

# The Katz-Whittle Golden Rule Award Winners

The Katz-Whittle Foundation, Inc. and McIntosh County School System honored the 2024-2025 Golden Rule Award winners at a ceremony on May 6 at the McIntosh County Academy Auditorium.

The Golden Rule Awards were created by the Katz-Whittle Foundation because the foundation believes and wishes to teach students that “doing unto others as you would have them do unto you” is an important and vital universal law of Life: that what you do to

others, good or bad, will ultimately return to you.

A student from each school was named each month from September through March and each received \$50 in cash. The three students of the Year received a \$100 award. The McIntosh County Student of the Year, Iain Speight, received \$250.

Jamauria Wilson, the Senior of the Year received \$3,000 and runner-up, Jayden Moran, received \$1,500.

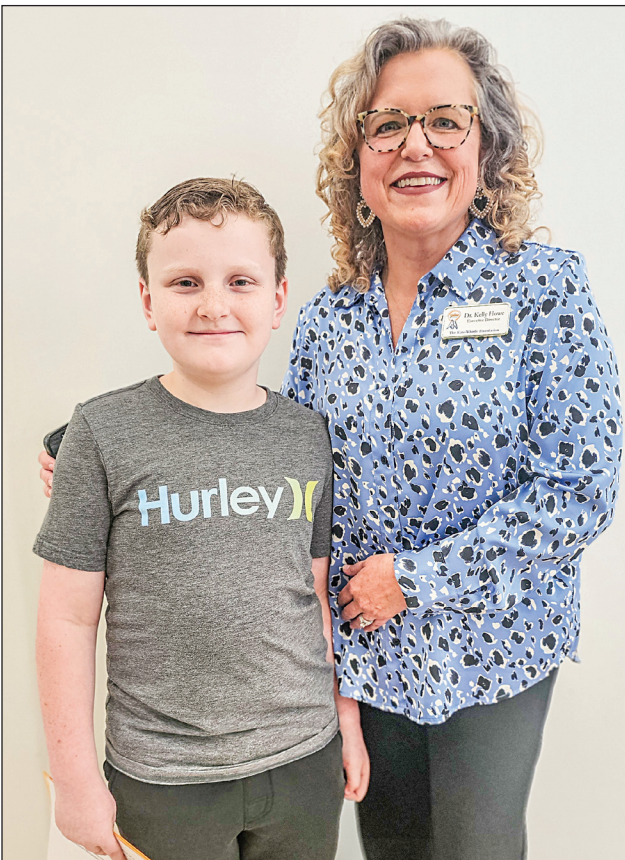
Paragon Award winner, Colleen Tavares-Miller, received \$1,500;

and Staff Award winner, Donna Moore, received \$1,000.

Several students assisted with Tuesday’s ceremony. Christopher Alson, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at McIntosh County Academy, gave the invocation. Kaitlyn Reed, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at McIntosh County Middle School, sang the “National Anthem” and “God Bless America.” Steven Roberson, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at McIntosh County Academy, also assisted with the ceremony.



2025 Todd-Grant Elementary School Students of the Month are, from left, Greyson Rozier (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), Harper Chapman (Kindergarten), Charlotte Morris (Kindergarten), Charles Herrington (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), and Ava Anderson (1<sup>st</sup> grade). Not pictured is Amelia Hope, Kindergarten.



Greyson Rozier poses with Dr. Kelly Howe, Executive Director of The Katz-Whittle Foundation. (Photo by Jenny Barrow)

Greyson Rozier was named the Golden Rule Student of the Year for Todd Grant Elementary School. Principal Delmano Mitchell said, “Our 2025 McIntosh County Elementary School Student of the Year is the perfect example of holding fast to his principles when it could have been very easy to follow the examples of others. Even when he must deal with consequences the class receives, he doesn’t grumble, complain, or even get a crooked face over this. He is always doing the right thing, even when it is not easy. He is the epitome of gentle perseverance that anyone could wish for. He blesses everyone around him with his commitment to his principles.”



2024-2025 McIntosh County Middle School Students of the Month are, from left, Haylie English (8<sup>th</sup> Grade), Jameslee Spannuth (8<sup>th</sup> Grade), Kaitlyn Draeger (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), Kalaiya Blash (8<sup>th</sup> Grade), and Janvi Patel (7<sup>th</sup> Grade). Not pictured is Jocelynn All (8<sup>th</sup> Grade).



Jameslee Spannuth was named the Golden Rule Student of the Year for McIntosh County Middle School. Principal Scott Brooker said, “Our winner is one who exemplifies the Golden Rule. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and has a great attitude. This student works tirelessly in all her classes so that she can be successful. She also actively participates in extracurricular activities. Our winner goes out of her way to help others by providing help in the library during one of her connection classes. This student is a great role model for her peers.”

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2024-2025 McIntosh County Academy Students of the Month are, from left, Jayden Moran (12<sup>th</sup> Grade), Reagan McMahan (11<sup>th</sup> Grade), Ella “Blitz” Walker (11<sup>th</sup> Grade), Hunter Patterson (11<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Jamauria Wilson (12<sup>th</sup> Grade). Not pictured is Iain Speight (11<sup>th</sup> Grade).



Iain Speight was named the Golden Rule Student of the Year for McIntosh County Academy. Principal Todd Willis said, “Our winner is described as an exceptional student who consistently goes above and beyond what is asked of him, embodying the principles of kindness, respect, and a strong work ethic that this award represents. His positive attitude is one of his most remarkable qualities. He is always seen with a smile on his face, greeting both teachers and peers with a warmth that is contagious.”



The 2024-2025 McIntosh County Don and Marjorie Varnadoe Paragon Award nominees are, from left, Colleen Tavares-Miller (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish I-III, McIntosh Academy), Annalisa Defore (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, McIntosh County Middle School) and Felecia Bryant (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Todd-Grant Elementary School).



The 2024-2025 McIntosh County Staff Award nominees are, from left, Donna Moore (Paraprofessional, McIntosh County Academy), Katie O’Neal (Front Office Secretary, McIntosh County Middle School) and Ron Anglin (Paraprofessional, Todd-Grant Elementary School)

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The 2025 McIntosh County Staff Award Winner is Donna Moore.

“Colleagues say our 2025 McIntosh County Staff Award Winner is someone who is willing to go above and beyond. This individual does anything asked of her. She has a great sense of compassion, and it shows through her interactions with students. When interviewed by the judges, our winner stated, “You have to treat people how you want to be treated; being kind and honest are so important. By treating others kindly, it will come back to you.” She even stated that she teaches students that kindness and honesty go a long way,” Kelly Howe, executive director of the Katz-Whittle Foundation, said.

The 2025 Paragon Award Winner is Colleen Tavares-Miller.

“Our 2025 McIntosh County Paragon Award winner is described by her students as being nice, thoughtful, kind and someone who can brighten up their days. She consistently goes out of her way to support and assist others, never hesitating to put the needs of others before her own. Her kindness, dedication, and selflessness shine through in everything she does, making a meaningful difference in the lives of those around her. One student even said, ‘If there is any teacher I would trust with my life, it would be her.’ She is truly kind-hearted and loves her students. Our winner stated that she treats her students like her own children by showing them care, love, and respect and by teaching them life lessons when the opportunities arise,” said Kelly Howe, executive director of the Katz-Whittle Foundation.

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