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TOP EDUCATOR BECKY CORNELIUS NAMED STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Montgomery, Ala. – Employees of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) have officially selected Rebecca “Becky” Cornelius today, as the January-March 2022 *Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter*.

The **Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter Award** recognizes ALSDE staff members who demonstrate outstanding work ethic, a true commitment to assisting their colleagues, and dedication to helping our state’s local communities and school systems.



Becky Cornelius is a highly respected Education Specialist at the ALSDE. She serves as the State Advisor and administrator for Alabama’s HOSA program, which prepares high school and college students for great careers in the medical field.

Candidates for this department award are nominated by their colleagues. Honorees are selected by the ALSDE Employee Recognition Board, whose members are elected by department staff. This special quarterly award is named in honor of the late Barbara Fannin, who was an employee of the Alabama Department of Education and a recipient of the award.

Becky Cornelius has had a wonderful and rewarding career. She was a *full-time Registered Nurse* for many years. She was inspired to teach young people and became a full-time classroom teacher for 14 years at Luverne High School. Cornelius also taught at the Crenshaw County Schools Health Science Program located in the Crenshaw Community Hospital. She joined the ALSDE team in 2019.

“Mrs. Rebecca Cornelius handles every aspect of her job here at the Alabama State Department of Education with the utmost integrity,” said Assistant State Superintendent, Dr. Jimmy Hull. “She is an ideal team player that cares deeply about her work, her team members, the Health Science teachers in Alabama, and our wonderful K-12 students. She instills confidence in our teachers and promotes excellence in our department and initiatives.”

Cornelius grew up in Petree, Alabama. She holds both a bachelor and master’s degree in Nursing from Troy University.

She enjoys spending time with her family, husband Todd, and their wonderful seven-year-old son Drew. She is a member of South Luverne Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir. Her high school anatomy teacher, Mrs. Martha Ann Allison truly had a great influence on her life.

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Cornelius originally planned to pursue a career in optometry. The early passing of her mother led her to seriously consider a career in nursing and health education. She won the *National Goodheart Wilcox Outstanding HOSA Advisor Award* in 2016.

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