

# #Built4Bibb Blast

*The Bibb County School District Newsletter*



BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**EMPOWERED TO LEARN, LEAD, INNOVATE AND SERVE**

November 6, 2023

**BCSD Celebrates Historic Graduation Rate!**



**87.07%**

**CLASS OF 2023**  
**DISTRICT GRADUATION RATE**



**6 POINTS**  
**FROM 2022**

The Georgia Department of Education officially released graduation rates for the Class of 2023, and there is a LOT to celebrate! The overall District graduation rate of 87.07% beat the state average, and all seven of our high schools saw improvement over their 2022 rates! The District's overall graduation rate has increased about 35 percentage points in the past decade, up from an overall District graduation rate of 52.3% in 2012. A standout for the District is Central High School, earning the District's highest ever graduation rate of 96.41% for the Class of 2023.

Here are each high schools graduation rates!

Central – 96.41%

Howard – 87.5%

Northeast – 88.62%

Rutland – 85.5%

Southwest – 80.46%

Westside – 84.52%

VIP – 88.5%

Bibb Graduation Rate at 87% for Class of 2023



## District Hosts Teacher of the Year Celebration

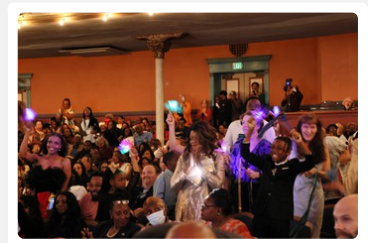


The Bibb County School District celebrated its Teachers of the Year on Monday, October 30, at the Grand Opera House! [Click here to view an album of photos from the event.](#)

[Click here to watch the ceremony!](#) (Filmed by W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy)

Thank you to the following partners for supporting Bibb County Teachers of the Year for 2023-2024!

MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union  
The Griffith Foundation  
W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy's Compass Rose Café  
Bibb Retired Educators Association  
Raffield Tire Master  
Bibb Mount Zion Baptist Church  
Robins Federal Credit Union  
Kelly Education  
Dozier Law Firm, LLC  
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Middle GA RESA  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
Optimist Club of Macon  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Galloway & Associates, Inc.  
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ICB International City Builders  
Appling Brothers  
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Kelvin Epps Painting  
SP Design Group  
Speir & Associates Electrical Contractors, Inc.  
Hamlin Air Conditioning  
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Andrews, Hammock & Powell, Inc.  
K12 Teacher's Alliance, Thomas University  
Rutherford Trophies, Inc.  
Texas Roadhouse  
Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Holy Pie  
Macon Magazine



2024 Bibb County Teacher of The Year



## Take Advantage of Waivers During Apply to College Month



November is Georgia Apply to College Month! The goal of Georgia Apply to College is to provide all Georgia high school seniors with the opportunity to apply to college with a focus on providing

assistance to first generation and underrepresented students as they navigate the college application process. As part of this, the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia provide application fee waivers for some Georgia colleges and universities! View the colleges waiving their application fees in November and take advantage of this opportunity this month:

<https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/apply-to-college-initiative/application-fee-waivers/>

## 2023-2024 Bibb REACH Scholars Named



Congratulations to the following students for being named 2023-2024 [REACH Georgia](#) scholars!

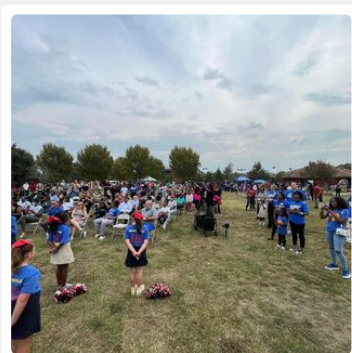
- Lamario Scott, [Appling Middle School](#)
- Khilee Mann-, [Howard Middle School](#)
- Cristian Perez, [H. G. Weaver Middle School](#)
- Annabelle Ellison, [Rutland Middle School - Macon, Ga](#)
- Savada Jones, [Ballard Hudson Middle School](#)
- Jabrea Williams, [Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School](#)

REACH Georgia is the state of Georgia's first needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program. The mission of the REACH Georgia Foundation is to be the most effective champions for Georgia's children in need and unlock the full potential of our future workforce.

