Meagan Goodin Named TOTY at BCMS

For Meagan Goodin, teaching is about helping students recognize their potential and celebrating the progress they make along the way.

Goodin, the 2026 Teacher of the Year honoree from Brooks County Middle School, has spent the past nine years serving students in Brooks County Schools. She currently teaches seventh- and eighth-grade social studies in the TORCH program, where she is committed to creating meaningful learning experiences that encourage students to grow academically and personally.

A lifelong learner herself, Goodin earned her Bachelor's Degree in Middle Grades Education from Valdosta State University, a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Georgia Southern University, and a Specialist degree in Teacher Leadership from Thomas University.

While every school year brings its own challenges, Goodin says the greatest reward comes from watching students develop confidence in themselves and their abilities.

"The most rewarding aspect of teaching is seeing the growth that students make from the beginning of the year to the end of the year," Goodin said. "It's extremely rewarding to celebrate that growth with students and show them what we always knew they were capable of achieving."

Goodin's passion for education began at an early age, but one teacher made a lasting impression that ultimately shaped her career path.

"My fourth-grade teacher influenced my decision to become a teacher," Goodin said. "I always knew I wanted to teach, but she truly solidified that decision. She was such a welcoming and warm person, and I hoped that one day I would have that same effect on a student that I taught."

She also credits her family's unwavering encouragement for helping her succeed throughout her teaching career.

"I wouldn't have been able to be a successful teacher without all of the support from my family," she said.

Outside the classroom, Goodin enjoys reading, spending time with friends, family, and her dogs. She also enjoys crafting and completing puzzles.

As she continues to inspire middle school students each day, Goodin remains focused on helping every learner discover what they are capable of accomplishing. Through encouragement, high expectations, and genuine care for her students, she is making a lasting impact on the Brooks County School District and the lives of the young people she serves.