



MAYOR RECOGNIZES TRICIA SKELTON FOR 2018 SANFORD TEACHER AWARD



Mayor Gary Fuller, Tricia Skelton, OMS Principal Keith York

Opelika Middle School teacher Tricia Skelton is an inspirational instructor and was recently named the Alabama recipient of the National University System 2018 Sanford Teacher Award, which comes with a \$10,000 recognition.

Tricia is an “out-of-the-box” thinker when it comes to teaching. She’s creative and dynamic. Recently Tricia converted her classroom into a surgical unit where students practiced sentence types and parts by operating on a paper patient. Students dressed in surgical gowns, put on masks and gloves and went to work. When kids come to Tricia’s classroom, they walk away with an incredible amount of knowledge and a desire to learn. She tells her parents and students at the beginning of the year that her way of teaching is a bit unorthodox but encourages everyone to “Trust the process.” Her vision and process change and inspire students. For that, we are lucky to have her in Opelika. Congratulations Tricia. We are proud of you!