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Jodi Cash, Haralson County Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year

Jodi Cash, Assistant Principal at Haralson County Middle School, Tallapoosa, Ga., has been named 2013/2014 Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals "Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year". Cash is being recognized for her outstanding accomplishments as a school leader for her work at Haralson County Middle School. She was recognized at GASSP's annual Fall Conference in Savannah as Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year. She will receive a \$500 award sponsored by Horace Mann for use at her school.

Haralson County Middle School principal, Dr. Brian Ridley remarked, "Everyone at HCMS is extremely proud of Mrs. Cash's accomplishment. This is a great honor for her and a testament to the hard work she puts in for the students of Haralson County. She is a great asset to our school and community."

"As school districts across the country struggle with filling school administrator positions, both principals and assistant principals, it becomes imperative that we highlight and honor the high flyers in the profession," said JoAnn Bartoletti, NASSP Executive Director and Melton Callahan, GASSP Executive Director. "To shine a light on the work of a quality educator such as Jodi Cash is an honor."

Mrs. Jodi Cash received her Bachelor, Master and Specialist Degrees in Elementary Childhood Education from the University of West Georgia. She currently serves as an Assistant Principal at Haralson County Middle School in Tallapoosa, Georgia. Before her appointment to assistant principal in 2010, she spent ten years as a first grade teacher and Instructional Coach. Mrs. Cash was an integral part of the team that lead the transition of HCMS from Georgia's "Needs Improvement" list to selection by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP) as a 2012 Breakout School. She is known as a passionate advocate for all students and is devoted to continuous school improvement. Mrs. Cash lives in her hometown of Tallapoosa with her husband, Richard, and their two children, Triston and Champ.

Mrs. Cash stated, "Being named Georgia's Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year is a tremendous honor and a validation of the hard work and dedication of our students, personnel, parents, and community. I am truly blessed to be a part of the Haralson County School System."