



COLQUITT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

On Tuesday, October 24, 2023, C.A. Gray Junior High School 9th-grade English/Language Arts teacher Felicia Y. Richardson was named Colquitt County School District's Teacher of the Year.



Thanks to our generous sponsors, each site nominee received \$200 in TOTY Bucks and each finalist (Pictured left to right: Jon Scroggins - W.J. Williams, Felicia Y. Richardson - C.A. Gray, and Lindsay Martin - R.B. Wright received an additional \$500 in TOTY Bucks.

Mrs. Richardson, as the District Teacher of the Year, received the grand prize of \$4,500, bringing her total cash winnings to \$5,200, in addition to gifts from sponsors and local businesses.

Mrs. Richardson will compete at the state level. The state winner will be announced in the spring.

UPCOMING ACCREDITATION

Over the next year, the Colquitt County School District will embark on renewing its accreditation credential with COGNIA (formerly known as AdvancED, SACS, and CASI). COGNIA has updated the performance standards by which they support a school system's improvement over time through a peer review process.



The standards are categorized by four **Quality Characteristics**. They include:

- **CULTURE OF LEARNING:** the institution's focus on the challenges, joys, and opportunities for learning and the coherence with its mission and vision
- **LEADERSHIP FOR LEARNING:** the responsibility of an institution's leaders to influence and impact all aspects of the institution in positive ways
- **ENGAGEMENT OF LEARNING:** the inclusion of all learners in the learning process and their development of confidence and love of learning
- **GROWTH IN LEARNING:** the growth of learners in the programs and curricula provided by the institution and their readiness to successfully transition to next levels of learning

For more information on [COGNIA's accreditation standards](#), click the link.

Thank you for being... PACKED with LOVE!



CCHS Custodial Staff

The Colquitt County High School custodial staff are #PACKEDwithLove! Keeping a high school as large as CCHS, with almost 3000 people in and out, clean daily is a BIG job. This hardworking group is at school before the day begins, and they are there after it ends. They walk miles a day, up and down stairs and across the campus, cleaning up areas behind students, staff, and visitors. They are committed to serving with a smile! Help us thank this hardworking group of behind-the-scenes heroes!

FALL BACK



Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 5, 2023. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

PACKED With Love E-cards

Additional cards have been added to the PACKED With Love website. Send someone a [PACKED With Love E-card](#) today!



OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS NOVEMBER 3RD



Enroll by phone or online. For assistance call the Benefits Service Center: 844-635-0709 or access the [Open Enrollment Information link here](#).



[Click here to share a PACKER POINT OF PRIDE!](#)

FUNDRAISERS

If your student organization, school, athletic program, or district affiliate club is doing a fundraiser of any kind coming up, don't forget to let us know so we can share it on the [Fundraiser Page](#). Email the information to communicationsoffice@colquitt.k12.ga.us



If you know of a business that offers a perk to school district employees, feel free to share via email with communicationoffice@colquitt.k12.ga.us. Current Packer Perks are listed [here](#).



Welcome New Administrators



Christy Dwyer, Assistant Director of Student Information Systems and Instructional Technology



Megan Taylor, Employee Relations Coordinator

[Click here for press release.](#)

GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL SURVEY



The survey window opened on Monday, October 2, 2023, and will remain open through Friday, March 1, 2024. Results will contribute to the 2024-2025 School Climate Score. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) are confidential support services offered to employees and their household family members. Individuals are entitled to up to three (3) FREE counseling sessions per person annually. Click the link for more information: [Employee Assistance Programs \(EAP\)](#).