## Parent Engagement Expanded through #Built4Bibb Student Success Expos in Each Feeder Zone



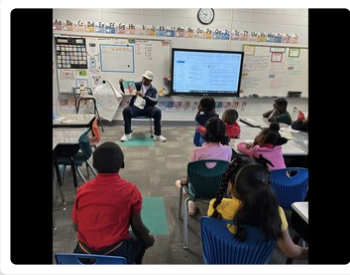
The Bibb County School District had an excellent turnout for the #Built4Bibb Student Success Expos. Thank you to all the parents, vendors, and support staff who made these expos a success!



## Partners Volunteer to Read for the Record



We are grateful for the community partners, parents and District employees who stopped by our schools to participate in [#ReadfortheRecord!](#) This year's book was *With Lots of Love*, written by Jenny Torres Sanchez.



## Bibb Students Visit Sister City of Kurobe, Japan





Sixteen Bibb students participated in a cultural exchange program with sister city Kurobe, Japan! They were able to visit Tokyo and tour historic sites. Thank you to partners for helping support their travels!  
[YKK - U.S.A - Macon, GA](#) [Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center](#) [Macon+Bibb County](#)  
[Communities In Schools of Central Georgia](#)



## Central High School Marching Band Participates in Annual McDonald's Magic City Classic



We are excited to share that [Central High School Marching Sugarbear Band Central High School](#) participated in the [McDonald's Magic City Classic presented by Coca-Cola](#) held in Birmingham, Alabama. The Magic City Classic is the largest historically black college and university (HBCU) football game in the country, per [magiccityclassic.com](#). [Alabama A&M University](#) and [Alabama State University](#) play in the game annually at Legion Field in Birmingham. The band's trip was sponsored by Providence Healthcare, with more than 100 band and auxiliary students attending from Central High. This was an excellent opportunity for students, especially those attending HBCUs and in pursuit of scholarships! Congratulations, Central!

## **Bibb Board of Education Achieves Exemplary Designation**



# 2023

## GEORGIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

# EXEMPLARY BOARD

Each year, the Georgia School Boards Association hosts a Board Recognition Program to honor the efforts of school boards across the state. Recently, the Bibb County Board of Education was notified that it received an Exemplary designation in this year's program.

"With this new status, it reinforces what we already know, that our local board is committed to being the best version of ourselves in service to our community," said Board President Dr. Juawn Jackson. To receive this distinction, a school board must exceed expectations in several areas of evaluation, including board training, fiscal responsibility, ethics and other requirements. For instance, to receive Exemplary status, each board member must exceed state training requirements by at least three hours.

[Watch the video here!](#)

## Hartley Elementary Educator Selected for My Teacher is Tops

Congratulations [Matilda Hartley Elementary School](#) teacher Alicia Lingo for being selected for 13WMAZ's My Teacher is Tops!



## 🔗 My Teacher is Tops:...

[www.13wmaz.com](http://www.13wmaz.com)

Ms. Alicia Lingo has been teaching science and social studies for nearly 10 years. She says her favorite part about teaching is being able to connect with students.

## Officer Receives Earl Evans Award



Congratulations Officer Angelo Bellamy, who is currently assigned to the Southwest High School Zone, for winning the Earl Evans Award. This award is given to one officer each year. Officer Earl Evans honorably served our department with distinction from 1995-2017 and even after his retirement, he continued to honorably serve as a Reserve Officer for our department working both athletics and in our Communications Division from 2017 until his untimely passing in April 2021. Officer Evans came to our department after serving in the military and was a retired United States Air Force Security Police Specialist. [Watch here for more!](#)

## Bibb FLEX Winner Celebrates Storefront Opening



[Bibb County School District VIP Academy](#) and [W. S. Hutchings College and Career Academy](#) graduate and FLEX student entrepreneur MyKayla Whitehead celebrated the ribbon-cutting of her new business location at 484 Mulberry Street! MyKayla earned second place in the Georgia Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneurship Experience (FLEX) Competition with her self-care business [Brittinique be unique](#) in April. MyKayla's business produces organic beauty products and candles.

