join the GaPMP and have employed the same Parent Mentor for 11 years
- Presented at Parent Mentor Conference in 2010
- Serves as Advisor to GaPMP Leadership Council



Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership

Building Home/School/Community Partnerships

- Brought Special Olympics to area
- Began Hope Garden, a national award-winning outdoor classroom for students with emotional behavioral disorders
- Built relationships to encourage students to graduate and have successful careers, parents to earn GED, learn behavior management and home-learning strategies and change dropout culture to culture of possibilities

Modeling Collaboration and Partnership

- Member of GADOE Continuous Improvement Team and presented at state, regional, and local events
- Started Credit Recovery summer program, the Caring Adult in the Building Program, and Each One-Reached One
- Roadmap to Success parent training program participant
- Led ITC to reestablish challenged sports league with Shaw Industries and local recreation department

