

Reasons to Celebrate



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Summer Newsletter

2021 Teachers of Excellence

"On behalf of Equitable, we want to thank everyone who attended the Teachers of Excellence program in recognition for 10 of our most outstanding Educators in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Our team at Equitable thank you for your continued commitment and service to our students and wish you all the best as we approach the upcoming school year. If we can be of assistance in or out of the classroom, don't hesitate to reach out to me or my team". Matt Foxhall, Executive Vice President, Equitable.

On May 25th, MeckEd, along with members of the community, honored ten CMS teachers at the 2021 Teachers of Excellence Awards presented by Equitable.

The evening started with a virtual cocktail class, hosted by [Liberate Your Palate](#) and dinner for two delivered to each teacher's door. DJ OP got guests fired up with music to kick off the hour long virtual program. Winners were selected based on the compassion, innovation, and dedication each demonstrated during an extremely difficult school year. We are so grateful for each of you!

2021 Honorees

Kristen Bogeajis- Metro School
Taylor Conner- West Charlotte High School

Maria DeFazio- Idlewild Elementary
Jiadira Choque-Fernandez- Northridge Middle School
Vikki Harmon- Julius Chambers High School
Shante LaSanta- Crestdale Middle School
Christopher Muellenbach - Davidson K-8
Robin Smith- Smithfield Elementary
Ryan Skellie- Hopewell High School
Jasmine Walters - Mallard Creek High School

We are so grateful to our sponsors including Equitable, Bank of America, and Turner Construction who made the evening possible. Additionally, each teacher received a "Summer Celebration Kit" filled with donations from Ace Hardware - Cornelius, Canvas Paint and Sip, Ella B. Candles, Publix, Sarah Moore Cookies, and Summit Coffee. JNA Signs and Graphics donated custom awards for each teacher. Thank you all for your support!



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Charlotte NEXT

MeckEd is thrilled to announce we have received a 21st Century Summer Learning Mini-Grant to provide free extended learning opportunities this summer to 127 middle school students.

MeckEd has partnered with Digi-Bridge, Dottie Rose Foundation, and Firm Foundations to provide programming for students attending Albemarle, Ashley Park, Druid Hills, Martin Luther King Jr., Northridge, Ranson, and Walter G. Byers Middle Schools. Students will receive four to eight weeks of programming through this grant.



The Dottie Rose Foundation

Career Pathways

This past program year was unlike any before. Through all the obstacles, our Career Pathways participants continued to work towards their goals. As school went remote, so did the career and college readiness experiences traditionally offered through Career Pathways.

Our 3,000 sq ft office turned into a learning lab with internet, technology, and two meals a day. Over 150 work-based learning opportunities and nearly 70 internships were completed. Advisors visited participants at home, were able to connect students with mental health care, and in some cases, provide for basic needs such as food, rent, and transportation.

The program year ended with an annual graduation party on June 17th to honor our seniors. Guests and their families enjoyed a day filled with food, dancing, and fun to recognize their hard work during a challenging year. We are so proud of these graduates and know they will continue to accomplish great things in life. MeckEd will be

here to support them through any obstacle. To learn more about Career Pathways and how you can help, [follow this link](#).



Our Mission

To ensure that ALL students in Mecklenburg County have access to the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to lead productive, successful lives.

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