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Madeline McSayles (from right), **Kellie Anita Stripling** and **James Dugar** are all Head Start teachers who were recently honored.

Teacher named a top UC student

Madeline McSayles, a Head Start teacher at the Theodore M. Berry Children and Family Learning Center in the West End, is balancing her life as a mother, teacher, wife and student.

She has done this while maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average and being selected to receive the Outstanding Student of the Year Award from the University of Cincinnati's College of Applied Science this year.

"It is nice to receive that kind of honor, especially since it is a lot of hard work involved," McSayles said. "I did it for three years along with a job, four children in four different schools and a husband."

She received an associate's degree in early childhood care and education this summer.

"It was not easy for her," said her husband, **Jarrod**, a pipe fitter who works nights. "I try to give her all the help I can."

The couple has four children: **Jenae**, 15; **Jocelyn**, 12; **Jayla**, 11, and **Joshua**, 9.

Two other Head Start teachers also had outstanding recognitions last week: **James Dugar**, who teaches at Creative Experiences Head Start in Bond Hill, and **Kellie Anita Stripling**, who also teaches at a Head Start program in Bond Hill, were inducted into an honor society for two-year colleges, the Beta Gamma Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.