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Yale University announces recipients of the 2017 Yale Educator Award

New Haven, Conn. — Mrs. Merritt Fields of Crisp County High School has been recognized by the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a recipient of the 2017 Yale Educator Award.

The Yale Educator Recognition Program recognizes outstanding educators from around the world who support and inspire their students to perform at high levels and to achieve excellence. Of this year's 411 nominees, who represent 42 states and 24 countries, 58 teachers and 30 counselors were selected to receive the award. Matriculating students are invited to nominate high school educators, and a committee of Yale admissions officers reviews each nomination individually and designates recipients. In September, the winners were sent engraved desk sets and congratulatory letters, and administrators of the high schools were notified of their achievement.

Yale is a top research university with a unique emphasis on undergraduate liberal arts education. All 5,600 undergraduate students enroll in Yale College, which offers more than 80 majors and hundreds of opportunities to conduct groundbreaking research. Undergraduates at Yale come from all 50 states and more than 70 foreign countries. More than 15% of Yale students will be the first in their families to complete a four-year degree, and 43% are US Citizens or Permanent Residents who identify as members of a minority group. Yale offers admission to students without regard to their ability to pay, and meets 100% of every student's financial need with an award that does not include loans. Currently 64% of Yale undergraduates receive financial assistance, and Yale budgets more than \$140 million annually for need-based financial aid. The 1,580 members of the Yale Class of 2021 who began their first semester in August 2017 graduated from more than 1,100 different high schools, 63% of which are public schools.

The Yale Admissions Office attributes the exceptional quality of the Yale student body to educators like these recipients of the 2017 Yale Educator Award, who shape their students long before they attend Yale. The Admissions Office is proud to thank these and all educators for their ongoing efforts in motivating and supporting their students.

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