

**2021 Illinois Teacher of the Year Awardees**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b>County</b>
Jena	Combs	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Flora Community Unit School District 35	Clay
Sara L.	Barton	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Wesclin Community Unit School District 3	Clinton
Jill R.	Tasker	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Bartelso School District 57	Clinton
Precious	Allen	Classroom Teacher	Cook County Co-Teacher of the Year	Betty Shabazz International Charter School	Cook
Andrew P.	Bean	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Julia	Bolotin	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Theresa Diane	Bonifazi	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Lisa T.	Browning	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Community Consolidated School District 59	Cook
Marvin C.	Childress	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Angela	Dambrosio	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Forest Ridge School District 142	Cook
Angela M.	Galla	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Acero Charter School Network - Octavio Paz Campus	Cook
Theresa L.	Hardin	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Justin M.	Johnson	Classroom Teacher	Cook County Co-Teacher of the Year	Niles Township High School District 219	Cook
Maggie	Joyce	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Sarah L.	Kendeigh	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Traci D.	Krueger	Classroom Teacher	Cook County Co-Teacher of the Year	Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Kate J.	Lee	Early Career Educator	Outstanding Early Career Educator	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Samantha	Levin	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Arbor Academy	Cook
Elizabeth A.	Loverde	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Community Consolidated School District 59	Cook
Katherine J.	May	Early Career Educator	Excellence	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Katie K.	McGarvey	Early Career Educator	Special Educator Teacher of the Year	Township High School District 211	Cook
Allison	Miller	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Shatha H.	Odeh	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Oak Lawn Community High School District 229	Cook

Elizabeth Dean	Olson	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Acero Charter School Network - Bartolome de las Casas	Cook
Alicja	Osak-Kusz	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Valerie	Pasqua	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Joyce	Richardson	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Township High School District 211	Cook
Veronica	Rodriguez	Classroom Teacher	Bilingual Teacher of the Year	Community Consolidated School District 59	Cook
Elizabeth	Smith	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
George M.	Vlahakis	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Rich Township High School District 227	Cook
Emily E.	Wong	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Danyale	Woods	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Heritage Leadership Academy	Cook
Christina D.	Soberalski	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Clinton Community Unit School District 15	De Witt
Mary J.	Barney	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	DuPage High School District 88	DuPage
David L.	Carroll	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Carrie A.	Fitzgerald	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Sarah K.	Guidizi	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Lombard School District 44	DuPage
Adam	Hallihan	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Hinsdale Township High School District 86	DuPage
Samantha A.	Henry	Early Career Educator	Excellence	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Melissa V.	Holtrup	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Jessica M.	McGill	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Community Consolidated School District 93	DuPage
Aimee S.	Park	Classroom Teacher	South Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year	Lisle Community Unit School District 202	DuPage
Rebecca M.	Siambekos	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Susan R.	Stephenson	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Elmhurst School District 205	DuPage
Abby M.	Udelhofen	Early Career Educator	Excellence	Elmhurst School District 205	DuPage
Angela M.	Zurawski	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Cass School District 63	DuPage
Karen S.	Wargel	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Gallatin Community Unit School District 7	Gallatin
James B.	Jackson	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Mount Vernon School District 80	Jefferson
Jonna L.	Piercy	Classroom Teacher	Southeast Regional Teacher of the Year	Spring Garden Community Consolidated School District 178	Jefferson
Misty D.	Fritch	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	New Simpson Hill School District 32	Johnson
Michael J.	Kasper	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Community Unit School District 300	Kane
Rebecca Jo	Wilding	Early Career Educator	Excellence	Aurora East Unit School District 131	Kane

Joshua R.	Johnson	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Kevin	McCammon	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Katherine M.	Roberts	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Leeanne	Scherpe	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Galesburg Community Unit School District 205	Knox
Katherine E.	Barnett	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Elizabeth S.	Ciko	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Bannockburn School District 106	Lake
Haley N.	Garrison	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Community High School District 117	Lake
Robert	Hafer	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Community High School District 117	Lake
Duffy	Kathleen A.	Classroom Teacher	North Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year	Barrington Community Unit School District 220	Lake
Sydney	McNally	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Rebecca J.	Wattleworth	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Warrensburg-Latham Community Unit School District 11	Macon
Jennifer M.	Bhooshan	Classroom Teacher	Southwest Regional Teacher of the Year	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Kimberly A.	Engelman	Classroom Teacher	Early Childhood Teacher of the Year	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Erin B.	Forrester	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Holly J.	Hampton	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7	Madison
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Hannah M.	Hergenrother	Early Career Educator	Excellence	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Heather M.	Johnson	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Saenz	Kristen M.	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Kayla J.	Magruder	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7	Madison
Cameron	Youngman	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Jamie M.	Carlson	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Community High School District 155	McHenry
Josie D.	Bensko	Early Career Educator	Excellence	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
John D.	Bergmann	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Sophia M.	Estes	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Elizabeth A.	Hendricks	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Lin	Lin	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Thomas Metcalf School	McLean

Lauren A.	Romero	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Brandon G.	Thornton	Classroom Teacher	East Central Regional Teacher of the Year	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Daniel	Gale	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Ashley R.	McGarry	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Byron Community Unit School District 226	Ogle
Aaron E.	Sitze	Classroom Teacher	Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Brandon	Jamirson	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Laura P.	McGinnes	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Marricea	Page	Classroom Teacher	West Central Regional Teacher of the Year	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Shane	Seals	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Limestone Community High School District 310	Peoria
Scott	Loyd	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Du Quoin Community Unit School District 300	Perry
Beth A.	Kocher	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	St. Joseph Elementary School	Richland
Heidi L.	Neels	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Moline-Coal Valley Community Unit School District 40	Rock Island
Nicolette L.	Harris	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Springfield School District 186	Sangamon
Julie L.	Crask	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Whiteside School District 115	St. Clair
Haleigh R.	Haberberger	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Harmony Emge School District 175	St. Clair
Taryn M.	Harwell	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Whiteside School District 115	St. Clair
Michelle L.	Jones	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Our Lady Queen of Peace	St. Clair
Mercedes	Schooler	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	East St. Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Linsey R.	McDanel	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Jill M.	Fandel	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Washington School District 52	Tazewell
Hannah M.	Toaddy	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Washington School District 52	Tazewell
Caitlin E.	Finan	Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Holy Family School	Will
Tracy L.	Kieres	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Plainfield School District 202	Will
Nicole M.	Williams	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Valley View Community Unit School District 365U	Will
Michael G.	Rhines	Classroom Teacher	Meritorious Service	Prairie Hill Community Consolidated School District 133	Winnebago