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## MeckEd Teachers of Excellence Awards & Dinner

Rashaan Peek [rpeek@mecked.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 11:43 AM**To:** [Steve Johnston](#)

Steve,

Did you know the national average of teachers pursuing education degrees has gone down by 30% in recent years? In North Carolina alone, we continually experience a shortage of qualified teachers for our children in many of the most vulnerable communities. The awards program is designed to encourage and inspire teachers while letting them know the community stands behind them.

### This year's honorees:

Ashleigh Bell, JM Alexander Middle  
Taji Brown, Billingsville Elementary  
Ashley Burk, Windsor Park Elementary  
Robert Carrington, William Hough High  
LaTonya Close, McClintock Middle  
Diane Colson, Carmel Middle  
Kyle Czarcinski, Charlotte Engineering Early College  
Tyler Erb, Community House Middle  
Anna Gordon, Quail Hollow Middle  
Shatisha Hibbler, Bailey Middle  
Naomi ImOberstag, Oakhurst STEAM Academy  
Patricia Jefferson, Kennedy Middle  
Sarah Keit, Smithfield Elementary  
Dionne Long, Mallard Creek Elementary  
Nichole Martin Smith, Hopewell High  
Emily Warnke, Winget Park Elementary  
Toye Watson, Martin Luther King Jr. Middle  
Ashley Wise, Piney Grove Elementary  
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**5:30 pm Reception | 6:30 pm Dinner & Awards**

**Hilton Charlotte Center City**

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Please visit our website to purchase individual tickets or make a donation towards teacher gifts. We have a few table sponsorships remaining, contact me at [\(704\) 335-0100 x 222](tel:7043350100x222) to discuss this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Rashaan Peek

Sr. Manager, Assistant to the President

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**Rashaan Peek**

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