



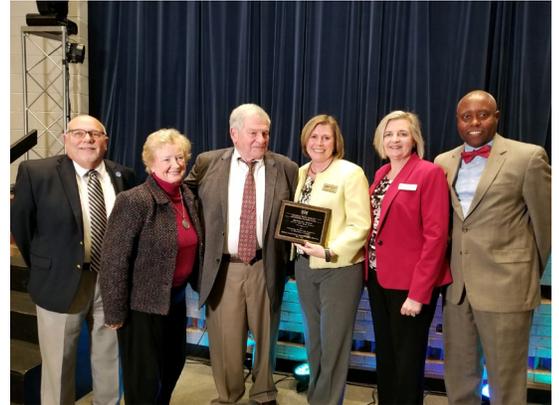
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Collins Hill's Wing named Georgia Principal of the Year

The Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP) visited **Collins Hill High School** on February 27, 2019, to surprise **Principal Kerensa Wing** with the news that she is their organization's 2019 Georgia Principal of the Year. The naming of the "Principal of the Year" is the culmination of a process that began with a statewide search for principals who excel in educational leadership, resolving complex problems, developing self and others, and community service.



Speaking to her staff and peers who filled the school theater to be in on the announcement, Wing expressed her surprise and her appreciation. She thanked her parents and her husband for their support, and Gwinnett County Public Schools, and her cluster principals for the work they do together for students. The bulk of her comments were directed toward her staff as she credited them with her success. She explained saying, "This award is representative of the work you have done. In the application, I had to talk about all of the data... but it is your work. I appreciate each and every one of you and the time and effort you put into our students."

Mrs. Wing, who was one of six finalists for the state honor, now will represent Georgia for the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Principal of the Year title. In addition to competing for the national honor, Wing will be invited to Washington, D.C. to meet the other state principals of the year at a gala event later this year.

Mrs. Wing earns this prestigious honor as she celebrates her 29th anniversary of serving Gwinnett children. She first joined the school district in 1990 to teach social studies, serving at Shiloh High School and Collins Hill High School. In 2002, she became an assistant principal at Collins Hill, a position she held until she was named as the first principal of Lanier High School in 2010. In February of 2014, she had a homecoming of sorts as she returned to Collins Hill High School as its principal.

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Mrs. Wing earned her bachelor's degree in History and Education from Oglethorpe University, going on to earn a master's degree in Social Studies from Georgia State University and a specialist's degree in Educational Leadership from Lincoln Memorial University. She is a graduate of the school district's 2008 Quality-Plus Leader Academy Aspiring Principal Program. In 2002, she was a finalist for the Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year title.