

2010 Honorees
Governor's Awards for Outstanding School-Community Partnerships

Honorees by City/County School District	Tenure	Volunteers Involved	Students Impacted	Activities Implemented To Meet School Goals	Results
Jackson					
Rowan Middle School I Too Can Fly project and <i>Stealth Learning</i> program	3 yrs	22	550	Program expanded in 2009 to include six-week summer program for 6th and 8th graders, 13 public school visits and demos, Town Hall meeting, Stealth Learning Flight Time experience at JSU, and the JMAA Air Show.	Program instrumental in increasing interest in STEM careers and aviation. Exams and assessments showed improvement in reading levels for at-risk students and a heightened understanding of the connection between knowledge and careers.
Watkins Elementary School Playground Project	1 yr	50+	375+	Watkins PTA spearheaded a fundraising drive and successfully recruited 12 addition community partners, in addition to adopters Southern Farm Bureau and National Council of Negro Women, to raise over \$40,000 to replace outdated playground equipment. Phase I of playground built on Aug. 8, 2009.	Largest amount ever raised by Watkins; increased school partnerships, parental involvement and recognition of Watkins in the community; supports Governor's Healthy Mississippi initiative and Mississippi Healthy Students Act, and the JPS Student Wellness Policy.
Wingfield High School and Entergy Mississippi - Entergy Scholars Program	28 yrs	8	476	Saturday Sessions bring together teachers, students and volunteers once a month for team-building exercises applying math or science skills. Parent meetings held at the end of each session. Program includes monthly field trips, mentoring, guest speakers and community service projects.	Teachers report that 50 students in charter class are more focused and engaged in learning process; juniors and seniors who serve as mentors express sense of accomplishment in big brother/big sister roles; builds recognition and positive attitudes toward improving school learning culture.
Jackson Public Schools Transformation Jackson Shine '09	1 yr	2,000	3,778	Multi-denominational group of faith-based organizations held city-wide workday on March 7, 2009, to complete various beautification projects at Baker, Barr, George, Green, Isabel, Key, Lester and Poindexter elementary schools, and Jim Hill High School.	Project placed 200-400 volunteers per school; immediate visible results; churches agreed to adopt landscaping projects for a year to provide care and upkeep; increase from 2,000 community volunteers to 5,000. Donated labor and materials valued at \$275,000.
Moss Point					
Moss Point School District & Moss Point Visionary Circle, Inc.	2 yrs	30	2,918	Held second annual talent competition for 7th-12th graders; "Sounds of Knowledge Tour" launched for character education; mentoring program established at Magnolia Junior High; \$500 book and teacher scholarships awarded; social etiquette program launched for 6th-8th grade girls ("Charm School"); college fair organized at Moss Point High.	"Sounds of Knowledge" tour seen by 3,000 students, parents and community members; district experienced increase in community support due to MPVC involvement and media coverage; over last 2 years, partnerships have increased from a handful to more than 80.
Pascagoula					
Pascagoula School District Family Interactive Center, Institute for Technology and Learning	2 yrs	100+	7,000+	Center provides wide array of educational opportunities through hands-on activities and resources including flight aviation simulation, Wii sports software, a planetarium, computer lab, broadcasting video and editing lab, a wetlands room, a block room, TV studio, toy lending library, science and engineering room, professional recording studio, sound studio, outdoor wooden train and gymnasium that doubles as a performance and concert venue. Supports district's "Destination Graduation" campaign.	In one year, more than 7,168 children and 7,043 adults have participated in 336 events; a total of 250 volunteers have logged 2,000 hours of service. Center has solidified district's relationships with partners. More than 800 families registered to check out toys from Early Beginnings Toy Lending Library. Test scores up and schools recognized as PREPS Value Added Award winners. Graduation rates increased from 78% to 82% in one year.



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MAPE Board of Directors Partnership Excellence Awards

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<i>Jackson</i>	10 yrs	100	200		
George Elementary School Partnership Activities				Men Empowering Boys, Mothers Empowering Daughters breakfasts; Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's Birthday activities; Reading is not a Trick, it's a Treat Day, Celebrity Day; BookNic during Education Week; Dove Tree; Science Fair and Reading Fair; Teachers' Luncheon by adopters.	Ranked as "High Performing" school; most students showed significant gains in reading, language arts and math; exceeded district and state scores in reading and math in Mississippi Curriculum Test; mentoring program received Allstate Helping Hands Award.
Jackson Public Schools - Developing Community Partnerships			32,000	Strategies to increase adopters include formation of school-community Advisory Board, publication of Annual Report, Transformation Jackson school clean-up days, Watkins Playground Project, I Too Can Fly project.	Recruited 15 new adopter partners from Aug. 2008-Feb. 2010; recruited 57 new specialty partners. Partners help maintain facilities, share professional expertise with students and provide incentives for student achievement.
<i>Tupelo</i>	7 yrs		17,000		
Thomas Street Elementary School & Mississippi Dept. of Transportation				School principal and teachers have conducted RIDES training for 850 classroom teachers statewide in past 5 years; mini-lessons conducted at school during professional development sessions. MDOT provides \$1,500 in materials for lessons. Students perform hands-on experiments in RIDES Lab. Program includes Family Science Night, Transploreum Field Trips, Career Day and classroom visits by MDOT representatives.	Math scores in MS Curriculum Test I and II have increased each year of partnership. School has received PREPS Value Added Award four times for exceeding projected growth on state testing. Introduced science concepts to kindergartners.

