



## 2023 Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awardees

Professional Category	Award	First Name	Last Name	School Community	County
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jason	Geiger	North Boone Community Unit School District 200	Boone
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Barbara	Ritchie	West Carroll Community Unit School District 314	Carroll
Teacher	Special Recognition	Randi	Wenzel	Champaign Community Unit School District 4	Champaign
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Timothy	Arie	Champaign Community Unit School District 4	Champaign
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Tabatha	Wenzel	Champaign Unit 4 School District	Champaign
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Lindsey	Pingsterhaus	Rantoul City School District 137	Champaign
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Christina	Jones	Rantoul City School District 137	Champaign
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Cheri	Cwierniak	Morrisonville Community Unit School District 1	Christian
Admin	Meritorious Service	Karen	Kuntzman	Taylorville Community Unit School District 3	Christian
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jill	Sisson	Marshall Community Unit School District 2C	Clark
Teacher	Special Recognition	Alice	Robinson	North Clay Community Unit School District 25	Clay
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kristi	Hilmes	Bartelso School District 57	Clinton
Community Volunteer	Special Recognition	Geri	Huels	Bartelso School District 57	Clinton

Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Shelby	Brandmeyer	Bartelso School District 57	Clinton
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Dana	Beckmann	Bartelso School District 57	Clinton
Teacher	Southeast Regional	Nicole	Weh	Central Community High School District 71	Clinton
Admin	Special Recognition	Dustin	Foutch	Central High School District 71	Clinton
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Molly	Bickford	Charleston Community Unit School District 1	Coles
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Ryan	Johnson	Acero Charter School Network	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Kelly	Smith	Acero Charter School Network	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kyle	Stern	Argo School District 217	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Amanda	Cazares	Atwood Heights School District 125	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Tim	Furman	Avoca School District 37	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Sabina	Hussaini	Berkeley School District 87	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Sarah	Larson	Berwyn South School District 100	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Deyse	Garcia	Berwyn South School District 100	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Samantha	O'Hara	Brookfield LaGrange Park School District 95	Cook
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Heather	Watson	Burbank School District 111	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Veronica	Ellis	Catalyst Charter-Circle Rock ES	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Julie	Huff	Cicero School District 99	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	Mayda	Zamarripa	Cicero School District 99	Cook
Teacher	Cook County Co-Regional	Anne	Gray	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook

Teacher	Meritorious Service	Marilen	Corres	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Breana	Calloway	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Dion	Love	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Michael	Feinberg	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jennifer	Koszyk	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Emily Daisy	Gasca	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Comfort	Agboola	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Samantha	Jones	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Joseph	Ocol	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Margarita	Ramirez-Skupien	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Mohammed	Ikramullah	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Lisandra	Barajas	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Laura	Mueller	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Alyssa	Silva-Rafi	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Megan	Grieshaber	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Anne	O'Malley	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Admin	Excellence	Brian	Kelly	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook

Early Career Educator	Excellence	Jacob	Rangel	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	District 230 Foundation		Consolidated High School District 230	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Iwona	Ciezkowska	Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kendal	Ahlmann	Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Charles	Curtin	Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Diane	Daniels	Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Vincent	Fiore	Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	Instructional Coaches of EPCUSD 401		Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	John Mills PTA		Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	Elm Middle School Student Services Team		Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Khloe	Battle	Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Adeela	Qureshi	Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook
Team	Excellence	CREATE 65 and PREP 65 team		Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook
Team	Excellence	Finance Team		Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook
Team	Excellence	Joseph E. Hill Early Childhood Center		Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	Evanston-Skokie School District 65 Drama Department		Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	Student Assignment Project Team		Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook

