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High honors for father-daughter Latin teacher duo

Two Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) teachers, who happen to be father and daughter, will be honored this spring by their peers as Georgia's top foreign language educators. The Foreign Language Association of Georgia (FLAG) recently selected **Dr. Robert Patrick**, a Latin teacher at **Parkview High**, as the 2012 Foreign Language Association of Georgia K-12 Teacher of the Year. In addition, the state group of foreign language educators named **Miriam Patrick**, a Latin teacher at **Duluth High**, as the 2012 Foreign Language Association of Georgia Teacher of Promise. Both Gwinnett educators will receive their awards during the organization's annual conference which is slated for late March in Atlanta.

According to the organization, Dr. Patrick was selected for the state's highest foreign language honor for his use of various strategies, techniques, and materials to enhance student's interest and acquisition in a second language. His daughter, Ms. Patrick, was nominated and selected for her award for showing promise of being an outstanding teacher and leader in foreign language education. In learning of the two awards presented to the Gwinnett teachers, Director of Foreign Language **David Jahner** says, "Bob and Miriam make a formidable father-daughter team among the outstanding Latin teachers we have here in GCPS and their recognition is well deserved. I can tell you based on classroom visits alone that students adore being in both classrooms and these two are among the finest teachers in the program."

Dr. Robert Patrick joined Gwinnett County Public Schools in 2005 making Parkview High his home since. He earned his bachelor's degree in Biblical Literature (Greek and Hebrew) from Oral Roberts University, a master's of divinity degree in Theology and Pastoral Studies from Emory University, and his doctoral degree in Latin and Classics from the University of Florida. He also is a National Board Certified Teacher in World Languages. In addition to being named Parkview High's Teacher of the Year in 2008, the Georgia Classical Association selected him last school year as the Georgia Classical Association Teacher of the Year.

Miriam Patrick joined the school district and Duluth High in 2010. She earned her bachelor's degree in Classical Studies from Georgia State University.

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