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Local Educator Wins State Association's Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year Award

Amber House, Gray's Creek Middle School teacher, wins state title

Fayetteville, N.C. – Cumberland County Schools (CCS) Career and Technical Education (CTE) recently shared that Amber House, a CTE teacher at Gray's Creek Middle School (GCMS), has been selected as the North Carolina Association of Career and Technical Education's (NCACTE) 2022 Teacher of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year award is one of the NCACTE's five main awards and recognizes teachers who are providing outstanding CTE programs for youth and/or adults in their respective fields and communities. According to the NCACTE website, recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs that are serving to improve and promote career and technical education.

House teaches multiple courses at GCMS including Computer Science, Discoveries, Computer Science III and Introduction to Office. During the 2021-2022 school year, she volunteered for the pilot program for the Minecraft Coding classes, and her students excelled. At the end of the course, 95% of her eighth-grade students earned the micro credentials for the eighth-grade Advanced Coding pilot class.

House helps her students find creative ways to reach their maximum potential and helps her peers do the same. House is dedicated to continuous improvement, supporting her fellow teachers and, ultimately, student success. A recently recognized National Board Certified Teacher, she is a district Canvas trainer and serves as the chair of GCMS' Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports committee.

House's commitment to education doesn't stop at the GCMS door. She also serves as a system-wide professional development presenter for CTE and other departments. She has recently served as the president of the Business Marketing Division of NCACTE to spread her impact to other educators.

Many people in House's school, community and field respect her work ethic, influence and innovation. She is constantly looking for tools, equipment and opportunities to engage students in 21st century learning and technology. She has received many grants to purchase 3D printers and the material used for printing in the 3D printers. She worked collaboratively with two other teachers

in the district to 3D print masks for first responders in the Fayetteville and Cumberland County community.



NCACTE Teacher of the Year Amber House poses for a picture after receiving the award at the NC CTE Summer Conference in Winston Salem, N.C., on July 19, 2022

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