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HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT PROUDLY ANNOUNCES
2020 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

"I was so inspired by the heartfelt stories and experiences of the other nominees that I didn't even consider my name would be called!"

Carrie Wilson, a Certified School Counselor at Challenger K-8 was named Hernando School District's 2020 Teacher of the Year at the annual celebration held January 10th and hosted by the Hernando County Education Foundation.

Wilson is in her 21st year in elementary education and has served as a school counselor since 2001. She is a graduate of the University of South Florida and earned her graduate degree in Counseling and Psychology from Troy State.

"I love school and I always have. For me, school is a happy place and I want students to feel their school is like their home. I want them to know they are cared for and they are valued."

As she moves on to the state level Teacher of the Year competition, Wilson will carry two key messages with her. "In my role as a school counselor, I see the effects of trauma on learning and I think there is more we can discover and apply in our work with students. I'm excited by the attention that mental health is getting within education and beyond. I encourage everyone to see themselves as a partner in helping those who need that support."

Wilson is married to an East Lake Firefighter and has a daughter attending F.W. Springstead. "I have been part of the Hernando educational community, as a staff member and as a parent for over 20 years. I believe educators are change-makers and I know they are lifesavers. I am genuinely touched to have been selected to represent the many passionate professionals we have in our schools. I am deeply honored," Wilson said.