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Florida Virtual School® Announces 2021 Teacher of the Year

Orlando, FL (Feb. 13, 2020) – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®), a statewide online public school district, is proud to announce the FLVS representative for the Florida Department of Education’s 2021 Teacher of the Year program is Melissa Martin.

Melissa Martin was selected as the 2021 FLVS Teacher of the Year from more than 1,700 instructors. Martin, an FLVS Full Time Middle School math teacher, has a passion for helping each of her students not only to succeed in math, but to enjoy it as well. She combines her math lessons with age-appropriate pop-culture music, television shows, or games in order to pique the interest of her students. Her instructional techniques keep her students engaged, reduce their math anxiety, and help them relate math formulas to things they already know and enjoy. Martin, who has been with FLVS for nearly four years, also serves as Team Leader and Content Leader in her subject area.

“I am incredibly honored to represent Florida Virtual School as the 2021 Teacher of the Year. It is a privilege to serve our amazing students and their families each day,” said Martin. “I am so thankful to be surrounded by the most dedicated and hardworking educators in Florida. Their passion and enthusiasm to serve our families inspires me to be a better teacher.”

“Melissa Martin is known by both the leadership team and her colleagues as a skilled instructor and an educational innovator who takes the lead in piloting new and inventive methods of instruction,” said Dr. Louis Algaze, President and CEO for FLVS. “She instills confidence in her students by helping them to both master and enjoy a subject matter that many thought they could not overcome. She encourages her students to embrace the process of learning and shows that the struggle they sometimes encounter is all part of their pathway to success.”



Melissa Martin is a resident of Orlando, Florida.

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The Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year program celebrates the thousands of outstanding professional educators in Florida schools. To learn more about the program, visit www.fldoe.org.

About Florida Virtual School (FLVS)

[Florida Virtual School® \(FLVS®\)](http://www.flvs.net) is a fully accredited, statewide public school district offering more than 190 courses to Kindergarten-12 students. Its certified teachers use a variety of personalized instructional programs to create individualized educational plans for every student. Since 1997, FLVS students have successfully completed more than 4.6 million semester enrollments. FLVS also provides its courseware and expertise to online and blended learning programs across the nation. Services include content licensing, FLVS Global School, District Virtual Schools, digital learning labs, and professional development. As a not-for-profit, FLVS reinvests revenue into the development of new educational technologies and the creation of the highest-quality courses, benefiting students in Florida and beyond. To learn more, visit www.flvs.net.

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