

Local educator receives Governor's Shine Award

Esther Mauffray, an itinerant teacher for visually impaired students in Alachua County Public Schools, is one of eight outstanding educators to receive a Governor's Shine Award this month.

Mauffray was recognized by Governor Rick Scott during this week's meeting of the Florida Cabinet in Tallahassee. The award is presented to teachers and administrators in Florida who make significant contributions to the field of education. In recognition of Blindness Awareness Month, five of the educators honored this week teach visually impaired students.



"I am proud to present these eight educators with the Governor's Shine Award today and recognize their incredible work," said Governor Scott. "These great educators represent the many dedicated teachers throughout the state working to ensure every Florida student can reach their full potential has a strong foundation for future success."

Mauffray has been teaching for 38 years. She currently teaches Low Vision, Braille, Orientation and Mobility to prekindergarten through 12th grade visually impaired students at multiple schools within the district.

"Esther has worked tirelessly as both an advocate and as a teacher for students with vision impairments," said Regina Currens, supervisor for exceptional student education. "Her commitment to students and her incredible knowledge and skill level in such a specialized field are invaluable to our district and to the students she serves."

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