

Dr. Frank Buck awarded Marbury Technology Innovation award

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Several things have changed since Dr. Frank Buck first began speaking at the Alabama Education Technology Conference 10 years ago.

First and foremost, the technology itself is far from the same.

"Those things are no longer relevant because technology changes so much and has changed so much," Buck said.

But this is also the first time that the Talladega City School System's curriculum and special education coordinator has attended the annual event as both a speaker and an award winner.

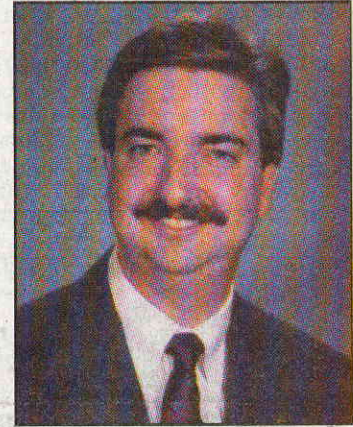
Wednesday morning at the AETC's opening sessions at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center, Buck was honored with the 2007 Marbury Technology Innovation award as the top central office staff member in the state.

State Schools Superintendent Dr. Joseph B. Morton presented Buck, along with three other recipients, with the award in front of teachers and system administrators from across Alabama.

"It was a full house and a great experience," Buck said. "I'm just so humbled to be honored with this award."

Named for respected Alabama technology innovator Chiquita Marbury, nominations were submitted and then turned over to a panel of impartial judges who only review the facts and statistics of each candidate.

Nominees must show a passion, dedication and vested inter-



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est in technology innovations and bringing them into schools from one state to another. They are judged on innovation and creativity, impact on teaching and learning, leadership, teamwork and scholarship. Then four recipients are selected: a teacher, a school administrator, a district technology coordinator and a member of a system's central office staff.

District technology coordinator John Locklin said he put Buck's name on the table because of his long list of accomplishments, from first implementing computers and Internet services into the schools to creating an electronic grade book for teachers, setting the Accelerated Reader Program online, getting libraries automated and writing several articles for national education magazines.

"He continuously encourages ways to streamline, ways to do things without paper, ways to do things easier. He's well deserv-

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