## YouthBuild Applications Now Open



# YouthBuild

Building Brighter  
Futures Together

Bibb County School District  
YouthBuild Application



## Built for YouthBuild

- Young adults between the ages of 16 and 24
- Young people who lack a high school diploma and financial resources.
- Young people in greatest need of support
- Young people willing to work together to reclaim their education, gain job skills, and become leaders in their communities

Applications are now open for Bibb's YouthBuild Program! YouthBuild is a pre-apprenticeship construction program that serves as an opportunity for youth ages 16-24 to develop educational and occupational skills. If you would like to be candidate for this program, please complete this application: <https://rb.gy/ekrw7>

## ESOL Teachers Attend State Conference



Bibb County ESOL teachers recently attended the GATESOL conference! This conference helps to improve all programs that seek to provide students with the opportunity to acquire English language skills and proficiency.

## **Burdell-Hunt Elementary Students Learn Fire Safety**



Thank you, [Macon-Bibb County Fire Department](#), for visiting students at [Burdell-Hunt Elementary Magnet School](#)! Students got an up-close look at the fire truck, got their very own custom-made fire hats, and learned important fire safety tips.

## **Bibb County Celebrates 'Lights On Afterschool'**





BCSD celebrated Lights On Afterschool! Nationally, “Lights On Afterschool” is an annual reminder of the importance of afterschool programs. These programs provide opportunities for students to enrich their educational experience through STEM activities, community service, robotics and more.

“The Before and After School Department is committed to providing quality supplemental services to enhance student academic achievement, foster community stakeholder relationships, cultivate parental engagement opportunities, and to support the Bibb County School District’s 4ME Learner Outcomes,” said Dr. Tracey Muff, the District’s Director for Before and After School Programs. “To support their future pathway endeavors, our students will receive daily after-school support that will prepare them to be matched and enrolled, motivated to enlist, molded for entrepreneurship, and be meaningfully employed.”

## **Community Leaders Participate in Career Day at Bernd**



As part of [Bernd Elementary](#) and Leadership Academy's Red Ribbon Week, the school celebrated by hosting a Career Day! There were several guests who helped the students explore career choices!

## Springdale Students Get into Character for Parade



[Springdale Elementary School Macon, GA](#) held its annual Book Character Day Parade. This festive fall event celebrates literacy by allowing students - as well as faculty and staff - to dress up like characters from their favorite books!



## District Continues Celebrations of Hispanic Heritage Month



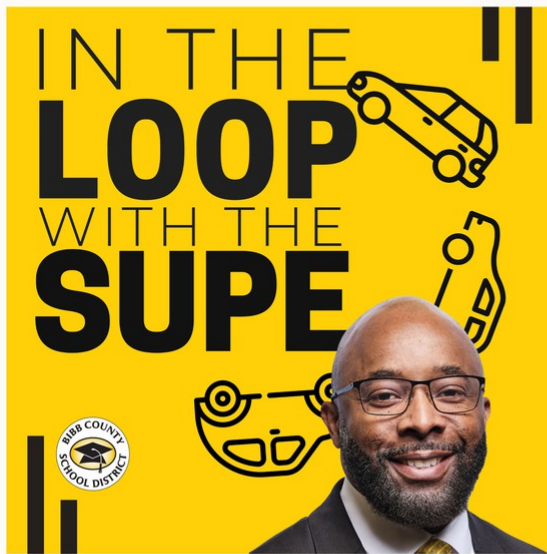
[Burdell-Hunt Elementary Magnet School](#) held its Hispanic Heritage Month Parade. This event brings the Eastside together, with [Northeast High School](#)'s band helping lead the way and the community providing lots of support!

## **Bruce Elementary Students Visit GA National Fair**



Thank you to the [100 Black Men of Macon-Middle Georgia](#) for sponsoring the September literacy incentive. Nine young men who have attended the A.I.R 100 reading program on Saturdays and 14 students who have the highest word count were eligible to celebrate at the [Georgia National Fairgrounds](#). Partnerships make a difference for [Macon+Bibb County](#) students!

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**SPOTIFY**



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