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Outstanding FLVS Educators Accept Governor's Shine Award

Orlando, FL (Dec. 14, 2016) – Florida Virtual School (FLVS) Instructional Leader Jason Odom of Gainesville, and Assistant Principal Wilbern Simpson of Lakeland, were among eight educators recognized by Governor Rick Scott who received the Governor's Shine Award. This award is presented to teachers and administrators in Florida who make significant contributions to the field of education. Both Odom and Simpson certainly fall under that category.

"I am honored to represent FLVS in receiving the Governor's Shine Award. I continue to be amazed by the commitment of our teachers to individualized learning and the support we receive from our students and parents. FLVS is making a true impact in education throughout the state of Florida and I am thrilled to be a part of the journey," said Odom, a nominee for the 2014-15 International Society of Technology Education Outstanding Leader Award.

In addition, Simpson, was quoted to say, "I am grateful and honored to work with a passionate group of educators who help students reach their fullest potential by putting students at the center of every decision. We are FLVS." Simpson has implemented an intervention program for at-risk students enrolled in virtual education.



(Jason Odom (center) receives award)



(Wilbern Simpson (center) receives award)

All recipients of the Governor's Shine Award are members of the Commissioner's Leadership Academy, which is a collaboration between the Florida Department of Education, the University of Washington's Center for Educational Leadership, Council for Educational Change, and is presented by State Farm. The year-long course of study provides job-embedded and research-based activities for district-nominated Florida principals, principal supervisors, and education leaders. For the official press release, click [here](#).

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