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Little Rock School District Teacher Named 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year

LITTLE ROCK — When Stacey McAdoo arrived at school this morning, she had no idea she would receive the surprise of a lifetime. During a special presentation, Gov. Asa Hutchinson and Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key recognized McAdoo as the 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

McAdoo, a 16-year educator, teaches communication and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) for grades nine through 12 at Little Rock Central High School in the Little Rock School District.

“Second to parents, teachers play the greatest role in shaping our students,” Hutchinson said. “Their ability to guide, teach and positively influence the next generation is one of the greatest responsibilities in any profession. What they do in the classroom can impact the future of our state for years to come. In Arkansas, we are blessed with an abundance of first-rate teachers, like the 2019 Teacher of the Year, Stacey McAdoo. Congratulations, Stacey. Arkansas’ future is even brighter because of your investment into the lives of our students.”

“From incorporating rap and slam poetry in the classroom to utilizing creative opportunities that foster parent, community and civic engagement, Ms. McAdoo serves as a model of excellence for all Arkansas teachers,” Key said. “She gently guides her students to think outside the box and challenge stereotypes. I both commend and congratulate Ms. McAdoo for the example she has set for her students, co-workers and parents.”

McAdoo has taught speech communication at Little Rock Central High School since 2002 and has taught both speech communication and AVID since 2007. Through AVID, McAdoo provides support to help students prepare for college. Because of her efforts, Little Rock Central High School has been named a Highly Certified AVID School since 2007.

A graduate of Hall High School in Little Rock, McAdoo has a Bachelor of Arts in Professional and Technical Writing from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. She is certified in several licensure areas.

Having received the Distinguished High School Mentor Award in 2017, McAdoo is the 2018 Little Rock Central High School Teacher of the Year, 2018 Little Rock School District Teacher of the Year and 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Regional Finalist. She is the founder and sponsor of the Writeous Poetry Club, co-sponsor of the Troubadour Club (drama and debate), and is an Arkansas

Communication and Theater Association presenter.

In August, McAdoo was named one of four 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year State Semi-Finalists and received a \$2,000 award sponsored by the Walton Family Foundation. The ATOY Selection Committee then conducted site visits for each of the state semi-finalists and selected McAdoo as the 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year. In addition to a paid, year-long sabbatical that will begin July 1, 2019, McAdoo received an additional \$14,000 award sponsored by the Walton Family Foundation.

To learn more about the Arkansas Teacher of the Year program, visit <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/teacher-of-the-year>.

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