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National STEM Academy at the Museum of Aviation Recognizes 2019 Georgia STEM Teachers of the Year

Warner Robins, GA – The Museum of Aviation’s National STEM Academy congratulates Ms. Tamiaka Grizzle of Harmony Leland Elementary School in Cobb County; Ms. Valery Dinkins, Ms. Susan Thigpen, Ms. Charmane Joiner, Ms. Debra Green; Ms. Elizabeth Lee and Ms. Heather Graves of Martinez Elementary School in Columbia County; and Ms. Maegan Rutherford of Haralson County Middle School in Haralson County for being selected as the 2019 STEM Teachers of the Year! Each Georgia STEM Teacher of the Year was presented with a cash award of \$1,000 each during the 9th Annual Georgia NASA STEM Conference for Educators.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Teacher of the Year Award Competition has been held for the past seven years by the National STEM Academy, thanks to generous sponsorships. It is open to elementary, middle, and high school teachers that exemplify STEM efforts in a Georgia classroom. Some teachers work together in teams and have the option to apply together. Winning teams split the \$1000 prize. The deadline for nominations was in June.

“We recognize how important it is for students to participate in STEM. Teachers are making a difference in the future of Georgia’s workforce,” said Melissa Spalding, Museum of Aviation Director of Education. “The Museum of Aviation is proud to support teachers with training opportunities, resources, and this STEM award competition.”

On Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 12:15 p.m., during the GA NASA STEM Conference, the teachers received their awards. The awards ceremony was held in the Century of Flight Hangar at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA.

More than 30,000 students and teachers took part in National STEM Academy education programs and classes last year. For more information on the STEM Teacher of the Year

Awards and the GA NASA STEM Conference for Educators, please visit
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