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NAME	SCHOOL	AWARD TITLE	ORGANIZATION
Greg Adams	West Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Amber Adamson	Harmony Intermediate Center	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Juli Akal	Roxana Junior High School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Lisa Allen	LeClaire Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Joanna Angelopoulos	Gray M Sanborn Elementary	2020 Illinois Art Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Art Education Association
Elisha Arnold	Columbia High School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Barb Baker	Lombard Middle School	2019 Jerry Johns Reading Educator Award	Illinois Reading Council
Michael Berardi	Roxana Senior High School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Holly Boehs	Sherman Elementary School	2020 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Lance Boldt	Mt. Vernon Township High School	2020 Olive Foster Outstanding Teacher Award	Illinois State Historical Society
Lindsay Burton	Dieterich Jr/Sr High School	2020 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Whitney Carpenter	Central Elementary School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Joanna Carroll	Washington Intermediate School	2020 Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Digital Educators Alliance
Maggie Castrogivanni	Lincoln-Way East High School	2021 Bob Haisman IEA Teacher of the Year	Illinois Education Association
Chuck Cavazos	Elk Grove High School	2021 Outstanding Speech, Debate and Theatre Educator Illinois Nominee	National Federation of State High School Associations
Jason Chapman	Alton Community Unit School District 11	2020 Formal Educator of the Year Award	Environmental Education Association of Illinois
Michael Colletti	Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills (Retired)	2020 Outstanding Speech, Debate and Theatre Educator Illinois Nominee	National Federation of State High School Associations
Jessica Collins	Flanagan Cornell High School	2021 Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Association of Career and Technical Education



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Haley Conger	Peoria Richwoods High School	2020 New Foreign Language Teacher Award	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Randy Craig	Thompson Jr. High School	2019 Middle Level Art Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Art Education Association
Julie Crask	Whiteside Middle School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Lexie Cuppett	Silver Creek Elementary	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Andy Davis	Reavis High School, Burbank, IL	2021 Outstanding Music Educator Illinois Nominee	National Federation of State High School Association
Scott Duensing	Lemont High School	2020 R. Tim Phillip Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Design Educators Association
Niki Egelhoff	Jersey Community Middle School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Kia Eiland	James Avant Elementary School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Ellen Ericson	Mahomet-Seymour High School	2020 Paul T. Griffith Teacher of the Year	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Jessica Ervin	Pawnee High School	2019 Secondary Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Business Education Association
Pam Evans	Shiloh Community Unit School District 1	2021 Formal Educator of the Year Award	Environmental Education Association of Illinois
Roger Finnell	Fenwick High School Oak Park	2020 Excellence in Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award (T.E. Rine Award)	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Quintina Fisher	Gordon Bush Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Carrie Friederich	Westhaven Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Karen Frische	Estelle Kampmeyer School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Maria Gonzalez	Thomas Jefferson Junior High School	2020 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Sydney Hendricks	Adlai E Stevenson High School	2021 Illinois Promising New Teacher Award	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics



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Jay Hooper	Centennial High School	2021 Excellence in Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award (T.E. Rine Award)	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Matt Hotopp	Jefferson High School	2020 Distinguished Service Award for Contributions to Foreign Language Learning	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Jenelle Hoyt	Camelot Safe School	2020 Middle School/Junior High Counselor of the Year Award	Illinois School Counselor Association
Maria Hull	Paul Revere Primary School	2020 Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Teaching Award	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Robin Ibel	William Holliday Elementary	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Jennifer Jacknewitz	Belleville West Junior High	2020-21 Jerry Johns Reading Educator Award	Illinois Reading Council
Debbie Jenkins	Lincolnwood Junior High School	2021 Excellence in Middle School Mathematics Teaching Award	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Dawn Jones	Highland High School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Kimberlee Jones	Nelson Elementary School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Susan Jones	Alice Gustafson School	2021 Kane County Educator of the Year	Kane County Regional Office of Education
TaRael Kee	Collinsville High School	2021 High School Counselor of the Year Award/2021 Illinois School Counselor of the Year	Illinois School Counselor Association
Cheryl Kellmeyer	Wolf Branch Middle School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Daniel Kenny	Oak Lawn Community High School	2020 High School Teacher of the Year Award	Technology Education Association of Illinois
Dr. Dan Kerns	Richwoods High School	2020 Tidwell Award	Illinois Journalism Education Association
Kristen LaJeunesse-Roach	Lake Zurich High School	2019 Illinois Art Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Art Education Association



