



# Barnwell School District 45

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## **BSD45 Announces the District's Newest Teachers of the Year**

Barnwell, S.C. {April 28, 2022} – The BSD45 Teacher of the Year Program seeks to honor the excellent teachers in our classrooms and is designed to recognize those who are representative of the many wonderful and deserving teachers throughout the school district. Each school annually identifies, recognizes, and celebrates an exceptional teacher and his or her effective work in and outside the classroom. In April, the Teachers of the Year are announced at each school, and those candidates begin the next step in the process for determining the District Teacher of the Year, which will be announced in June.

As part of the Teacher of the Year Program, these four teachers will now complete an essay application and meet with a team of internal and external stakeholders to share their thoughts about education and express what makes teaching important to them. The team will utilize the essays and the interviews to determine who will represent Barnwell School District 45 in the statewide Teacher of the Year Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Human Resources Coordinator Kin Hair, who oversees the Barnwell School District 45 Teacher of the Year Program, recently shared, "This is an amazing group of educators, and they serve as outstanding representatives of their respective schools. It is an honor to be selected by colleagues as an educator who embodies the values and spirit of BSD45, and we as a district are honored to have them representing our staff members. Congratulations to each of them!"

Barnwell School District 45 is proud to announce the district's newest Teachers of the Year. Congratulations to the following honorees:

**Barnwell Primary School's Deanna Grubbs**



*Pictured is Ms. Deanna Grubbs, 2022-2023 BPS Teacher of the Year.*

**Barnwell Elementary School's Jennifer Bodiford**



*Pictured are Ms. Kay Gooding (left), BES Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Bodiford (center), 2022-2023 BES Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Jenny Raines (right), 2021-2022 BSD45 Teacher of the Year.*

**Guinyard-Butler Middle School's Elizabeth Thomas**



*Pictured are Mrs. Denise James (right), GBMS Interim Principal, and Ms. Elizabeth Thomas (left), 2022-2023 GBMS Teacher of the Year.*

**Barnwell High School's Jeffrey "Todd" Teems**



*Pictured are Mr. Franklin McCormack(left), BHS Principal, and Mr. Todd Teems(right), 2022-2023 BHS Teacher of the Year.*