

Mississippi Educator Wins Literacy Teaching Award

Rankin County middle school teacher honored as role model

July 10, 2017 – Nick Thomas of Brandon Middle School won the Outstanding LDC Teacher Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The teacher in Mississippi's Rankin County School District was honored at SREB's Fifth Annual College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference July 10 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Outstanding LDC Teacher Award recognizes a teacher who has revolutionized his teaching approach through the Literacy Design Collaborative framework and worked with colleagues to do the same. Thomas worked diligently to incorporate LDC into his own class and served as an outstanding role model for other teachers.

Thomas is a fundamental part of teacher leadership in helping others in his team, his department and his school spread the implementation of LDC. He has presented professional development to his entire faculty and is always available and willing to answer questions his colleagues might have. Thomas has worked hard to help his entire team of seventh-grade social studies teachers collaborate to plan how to teach the modules in their shared course.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference brings together educators to learn and improve classroom strategies with the Literacy Design Collaborative and the Mathematics Design Collaborative frameworks. LDC and MDC have re-energized thousands of teachers by creating a collaborative environment that builds teacher confidence and student learning. SREB helps schools adopt these strategies through planning, training and coaching. The 2017 conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee on July 10-12.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org.

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