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Katie Lawrence	Hall High School	2020 Distinguished Service Award for Contributions to Foreign Language Learning	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
David Lerch	Marissa Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Alexandra Lloyd	Dr. Martin King Jr. Academy of Social Justice, Chicago, IL	2021 Elementary School Counselor of the Year Award	Illinois School Counselor Association
Emma Long-Ingram	Lexington CUSD 7	2020 Elementary Art Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Art Education Association
Melisa Lopez	Carbondale High School	2020 Distinguished Service Award for Contributions to Foreign Language Learning	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Bill Lowe	Loyola Academy	2020 Farrand Baker Illinois Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Classical Conference
Erin A. Lynch	Jahn School of Fine Arts	2020 Middle Level Art Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Art Education Association
Joelle Macke	Mascoutah Middle School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Susy Marcum	Grove Elementary School	2020 School Nurse of the Year Award	Illinois Association of School Nurses
Michael Mascari	Whitney Young High School, Chicago	2020 Outstanding Music Educator Illinois Nominee	National Federation of State High School Association
Jill Mathenia	Ellis Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Katherine Mayr	Westhaven Elementary School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Joseph "Brooks" McDowell	Pontiac Junior High School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Katie McKown	Dunlap CSD #323	Junior Achievement of Central Illinois Teacher of the Year Award	Junior Achievement of Central Illinois
Abby McMahan	Marissa Elementary School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Kelbey McMath	Clinton Junior High School	2021 Olive Foster Outstanding Teacher Award	Illinois State Historical Society



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Jose de Jesus Moreno Lozano	Andrew Cooke Magnet School	2020 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Rob Moriarty	Morton West High School	2019 Secondary Art Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Art Education Association
Karen Mueller	Freeburg Community High School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Jim Murphy	Grant Middle School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Ann Neighbors	Delores Moye Elementary School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Janelle Nordtvedt	Ottawa Township High School	2019 R. Tim Phillip Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Design Educators Association
Erin O'Connor	Bolingbrook HS	2019 New Foreign Language Teacher Award	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Tasha Ohotzke	Luther J. Schilling - Homer 33CCSD	2021 Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Digital Educators Alliance
Madison O'Rourke	Evans Jr. High School	2020 New Teacher of the Year Award	Technology Education Association of Illinois
Tiffany Owens	Joseph Arthur Middle School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Gwenetta Posey	Champaign Community Unit School District 4	2020-21 Barack Obama Library Award	Illinois Reading Council
Deena Powell	Rochester High School	2020 Secondary Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Business Education Association
Lizbeth Rada	Bolingbrook HS	2019 New Foreign Language Teacher Award	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Margo Ransom	Community Consolidated School District 168	2019 Barack Obama Library Award	Illinois Reading Council
Leslie Rathunde	Glenbrook North HS	2019 Distinguished Service Award for Contributions to Foreign Language Learning	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Anna Reiff	Stagg High School	2019 Farrand Baker Illinois Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Classical Conference



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Karen Reinacher	Illini Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Kathy Rohn	Wolf Branch School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Elizabeth Rosenfeld	Chase Elementary School	2020 Elementary School Counselor of the Year Award	Illinois School Counselor Association
Kurt Sanderson	Bryan Middle School	2020 Middle School Teacher of the Year Award	Technology Education Association of Illinois
Krystal Santaniello	Dundee Crown High School	2020 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Tom Sapp	Loyola Academy	2019 Distinguished Service Award for Contributions to Foreign Language Learning	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Mecala Scholl	Highland Middle School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Lori Schrock	Mendota Township High School District #280	2020 Excellence in Education Award	LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Regional Office of Education #35
Nick Seibert	O'Fallon Township High School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Kyle Selliers	Signal Hill School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Amy Sheehan	Triad Community Unit 2	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Anna Shkolnikov	Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School	2020 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Deanna Sortino	Niles West High School	2020 Secondary Art Educator of the Year Award	Illinois Art Education Association
Brooklyn Sterns	Shiloh Elementary School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Janine Stevens	Bartlett High School	2019 High School Teacher of the Year Award	Technology Education Association of Illinois
Amber Stringer	Indian Grove Elementary School	2020 Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education



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Sarah Svoboda	Belleville East High School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Jane Swisher	Deer Path Middle School	2019 Paul T. Griffth Teacher of the Year	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Jennifer Talbot	Thomas Metcalf Middle School	2020 Excellence in Middle School Mathematics Teaching Award	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Michelle Theis	Twin Echo	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Kendal Tierney-Hurst	High Mount School	2020 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson
Heidi Truax	Simpson Academy for Young Women	2020 High School Counselor of the Year Award/2020 Illinois School Counselor of the Year	Illinois School Counselor Association
Stephanie Vavrina	Oak View Elementary School	Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award	Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Rebecca Voight	Andrew Cooke Magnet Elementary School	2019 iCON Knowledge Builder Award	Illinois Biotechnology Innovation Organization Institute
Veronica Walinski	Emerson Elementary Berwyn	2020 Illinois Promising New Teacher Award	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Becki Wick	Loyola Academy	2020 Farrand Baker Illinois Teacher of the Year Award	Illinois Classical Conference
Kathryn Wolfkiel	Barrington HS	2020 Distinguished Service Award for Contributions to Foreign Language Learning	Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Beth Woolley	Ottawa Elementary School District #141	2020 Excellence in Education Award	LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Regional Office of Education #35
Amanda Zimolzak	El Sierra School	2021 Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Teaching Award	Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Emily Zipprich	East Alton-Wood River High School	2019 Excellence in Teaching Award	Emerson