

Jowers named Durham's top teacher

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Carver High School alumnus Jason Jowers has been named Durham Public Schools 2011 Teacher of the Year.

Jowers, a history teacher at the Southern School of Engineering in Durham, received the honor on Tuesday, May 3 during a banquet recognizing Teachers of the Year from all 54 schools in Durham Public Schools. He was selected by a committee consisting of former Teachers of the Year.

"My greatest accomplishment is not helping students pass a test, it has been my ability to help them realize that success can be an option," said Jowers in his application portfolio. "I wanted to encourage young people to make the right decisions instead of falling prey to those they would regret later in life."

Jowers is a 2003 honor graduate of Carver High. He was a Teaching Fellow and graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina Central

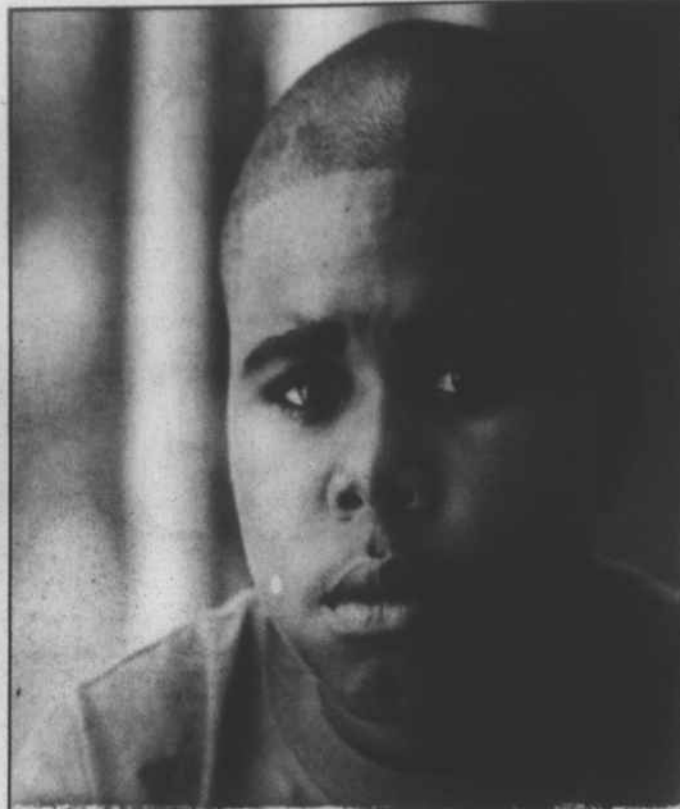


Jason Jowers with Durham Schools Superintendent Eric J. Becoats, right.

University, where he majored in history education. Jason received his master's degree in school administration from UNC Chapel Hill on Saturday, May 7. Jowers has been a teacher for only four years.

"Jason Jowers represents all that is right about public schools," said Durham Schools Superintendent Eric J. Becoats. "He convinces his students that life has no limits. They can accomplish anything."

Jowers, who will now competes for the Central Region Teacher of the Year, is the son of John and Malinda Jowers of Winston-Salem. He will be married to Monique White on June 11.



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