Team	Special Recognition	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging (DEIB) Team		Evanston Community Consolidated School District 65	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Anita	Thawani Bucio	Evanston Township High School District 202	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Leslie	Mannion	Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Emily	Nicotra	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	Haley	Marti	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Anathayee	Heyward	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Jillian	Jendra	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Tracy	Reed	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Sarah	Rudenga	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	Alpha Wolves		Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	DeAntwinette	Nance	Gen George Patton School District 133	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Paula	Brown	Gen George Patton School District 133	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Emily	Bus	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Steve	Ruelli	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Narangerel	Banzragch	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Vicky	Marcu	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Aurora	Joaquin	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	Co-Teaching Dynamic Duo		Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook

Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Marandia	Bledsoe	Harvey School District 152	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Emily	Carroll	Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Andrew	Gaus	Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	Lawrence	Cook	Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Community Volunteer	Excellence	Dr. Aginah M.	Muhammad	Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Candice	Hall	Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Lauren	White	Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	HF Resiliency Project		Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	Co-Taught Social Science with Reading		Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Yolanda	Collins	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	MaryKay	Gardiner	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Patty	Welsh	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Jacqueline	Perell	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Beverly	Bulliner	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Jessica	Kors	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	Citizens for Homewood Schools		Homewood School District 153	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Carol	Best	J S Morton High School District 201	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Kennedy	Irmen	J S Morton High School District 201	Cook

Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Kimberly	Arthur	J S Morton High School District 201	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Geri	Pasieka	LaGrange School District 102	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Stetson	Steele	LaGrange Highlands School District 106	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Lauren	Fountas	LaGrange Highlands School District 106	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Tracy	Fies	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	David J.	Lesak	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Community Volunteer	Excellence	Erica	Spencer	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Kaitlyn	Surges	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Debbie	Zadrozny	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	Lansing School District 158 Buildings and Grounds Team		Lansing School District 158	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Sheena	Brown	LEARN Charter - South Chicago Campus	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Diamond	Perkins	LEARN Charter - South Chicago Campus	Cook
Teacher	Cook County Co-Regional	Dr. Sawsan	Jaber	Leyden High School District 212	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Bryan	Miller	Leyden High School District 212	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Carrie	Saurer	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kristin	Mazanowski	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Admin	Excellence	Anna	Hamilton	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook

Admin	Meritorious Service	Sharon	Baima	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Maureen	Hartwig	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Cassandra	Cowperthwaite	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Kacey	Carpenter	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Christine	Bednarek	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Crista	Adams	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Kathleen	Klein	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Dr. Sandy	Flores	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Team	Excellence	Maine West High School Student and Family Services		Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	District 207 Integrated Math Team		Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	6th Grade Team		Morton Grove School District 70	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Steve	Shaffer	Mount Prospect School District 57	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	Danielle	Crandall	Mount Prospect School District 57	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	New Trier High School Physical Plant Services		New Trier Township High School District 203	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	Janet	Radcliffe	Niles Township District for Special Education D807	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Elizabeth	Dribin-Khoshaba	Niles Township High School District 219	Cook
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Juan Pablo	Esquivel	Noble Baker College Prep	Cook



Teacher	Meritorious Service	Amanda	Cesak	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Megan	Patti	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jamie	Albon	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kristin	Brudzisz	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Admin	Excellence	Shadia	Salem	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Nancy	Flores	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Julia	Herman	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Jasmine	Hakawati	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Denise	Nossem	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Lubna	Alzboon	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Edith	Duarte-Rodriguez	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Lydia	Gamboa	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Tara	Hanson	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	Oak Ridge 5th Grade Math Team		North Palos School District 117	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Justin	Zummo	Glenbrook High School District 225	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Brian	Boron	Glenbrook High School District 225	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	Eric	Etherton	Glenbrook High School District 225	Cook
Team	Excellence	Instructional Coaching		Glenbrook High School District 225	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Robert	Habersat	Oak Lawn Community High School District 229	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Christopher	Kuchyt	Oak Lawn Community High School District 229	Cook

Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Mike	Olsson	Oak Lawn Community High School District 229	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Ricardo	Raygoza	Oak Lawn Community High School District 229	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Nuhie	Faheem	Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Stephanie	Suerth	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Elizabeth	Vietzen	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kathleen	Kelly	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Allison	Nelson	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Lori	Pelling	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Nicole	Clark Braswell	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Madonna	Weck	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Lauren	Trout	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Deborah	Spyrison	Orland School District 135	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Cynthia Ann	Friesen	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Matt	Kooker	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Amy	Muller	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Mario	Diaz Albarran	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Elizabeth	Gama	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook

Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Suzanne	Dowd	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Debbie	Vojack	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	SEAL Team (Social Emotional Academic Learning)		Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Rosalind	Cotton	Children's Center Inc	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Georgette	Demarinis	Park Ridge Community Consolidated School District 64	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Alex	Teater	Park Ridge Community Consolidated School District 64	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Natalie	Briggs	Park Ridge Community Consolidated School District 64	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Michael	Bokar	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Catherine	Josephs	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Admin	Meritorious Service	Cristin	Chiganos	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Rebecca	Tanaka	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	April	Senase	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Shirley	Magee	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Amy	Paulus	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Tianna	Watt	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Team	Special Recognition	Proviso East Parent Advisory Council		Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Teacher	Cook County Co-Regional	Samantha	Stearns	River Forest School District 90	Cook

Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kendra	Crane Ostrander	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Admin	Excellence	Amy	Thompson	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	James	Biedke	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Robin	Polanco	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	District 54 Student Ambassador Facilitators		Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Rachel	Douglas	Skokie School District 73-5	Cook
Teacher	Special Recognition	Eva	Manzke	Summit School District 104	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Debra	Mitchell	Thornton Township High School District 205	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Heidi	Davey	Township High School District 211	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Brenda	Moreno	Township High School District 211	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Patrick	Craig	Township High School District 211	Cook
Admin	Special Recognition	Russell	Cumings	Township High School District 211	Cook
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Kate	Johnson	Township High School District 211	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Michael	Diez	Township High School District 211	Cook
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Cindy	Rogers	Township High School District 211	Cook
Team	Meritorious Service	District 211 Transportation		Township High School District 211	Cook
Teacher	Cook County Co-Regional	Dr. Michael	Ayala	Township High School District 214	Cook
Teacher	Special Education Teacher of the Year	Nicole	McCormick	Township High School District 214	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Lisa	Warner	Wheeling Community Consolidated School District 21	Cook

Teacher	Special Recognition	Cecilia	Franco	Wheeling Community Consolidated School District 21	Cook
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Rebecca	Howell	Clinton Community Unit School District 15	De Witt
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Tanya	Ward	Clinton Community Unit School District 15	De Witt
Teacher	Special Recognition	Carla	Vazquez	Bensenville School District 2	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Steven	Mandru	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Admin	Meritorious Service	Andrew	Wise	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Phil	Januszewski	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Marissa	Powers	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Joyce	Wilson	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Joy	DeFors	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Team	Excellence	Lakeview Junior High Exploratory Team		Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Catie	Alls	Clare Woods Academy	DuPage
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Lauren	Tuchek	Community Consolidated School District 180	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Lesley	Klappauf	Community Consolidated School District 93	DuPage
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Kerry	Yuen	Community Consolidated School District 93	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Karen	Spahr-Thomas	Community High School District #99	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Rachelle	Terada	Community Unit School District 200	DuPage
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Larissa	Zelisko	Community Unit School District 201	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Mark	Chorazyczewski	DuPage High School District 88	DuPage

