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**L. Faye Marsh and Joseph Brown Memorial Teacher Recognition Program
Celebrates Educators Making a Difference
*The new program welcomes 10 educators to inaugural 2020 class***

COLUMBUS, Ga. (December 7, 2020) -The L. Faye Marsh and Joseph Brown Memorial Teacher Recognition Program is proud to welcome 10 outstanding educators to its inaugural 2020 class.

L. Faye Marsh and Joseph Brown were lifelong educators who positively impacted the lives of others and were pillars of the community. The memorial recognition program keeps their spirit alive and recognizes teachers age 40 and under who embody similar qualities and have a passion for teaching beyond the classroom.

"This year has shown us what good teachers truly mean to society. Teachers deserve respect, celebration, and elevation," said Jatisha Marsh, L. Faye Marsh and Joseph Brown Teacher Recognition Program Founder. "We are proud to welcome the inaugural class and look forward to their future contributions to the field of education."

The 2020 honorees include:

- Demetria "Demi" Bannister (posthumously)
Windsor Elementary School
Columbia, S.C.
- Brian M. Byrant
Stone Mountain Elementary School
Stone Mountain, Ga.
- Janni Buggs
Lenora P. Miles Elementary School
Atlanta, Ga.
- Leah Coleman
FAMU DRS
Tallahassee, Fla.

- Anna Dunn
DeKalb School of the Arts
Avondale Estates, Ga.

- Kyndria Lofton
Hickory Flat Elementary School
McDonough, Ga.

- Alfred Miller, Jr.
Kelley Lake Elementary
Decatur, Ga.

- Joy-Nicole Smith
Spangdahlem Middle School
Spangdahlem, Germany

- Ebony Thornton
Grayson High School
Loganville, Ga.

- Amirah Williams
KIPP Ways Academy
Atlanta, Ga.

Award recipients will receive an award and gift card along with access to professional development and gain entry into the L. Faye Marsh and Joseph Brown Memorial Under 40 Alumni Group for future networking opportunities.

Founded in 2020, the L. Faye Marsh and Joseph Brown Memorial Teacher Recognition Program aims to recognize teachers 40 and under who have made outstanding contributions to their schools' and community. For more information on the L. Faye Marsh and Joseph Brown Memorial Teacher Recognition Program, visit www.teacherrecognitionprogram.com.

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