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Parkview High's Cotton top advisor to technology students

The **Gwinnett County Board of Education** recently honored **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) teacher Terry Cotton for being named the "2009 Technology Student Association High School Advisor of the Year." The Georgia Technology Student Association (GTSA) named Mr. Cotton, a teacher at **Parkview High**, the state's top TSA advisor during its 31st Annual National Conference in Denver.

"The credit of winning the Georgia TSA (Technology Student Association) Advisor of the Year title really goes to my students," says a humble Mr. Cotton. He refers to the student-members of Parkview High's local TSA chapter whose hard work paid off during the 2008-09 school year. Under his leadership, the TSA members won top honors in several competitions at the local, regional, state, and national levels. Parkview High TSA was the only school in Georgia to have a national winner at the most recent leadership conference. "Winning the honor of Georgia TSA Advisor of the Year completed a fantastic school year of working with such fine and passionate students. It made me feel alive and proud to be a teacher that can make a difference in the Parkview community."

Mr. Terry Cotton joined Gwinnett County Public Schools in 1988 upon completing his undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa in Industrial Technology Education. He was hired as an industrial technology education teacher at Sweetwater Middle. He also holds a master's degree in Technological Studies from the University of Georgia. During the 2008-09 school year, a Parkview High student selected him as Parkview High's "Most Inspiring Teacher."

The Technology Student Association is the student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in technology and engineering. Open to students enrolled in or who have completed technology education courses, TSA's membership includes more than 150,000 middle and high school students in 2,000 schools spanning 48 states. TSA is supported by educators, parents, and business leaders who believe in the need for a technologically literate society. Members learn through exciting competitive events, leadership opportunities, and more.

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