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# Pruitt Awarded 2017 Puckett-Merriman Award

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More than 500 physical educators participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Share the Wealth Physical Education Conference on Jekyll Island January 26 to 28. This conference is sponsored annually by the Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) and includes an exhibit hall, group activities, demonstration sessions, guest lectures, and participation sessions.

Kitty Pruitt, senior lecturer of physical activity and dance, and Starla McCollum, Ph.D., professor of physical education, from the School of Health and Kinesiology presented the session “Fitness of the Line” where upper elementary, middle and high school teachers were introduced to some basic high energy line dances that can be used to promote fitness. Pruitt also co-presented the session “Get Moving & Get Acquainted Activities” with presenters from Georgia, New Jersey and North Carolina.

During the opening session of the conference, Pruitt was awarded the 2017 Puckett-Merriman Award. The award recognizes an individual who shares an enthusiasm for learning that embodies the true spirit of the “Share the Wealth Conference” and helps teachers grow professionally and personally. “I was very surprised and honored when I was selected for the Puckett-Merriman Award,” stated Pruitt. “I appreciate the fact my profession recognizes my enthusiasm for sharing my knowledge with others.”

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