

# Congratulations to eCO's June Teacher of the Month!

Mrs. Kaye Reach  
Honors English Teacher  
Bessemer Academy



eCO COO Kenny Minton presents Mrs. Reach her Teacher of the Month award and \$250 classroom scholarship.

"Mrs. Reach is the type of employee every environment would love to have. She is prompt, professional, and dedicated. Each morning she comes to school at 6:30 am and tutors students until 8:00 am (free of charge). She challenges her classes but creates in them a sense of confidence that they can conquer the most difficult assignments. She volunteers for "thankless" jobs around school and always goes over and beyond in all she undertakes. She is the epitome of the second mile teacher - conscientious, tough, compassionate, and caring." Julie Kelly, Principal, Bessemer Academy

"Mrs. Reach is by far the most riveting teacher I have ever had. Every day she encourages her students to dig deep into the realms of literature and grammar, revealing the reason behind specific rules of speech and interpretation that many teachers neglect. Because she obviously has a love for the English language and for its mastery, her students cannot help but become engaged in the stories and poems of great authors of the past. Even grammatical rules are no match for her; she can even make those dreaded clauses and participles seem intriguing. Any time we students have had difficulties in her class she has not hesitated to set up individual appointments for us where we can ask her specific questions about the assignment. Not only is Mrs. Reach an outstanding force in the classroom, but in her community as well. She is involved in several activities with her church and is always willing to assist Bessemer Academy's clubs in any way she can. Her classroom has a reputation for raising the most money and relief items for various organizations, and Mrs. Reach has even been known to match what has been donated by her students. In conclusion, Mrs. Reach is a phenomenal teacher who should be recognized for her many contributions to her community and the lives of her individual students." Riley Tunnell, Student

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.' When I think of my Honors English teacher, I think of this quote. She is a great optimist. She believes any student can do well in the classroom with the proper encouragement and patience. She puts out an extra effort to go beyond her students. She maintains close contact with her students' parents by calling home to inform on what is going on in the classroom, as well as keeping them updated on their child's progress. She is motivated and excited to see her students excel and she pushes every student to look beyond his four walls. Any person could see that her love for teaching is incredible just by sitting in on one class. She also leads us by example and in an honest, Christian way. I think since Bessemer Academy is based on a Christian foundation, it is highly important to have teachers who build on that faith. Mrs. Reach does just that. She makes the most of her time at Bessemer Academy. Because she only works part-time, she never wastes time, but takes the time to make every child feel special and understand the material being presented. She uses her free time to help students seeking one-on-one help and is happy to do so. On top of everything else, she also partakes in and is a leading competitor in many fundraisers, such as the canned food drive, relief efforts for Haiti, the March of Dimes, Red Ribbon Week, and many more. She does many activities in which she doesn't receive recognition for, which is why I nominate a dedicated teacher, a determined Christian, and last but not least, excellent Honors English teacher, Kaye Reach, as the eCO Credit Union Teacher of the Month." Koli Burt, Student