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Teacher of the Year Recognized

The Teacher of the Year, LaRonna Hurt, was recognized at the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on August 17. The Teacher Appreciation Breakfast kicked off the school year with teachers from across the district attending. The Claremore Public Schools Foundation organizes the event, which is made possible with sponsorships from the community. Together, we show our support and appreciation of the teachers of Claremore Public Schools.

LaRonna Hurt is a first grade teacher at Catalayah Elementary. She graduated from Northeastern State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in reading. Both her mother and father were educators, who are the superheroes in her life.

As a child, LaRonna spent many after

school hours in her mother's classroom helping, grading papers and even conducting “class” with



her stuffed animals. If she wasn't with her mom, she could be found at the football field where her father was the coach. She often mowed the field during practice to help

LaRonna grew up watching her

father connect with his players and display love for others. Today, LaRonna's class is named “Mrs. Hurt's Heros” and she carries on the tradition of encouraging. She tells her students to find a power they possess since they're all heroes. Hurt recounts, “One year, I proudly listened as an unconfident student, who often stammered over every word, began to proudly read with fluency and expression. Out of nowhere, he stopped, looked up at me, and said, ‘I know what my superpower is— it's reading!’” LaRonna is married to Jarret Hurt, who is an Assistant Principal at Claremore High School and coaches football. They have two children, Jayla and Jarreka. In her spare time, LaRonna enjoys spending time with her family, watching football, reading and scrapbooking.

—Congratulations, LaRonna!

Meet Our Executive Director

A new leaf turned over at the beginning of 2015 as Claremore Public Schools Foundation said goodbye to past director, Marla Lillie, and welcomed Amy Evans onto the scene.

Evans who had spent the last eleven years practicing as an Attorney at Law at Taylor, Foster, Mallett, Downs, Ramsey & Russell hit the ground running as she and Lillie worked hard preparing for Brainiac Brawl, CPSF's largest fundraiser. “The timing was great because it allowed two people to really give a lot of attention to the many details it takes to make Brainiac Brawl a success,” said Evans.

Evans served as a trustee from 2007 to 2013 and held the position of



Secretary during that time. “I have always loved the foundation and what it does for the kids and our Claremore schools,” states Evans.

Evans is enjoying working with the CPSF trustees. “Everyone works for a common goal,” said Evans. “We have the best group of trustees

which makes my job better.”

Evans stated that she always looks forward to Grant Patrol. It is her favorite part of this new job because it is what the mission of Claremore Public Schools Foundation is all about.

“Amy is a great leader and very organized,” states Kim Cox, CPSF trustee and Secretary. “Her familiarity with the foundation from her past involvement helps her lead Claremore Public Schools Foundation in a dynamic way.” “I look forward to working alongside her.”

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