



NURTURING HEALTHY COMPETITION

Winners show off their winnings alongside Houston High School principal Leisa Justus following the 2010 Battle of the Brains competition.



EDUCATION COMMISSION

supporting the commission

Individuals and businesses can support the work of the Education Commission by donating, sponsoring or supplying goods and services in support of these important initiatives.

Teacher of the Month awards - \$100 each
 New Teacher of the Year Award - \$500
 Youth Excellence Scholarship - \$500
 Battle of the Brain Sponsorship – Gifts and donations of goods or services that can be used as prizes at the event, or financial support to be used for cash awards for winners.

What are the benefits of supporting the Education Commission and education in Germantown?
 Donors are invited to present their \$100 award for Teacher of the Month at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting. Photographs identifying donors are submitted to the local media for their consideration. Donors are also recognized at the Education Celebration each May.

Businesses and individuals that support Battle of the Brains will be recognized in a similar fashion. Donors will be identified in any publicity and news releases for the program and will be formally recognized during the awards luncheon where over 300 students, parents and teachers participated last year.

Financial support of any amount is greatly appreciated. Your commitment now to the work of the Education Commission will help us plan for the next school year. Checks or commitments should be addressed to Stacey Ewell; sewell@germantown-tn.gov or 1930 S. Germantown Road, Germantown, TN 38138.

Through your generous support the Germantown Education Commission will continue to recognize educational excellence in our community.

The Germantown Education Commission was created to support public and private schools in the Germantown community.

The Commission studies ways to enhance the quality of education and provides recommendations and advice on positive school/community relations, school facilities, research and development, capabilities of school system, activities for students and library services.

The commission is made up of 12 citizens from Germantown. Residents apply each year and are appointed by the Board of Aldermen each July.

The commission achieves its goal through a variety of activities.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH AND YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

ONE TEACHER, FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GERMANTOWN SCHOOL, AND ONE STUDENT, WHO MAY ATTEND SCHOOL OUTSIDE GERMANTOWN BUT RESIDES WITHIN THE CITY, ARE RECOGNIZED EACH MONTH.



The Germantown Education Commission meets monthly. You can follow the work of the commission online at Germantown-tn.gov where agendas and minutes for each meeting are posted. Commission members assist with the Annual Safety City event, participate in the Annual Holiday Parade, support the Shelby County Race for Education, award students and teachers and present the Battle of the Brains math and science competition. Each member serves as liaison to a Germantown school.

awarding outstanding students and teachers

MONTHLY AWARDS

The commission honors a teacher and student each month during the school year. Winners are selected from those nominated by parents, students, teachers or school administrators. Youth Excellence Award winners must be a high school senior living in Germantown but can attend any school. Teacher of the Month award winners must teach in a public or private school within Germantown. Awards are presented monthly during meetings of the Germantown Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Sponsors are invited to participate in the award presentation.

EDUCATION CELEBRATION

From the monthly winners, commission members select a Teacher of the Year and Youth Excellence Scholarship winner each spring. A New Teacher of the Year award is also presented. Winners are recognized at the annual education celebration held at city hall each May. Nominees and their family and friends are treated to a reception with entertainment provided by Germantown students. Speakers have included Tigers coach Josh Pastner and Shelby County Schools Superintendent John Aitken.

encouraging interest in math and science

BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

In December, the commission offers a chance for Germantown and Houston High School students to showcase their skills in math and science during the Battle of the Brains competition. The Battle of the Brains features professors from local universities who judge projects submitted by groups and individuals from Germantown and Houston High Schools. A theme is announced each fall and the competition culminates with a day-long display of amazing projects. Community businesses and organizations have been instrumental in supporting the competition with lunches, snacks and cash awards for the winning students. The winning group project earns the right to display the coveted Einstein Trophy at their school until the next year's competition.



WE WORK TO SUPPORT GERMANTOWN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO JOIN IN?

To support the efforts of the Germantown Education Commission or apply to become a member, contact Stacey Ewell at sewell@germantown-tn.gov or call 751-7559.