

Dr. John H. Lounsbury Award

The award is named for Dr. John H. Lounsbury, the Father of the Middle School Movement in Georgia and the first dean of the Georgia College and State University, then known as Georgia State College for Women, School of Education.

Originally, prepared as a social studies teacher, Dr. Lounsbury was first employed as a social studies teacher in Wilmington, North Carolina. After completing his doctorate degree at George Peabody College for Teachers, he was employed at Berry College in Rome, Georgia and the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. In 1960 he moved to the Georgia College for Women as Chairman of the Division of Teacher Education and Director of Graduate Studies. He remained at Georgia College and State University until he retired in 1983 as the Dean of the School of Education.

Dr. Lounsbury was always active professionally and gained notoriety for his advocacy on behalf of young adolescents. He was the editor of the *Middle School Journal* from 1976 to 1990 and has served as Publications Editor of the National Middle School Association. Dr. Lounsbury has also written extensively about the educational needs of young adolescents and the implications of those needs for teachers, school leaders, and policy makers. Dr. Lounsbury continues to be actively involved in both the Georgia Middle School Association and National Middle School Association.

The award, given at the discretion of the Georgia Association of Middle School Principals Board of Directors, recognizes individuals who through their professional efforts have most supported Georgia Middle Schools and the middle school movement in Georgia.

Past Award Winners

1995	John H. Lounsbury	Professor of Education	Georgia College
1996	Alice Smith	Coordinator	Georgia Department of Education
1997	William Michael Barr	Superintendent	
1998	Governor Zell Miller	Governor	State of Georgia
1999	Reid Mullins	Principal – Retired	Gwinnett County
2000	Senator Richard Marable	State Senator	State of Georgia
2001	Jim Puckett	Executive Director	GA Association of Ed. Leaders
2002	Bob Puckett	Associate Superintendent	Floyd County
2003	Mike Campbell	Executive Director	Cobb County
	Winnette Bradley	Principal	Richmond County
2004	Herman Fletcher	Director	Coweta County
2005	Stephen Smith	Principal – Retired	Towns County
2006	Dr. Bob Heaberlin	Principal	Coweta County-Lee Middle School
2008	Jerry Davis	Associate Superintendent	Coweta County
2009	Dr. Veta New	Director	Georgia Department of Education
2010	Stuart Bennett	Executive Director	GA Association of Ed. Leaders

