

**2008 FLAG Teacher of Promise**  
**Paula Flatman**  
**Otwell MS, Forsyth County Public Schools**



Paula Flatman grew up in a small town in upstate New York. She started studying Spanish in the 8th grade. After her junior year, she spent a summer in the Dominican Republic with the AFS foreign exchange group. After 2 1/2 years in college, she served a mission for her church in Honduras for a year and a half. When she came back to the states, she finished her degree in Accounting at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. She stayed home for many years raising her 3 children who are now 18, 14, and 9. When her youngest was little, various opportunities came along that brought Paula back into the Spanish language. After much hesitation, she decided to brave it and return to school at North Georgia College and State University to study Spanish and Education. She graduated in May 2006 and is in her second year of teaching at Otwell Middle School in Cumming. Dinner time at her house is a mixture of fun and competition as her husband speaks Japanese and her two daughters study French. Her dedication and enthusiasm for teaching Spanish is infectious!

**2008 FLAG Administrative Support Award**  
**Dr. Thomas Lockamy**  
**Superintendent, Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools**



Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr. has served as the Superintendent of Schools for the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System since July of 2005.

*As one of his letters of support states, “During his tenure as Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Schools, Dr. Lockamy has strengthened and expanded the foreign language curriculum significantly. He has established non-negotiable policies that mandate foreign language instruction at all middle schools and high schools in the district. In addition, all middle schools and high schools are required to offer three different foreign languages. Furthermore, Dr. Lockamy recognizes that all students benefit from foreign language instruction. For this reason, Savannah-Chatham County schools provide foreign language instruction to all students, regardless of their course of study. Currently, college preparatory students are required to complete three units of foreign language, and the college preparatory with distinction diploma requires four units of a foreign language. Tech preparatory students are required to complete one unit of a foreign language while the Tech preparatory with distinction diploma requires 4 units of a foreign language. In addition to strengthening and expanding the foreign language program in the middle and high schools, Dr. Lockamy has helped established foreign language programs in five of the district’s 30 elementary schools and has plans to increase that number every year.”*

Dr. Lockamy holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Master of Arts in Education Administration, and an Advanced Masters in Educational Specialist – all from East Carolina University, and a Doctor of Education in Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

## **2008 FLAG Presidential Certificate Award**

### **Dr. Lillie B. Johnson**

**Language Arts and Foreign Language Department Chair,  
Augusta State University**



Lillie Butler Johnson, chair and professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, has been a member of the faculty at Augusta State University for 36 years. Dr. Johnson was the valedictorian of her graduating class at then-Augusta College. She went on to receive her master's degree in English, Languages, and Literature from the University of Chicago, and doctoral degree in English from the University of Georgia. She is a member of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and a member of Alpha Mu Gamma, the collegiate foreign language honor society. In 2003, she was honored by the university's Alumni Association for her outstanding leadership and academic integrity. Dr. Johnson has been a strong advocate for foreign languages at ASU and in the community, providing support, funding and guidance to expand the foreign language program. She has served as chair of the department for fifteen years, and under her leadership, foreign language total enrollment has almost doubled. When the faculty has dreams - a language lab, free tutoring, a conference at ASU - she makes them reality. Dr. Johnson has demonstrated a genuine personal and professional commitment to foreign languages as an essential component of a university curriculum.

**2008 FLAG Teacher of the Year**  
**Jennifer Schultz**  
**Lakeside HS, DeKalb County Public Schools**



Jennifer Schultz has been teaching in Georgia since 1994, and she currently teaches at Lakeside High School in DeKalb County. She has been a strong presence within the German teaching community since her arrival and also shares her energy and enthusiasm for teaching with colleagues. She not only presents regularly at workshops for German teachers in the state, but also provides instruction and expertise for all teachers on a variety of topics at the state, regional and national level. Jennifer is also a leader in the field, and she has been President of the Georgia Chapter of AATG, participated on curriculum review committees at the district and state levels, and assists regularly with Governor's Honors Program interviews. In addition, she served as Director of the State German Convention for 7 years and her students routinely win numerous awards and recognition for their language skills. Jennifer also spent one year teaching in Germany on a Fulbright Exchange, where she taught English at a German Gymnasium in Rosslau.

*As one of her letters of support indicates, "Jennifer truly leads by personal example and embodies to an unparalleled degree a brilliant and dedicated World Language teacher thus earning praises and admiration for her and for our profession."*