Early Career Educator	Outstanding Early Career Educator	Gariecia	Rose	Glenbard Township High School District 87	DuPage
Teacher	Special Recognition	Leah	Thulin	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Bridget	Demartino	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Michelle	McGrath	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Cody	Rudnik	Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School District 233	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Terri	Andrews	Indian Prairie Community Unit School District 204	DuPage
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Patrick	Kearney	Indian Prairie Community Unit School District 204	DuPage
Team	Meritorious Service	District Support Team - Assistive Technology and Behavior		Indian Prairie Community Unit School District 204	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Margaret	Gawrych	Lake Park Community High School District 108	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Tammi	Mellert	Medinah School District 11	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Tiauna	King	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Catherine	Meyer	School District 45 DuPage County	DuPage
Admin	Special Recognition	Matt	Davidson	Timothy Christian Elementary Middle School	DuPage
Teacher	Special Recognition	Scott	Roelofs	Timothy Christian High School	DuPage
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kirstin	Mills	Paris Community Unit School District 4	Edgar
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Tiffany	Snedeker	Paris Union School District 95	Edgar
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Heather	Dean	Paris Union School District 95	Edgar

Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Staci	Garzolini-Skelton	Paris Union School District 95	Edgar
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Amy	Evans	Canton Union School District 66	Fulton
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Beth	Burrow	Greenfield Community Unit School District 10	Greene
Teacher	Special Recognition	Kimberly	Struck	Saratoga Community Consolidated School District 60C	Grundy
Teacher	Special Recognition	Jessica	Tucker	Colona Grade School	Henry
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Rasheeda	Love	Carbondale Community High School District 165	Jackson
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	John	Burkett	Mount Vernon School District 80	Jefferson
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Rachel	Evans	Jersey Community Unit School District 100	Jersey
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Adrienne	Tripp	New Simpson Hill School District 32	Johnson
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Leslie	Bradley	Vienna High School District 133	Johnson
Team	Special Recognition	Southern Illinois Future Teachers Coalition		Vienna High School District 133	Johnson
Teacher	Special Recognition	Maira	Martinez	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Admin	Meritorious Service	Tonetta	Davis	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Maria	Rodriguez	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Evelyn	Moy	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Dawn	Stanfa	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Team	Special Recognition	East Aurora School District 131 Technology Department		East Aurora School District 131	Kane

Teacher	North Suburbs Regional	Amber	Jirsa	Batavia Public School District 101	Kane
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kristy	Giesen	Batavia Public School District 101	Kane
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Yasmin	Villamar	Community Unit School District 300	Kane
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Minerva	Ratsamy	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Kane
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Angie	Shoener	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Kane
Admin	Meritorious Service	Dustin	Covarrubias	School District U-46	Kane
Team	Meritorious Service	D303 Elementary General Music PLC		St Charles Community Unit School District 303	Kane
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jamie	VanDongen	Manteno Community Unit School District 5	Kankakee
Teacher	Special Recognition	Sean	Hoffmann	Manteno Community Unit School District 5	Kankakee
Admin	Meritorious Service	Samantha	Sinovich	Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Diana	Calvillo	Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Team	Special Recognition	BIONIC (Believe it or Not I Care)		Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Barbara	Richmond	Oswego Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Emily	Holmstrom	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Admin	Excellence	Brennan	Denny	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Community Volunteer	Special Recognition	Mark	Parris	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Delaney	Rogers	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall



Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Jimena	Moreno	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Anne	Hamblin	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Sarah	Nourzad	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Team	Meritorious Service	Plano Area Special Education Cooperative (PASEC)/Plano High School Transition Team		Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Admin	Special Recognition	Christine	Bucciarelli	Ottawa Elementary School District 141	La Salle
Community Volunteer	Special Recognition	Maribeth	Manigold	Ottawa Elementary School District 141	La Salle
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Alecia	Ruiz	Ottawa Elementary School District 141	La Salle
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Maddie	Vogler	Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Griffin	Forberg	Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Reem	Varghese	Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Irina	Kogan	Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Team	Excellence	AP Physics 1 Team		Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jennifer	Jasinski	Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34	Lake
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Tammy	Johnson	Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34	Lake
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Diane	Arndt	Antioch District 117	Lake
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Amy	Boucek	Barrington Community Unit School District 220	Lake

Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jenni	Floren	Community High School District 117	Lake
Admin	Special Recognition	Mark	Ring	Community High School District 117	Lake
Community Volunteer	Special Recognition	Beth	Miller	Community High School District 117	Lake
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Madelynn	Soberano	Community High School District 117	Lake
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Nathan	Sheffield	Community High School District 117	Lake
Team	Meritorious Service	Antioch Community High School IDEAPAD		Community High School District 117	Lake
Team	Meritorious Service	Mary Foersterling and Michelle Magness Lotus Preschool		Fox Lake School District 114	Lake
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Megan	Temple	Fremont School District 79	Lake
Teacher	Special Recognition	Chris	Ellingsen	Grayslake High School District 127	Lake
Admin	Meritorious Service	Dr. James	Roscoe	Grayslake High School District 127	Lake
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Aiden	Williams	Grayslake High School District 127	Lake
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Jean	Rice	Grayslake High School District 127	Lake
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Amy	Fitzgerald	Grayslake High School District 127	Lake
Team	Excellence	GCHS Instructional Coaches		Grayslake High School District 127	Lake
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Megan	Ruffner	Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73	Lake
Admin	Excellence	Dr. Allison	Stein	Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73	Lake
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Jake	Scheuring	Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73	Lake
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Wendy	Giovanetto	Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73	Lake

Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Karen A.	Karolczak	Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73	Lake
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Saddaf	Raheel	Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73	Lake
Team	Meritorious Service	Second Grade Team		Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District 73	Lake
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Nicole	Karkazis	Lake Forest School District 67	Lake
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Rebecca	Wickboldt	Libertyville School District 70	Lake
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Maggie	Kirkman	Mundelein Consolidated High School District 120	Lake
Team	Special Recognition	D120 Transition Center		Mundelein Cons High School District 120	Lake
Teacher	Special Recognition	Robert	Mankiewicz	North Chicago School District 187	Lake
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Maria Camila	Henao	North Chicago School District 187	Lake
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Laura	Psimaras	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Teacher	Special Recognition	Katelyn	Canfield	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Admin	Special Recognition	Tony	Zamiar	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Jill	Gawne	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	David	Blietz	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Nancy	Reidy	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Danielle	Venegoni	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Team	Meritorious Service	7th/8th Grade Team		Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Admin	Meritorious Service	Nicole	Maki	Waukegan Community Unit School District 60	Lake
Teacher	Special Recognition	Tadd	Galgan	Zion-Benton Township High School District 126	Lake

Teacher	Special Recognition	Becky	Storck	Lawrence County CUD 20	Lawrence
Team	Meritorious Service	NEXUS		Amboy Community Unit School District 272	Lee
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Emery	Wenger	Prairie Central Community Unit School District 8	Livingston
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Lori	Reiher	Carlinville Community Unit School District 1	Macoupin
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Robert	Ruyle	Southwestern Community Unit School District 9	Macoupin
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jody	Bosomworth	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jennifer	Herring	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Teacher	Special Recognition	Jessica	May	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Admin	Meritorious Service	Charlotte	Fisher	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Michael	Hayman	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Team	Special Recognition	Washington Early Childhood Center		East Alton School District 13	Madison
Teacher	Early Childhood Teacher of the Year	Marcia	Dodds	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Bernard	Long Jr.	Madison Community Unit School District 12	Madison
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Michelle	Dempsey	Triad Community Unit School District 2	Madison
Teacher	Special Recognition	Melynda	Frederick	Odin Public School District 722	Marion
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Kelly	Damann	Illini Central Community Unit School District 189	Mason
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Corinne	Biswell	West Prairie Community Unit School District 103	McDonough

Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Kara	Lentine	Johnsburg Community Unit School District 12	McHenry
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Katie	Murphy	Richmond-Burton District 157	McHenry
Admin	Excellence	Donald Justin	Donner	ROE - RSP McHenry County	McHenry
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Stacey	McGraw	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Teacher	Special Recognition	Tammy	Barba	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Marsha	Schellenberg	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Julie	Bopp	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Team	Meritorious Service	DeWitt, Livingston, Logan, and McLean County Regional Office of Education #17 Substitute Licensure Team		DeWitt, Livingston, Logan, and McLean Counties Regional Office of Education #17	McLean
Teacher	East Central Regional	Dr. Katherine	Bruemmer	Heyworth Community Unit School District 4	McLean
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Janel	Sebeny	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Jill	Garneau	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Catherine	Unsbee	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Admin	Meritorious Service	Dave	Johnson	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Admin	Special Recognition	Erin	OGrady	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Community Volunteer	Excellence	Charlie	Jobson	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Kylie	Musslewhite	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Early Career Educator	Bilingual Teacher of the Year	Ricardo	King Jr.	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean

Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Joseph	Hinderliter	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Jennifer	Giermann	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Team	Excellence	Normal Marching Band Faculty and Staff		McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Team	Excellence	Normal West Family and Consumer Sciences Department		McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Catherine	Jennings	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Emily	Weyl	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Sandra	Byrd	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Emilie	Ruppert	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Team	Meritorious Service	Olympia Middle School Sixth Grade Team		Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Gary	Miller	Career Center of Southern Illinois	Monroe
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Abriel	Mueller	Columbia Community Unit School District 4	Monroe
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Monica	Mize	Community Unit School District 4	Monroe
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Amanda	Surratt	Triopia Community Unit School District 27	Morgan
Teacher	Special Recognition	Tiffany	Rang	Waverly Community Unit School District 6	Morgan
Teacher	Special Recognition	Cara	Roberts	Byron Community Unit School District 226	Ogle
Admin	Excellence	Dr. Joseph	Mullikin	Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Katie	Groharing	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle

Community Volunteer	Excellence	Matthew	Sarantakos	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Angela	Reynolds	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Kelly	Pace	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Krystal	Stewart	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Team	Meritorious Service	David L. Rahn Junior High School 7th Grade Team		Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Teacher	Special Recognition	Melissa	Deutsch	Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231	Ogle
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Christine	Stonewall	Dunlap Community Unit School District 323	Peoria
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Michelle	Cornwell	Limestone Community High School District 310	Peoria
Admin	Meritorious Service	Dr. Loren C.	Baele	Oak Grove School District 68 Bartonville	Peoria
Admin	Meritorious Service	Anna	Rose	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Dr. Kelsey	Clarkson	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Meg	Tomlin	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Keva	Rush	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Valerie	Blake Scott	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Kay	Lawless	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Team	Meritorious Service	Justice Advocates		Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Team	Special Recognition	Peoria Public Schools Justice Advocate		Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Scott	Loyd	Tri-County Special Education	Perry
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Nicole	Bowen	Griggsville-Perry Community Unit School District 4	Pike

Teacher	Special Recognition	Cally	Mitchell	St Joseph School	Richland
Teacher	Special Recognition	Debbie	Marlier	Jordan Catholic School	Rock Island
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kristi L.	Rogers	Pawnee Community Unit School District 11	Sangamon
Teacher	Special Recognition	Ellen	Bilyeu	Pawnee Community Unit School District 11	Sangamon
Admin	Special Recognition	William C.	Hennemann	Pawnee Community Unit School District 11	Sangamon
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Beth	Junker	Belleville School District 118	St. Clair
Teacher	Special Recognition	Bernadette	Wallace	Cahokia Community Unit School District 187	St. Clair
Teacher	Special Recognition	Gina	James	Central School District 104	St. Clair
Teacher	Southwest Regional	Briana	Morales	East St Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Rosalind	Rogers	East St Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Tamara	Tally	East St Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Dyshunda	Curtis	East St Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Admin	Meritorious Service	Tracee	Wells	East St Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Admin	Special Recognition	Staccy	Lampkin	East St Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Dr. Kareem	Mateen	East St Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Teacher	Special Recognition	Kim	Portz	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
Teacher	Special Recognition	Jana	Fett	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
Admin	Excellence	Lacey	Schmersahl	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Jacquelyn	Alberter	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair



Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Lori	Selman	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	David	Lerch	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Brittany	Segelhorst	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
Admin	Excellence	Michelle	Cooley	Mascoutah CUD 19	St. Clair
Team	Meritorious Service	Hinchcliffe School PTO		O'Fallon Community Consolidated Dist. #90	St. Clair
Teacher	Special Recognition	Cynthia	Vymola	Our Lady Queen of Peace	St. Clair
Teacher	Special Recognition	Michelle	Burton	Whiteside School District 115	St. Clair
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Heather	Kypta	Whiteside School District 115	St. Clair
Teacher	Northwest Regional	Eugene	Calingacion	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Denise	McIlwain	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Kristine	Coon	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Admin	Meritorious Service	Dana	Dinderman	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Joren	Hoffman	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Lakinda	Brown	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Jamie	Engel	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Shelley	Ensign	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Amanda	Williams	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Amy	Larson	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Admin	Excellence	Shelly	Clover-Hill	Shawnee Community Unit School District 84	Union

Teacher	West Central Regional	Madeline	Wood	United Community Unit School District 304	Warren
Teacher	Special Recognition	Eyad	Malley	Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C	Will
Admin	Meritorious Service	Kristen	Schroeder	Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C	Will
Teacher	Special Recognition	Jill	Jandacek	New Lenox School District 122	Will
Teacher	Special Recognition	Valerie	Baumgard	New Lenox School District 122	Will
Admin	Meritorious Service	Kelly	Lustrup	Plainfield School District 202	Will
Teacher	South Suburbs Regional	Sara	Szewczyk	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Erik	Donovan	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Teacher	Special Recognition	Jen	Battistoni	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Teacher	Special Recognition	Lisa	Strzykalski	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Karen	Steinke	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Jennifer	Adams	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Team	Meritorious Service	Arbury Hills Individualized Instruction Team		Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Theresa	Oberding	Troy Community Consolidated School District 30C	Will
Admin	Meritorious Service	Dr. Jason	Pascavage	Valley View Community Unit School District 365	Will
Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Tracy	Cole	Valley View Community Unit School District 365	Will
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Patricia	Arriola	Valley View Community Unit School District 365	Will

Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Adriana	Salamanca	Valley View Community Unit School District 365	Will
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Lisa	Convalle	Valley View Community Unit School District 365	Will
Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Elizabeth	Griffin-Stephens	Valley View Community Unit School District 365	Will
Student Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Donna	Lugo	Valley View Community Unit School District 365	Will
Early Career Educator	Excellence	Erin	Wilson	Herrin Community Unit School District 4	Williamson
Early Career Educator	Meritorious Service	Madison	Pribble	Herrin Community Unit School District 4	Williamson
Teacher	Meritorious Service	Brenda	Mummert	Johnston City Community Unit School District 1	Williamson
Teacher	Special Recognition	Tara	Klotz	Boone-Winnebago Regional Office 4	Winnebago
Educational Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Dawn	Bean	Rockford School District 205	Winnebago
Educational Support Personnel	Special Recognition	Wendy	Jasinski	Rockford School District 205	Winnebago
Educational Support Personnel	Excellence	Anne	Kaufman	Winnebago Community Unit School District 323	Winnebago
Admin	Meritorious Service	Charles	Zimmerman	County of Woodford School	Woodford
Early Career Educator	Special Recognition	Abby	Hilst	Germantown Hills School District 69	Woodford