

North Pike Educator Wins Literacy Teaching Award

High school teacher honored as role model for utilizing powerful literacy practices to engage students

July 9, 2018 — Valerie Freeman of North Pike High School won the Outstanding Literacy Teacher Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The English language arts teacher in Mississippi's North Pike School District was honored at SREB's Sixth Annual College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference July 9 in Orlando, Florida.

The Outstanding Literacy Teacher Award recognizes a teacher who has revolutionized his or her teaching approach through utilizing SREB's powerful literacy practices. This teacher engages students in reading complex grade-level texts and presenting their understanding orally and in writing. Freeman works diligently to incorporate these powerful practices into her classroom and serves as an outstanding role model for other teachers to do the same, according to SREB literacy trainer Pam Purcell.

She collaborates with teachers to provide cross-curricular assignments and regularly distributes relevant articles and related literacy-based activities to teachers to promote increased reading opportunities in traditionally lecture-based classes.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference has energized thousands of teachers by creating a collaborative environment that builds teacher confidence and student learning through powerful literacy and math practices.

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