

# 2025 Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Award Categories



## Illinois Teacher of the Year Cohort

The 14 Regional and Specialized Teachers of the Year are all part of the Illinois Teacher of the Year Cohort. Among this cohort, those with five or more years of teaching experience qualify as finalists for the Illinois State Teacher of the Year, announced later in the spring.

## Regional Teachers of the Year

• Cook County Regional Teachers of the Year (Minimum of 3) • East Central Regional Teacher of the Year • Far North Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year • Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year • Far South Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year • Southern Regional Teacher of the Year • West Central Regional Teacher of the Year • Far West Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year

## Specialized Teachers of the Year

• Bilingual Teacher of the Year • Special Education Teacher of the Year • Early Childhood Teacher of the Year • Outstanding Early Career Educator

## Those Who Excel Awards

Awards are presented in seven categories: classroom teachers, Early Career Educators (teachers 1-4 years), school administrators, student support personnel, educational service personnel, community volunteers, and teams.

### 1. Award of Excellence

To receive the **Award of Excellence**, the most prestigious of the Those Who Excel honors, educators must have demonstrated a commitment to equity and to the success of all students. They regularly collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create positive school cultures. They are lifelong learners who connect their schools to the community at large and who inspire other education professionals within and beyond their schools.

### 2. Award of Meritorious Service

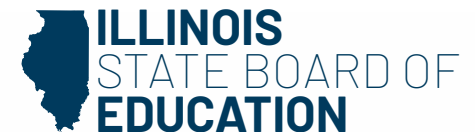
Educators presented with the **Award of Meritorious Service** have gone above and beyond in service to their school communities. They are experienced educators who take on leadership opportunities and whose accomplishments uplift the culture of learning in their school. They stand as exemplars of their profession and have become integral members of their schools and districts.

### 3. Award of Special Recognition

Educators who receive the **Award of Special Recognition** are valued members of their school community who have been recognized by their colleagues, students, families, and administrators for the skills, passions, and talents they bring to their school community.

For more information on awards types and the application process, see the [overview document](#).

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Award	Professional Category	Awardee Name	School Community	County
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kourtney Thompson	Quincy SD 172	Adams
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Megan Harley	Bond County CUSD 2	Bond
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Mike Lascola	Belvidere CUSD 100	Boone
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Karise Tinberg	North Boone CUSD 200	Boone
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Linda Downey	Ohio CCSD 17	Bureau
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Albulena Emroski	Champaign CUSD 4	Champaign
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Annadel Melendez	Champaign CUSD 4	Champaign
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	James Harden	Champaign CUSD 4	Champaign
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Jennifer Crowley	Champaign CUSD 4	Champaign
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Amanda Durbin	Edinburg CUSD 4	Christian
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Beth King	Pana CUSD 8	Christian
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Ellen Anselm	Pana CUSD 8	Christian
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Suzanne Schafer	Taylorville CUSD 3	Christian
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Brian Short	Central CHSD 71	Clinton

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Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Chris Brown	Mattoon CUSD 2	Coles
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Patricia O'Sullivan	Alsip-Hazlgrn-Oaklwn SD 126	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Laura Martinek	Atwood Heights SD 125	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Raquel Armas	Atwood Heights SD 125	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Darcy Walker	Bremen CHSD 228	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Sarah Nesci	Burbank SD 111	Cook
Award of Excellence	Team	CCSD 168's Wellness Team	CCSD 168	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Charles Bintz	CCSD 168	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Elizabeth Gomez	CCSD 168	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Audrey Belliveau	CCSD 62	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Elizabeth Juskiewicz	CCSD 62	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Elana Gordon	Cicero SD 99	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Barton Dassinger	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Catherine Wrenn	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Cook County Co-Regional Teacher of the Year		Comfort Agboola	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Haleigh Schneider	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Bilingual Teacher of the Year		Jessica Suarez Nieto	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Cook County Co-Regional Teacher of the Year		Joshua Lerner	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Lisa Love	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Marquita Jones	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Mary Nikoo	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Maureen Murphy	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Monica Gomez	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Nina Placido	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Rebecca Kijek	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	RJ Zarate	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Roberto Lopez	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Rosa Jimenez-Hernandez	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Valentin Torres	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Vincent Vinluan	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Yasmin Romero	City of Chicago SD 299	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Daniel Allaway	Comm Cons SD 59	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Claudia Parra-Carrillo	Cons HSD 230	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Nowal Shalash	Cons HSD 230	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Thomas Bell	Consolidated HSD 230	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Aaron Celmer	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Annina Meacham	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Team	John Mills MTSS Team	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Roxanne Rickenbrode	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Barbara Radeke	Flossmoor SD 161	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Courtney Manning	Flossmoor SD 161	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Mackenzie Cali	Flossmoor SD 161	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Michelle Wisniewski	Flossmoor SD 161	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Nailah Brown	Gen George Patton SD 133	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Amy Frederick	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Marcelo Yunda	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Penelope Hurtado	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Stenise Alexander	Hazel Crest SD 152-5	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Amy Brecheisen	Homewood SD 153	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Anne Wallace	Homewood SD 153	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Tiffany Whittington	Intrinsic 2 Charter High School	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Amanda Torres	J S Morton HSD 201	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Justin Chang	J S Morton HSD 201	Cook
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Robert Gordon	J S Morton HSD 201	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Brenda López	J S Morton HSD 201	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Team	Culinary Arts Program	J S Morton HSD 201	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Gabriel Villanueva	J S Morton HSD 201	Cook

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Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Joanna Marek	La Grange SD 105 South	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Rachel Skala	La Grange SD 105 South	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Darcey Denton	LaGrange Highlands SD 106	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Angela Argento-Okroi	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Christina Gaura	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Mary Pat Ford	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Community Volunteer	Robert Wood	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Samantha Termunde	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kim Darche	Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Eric McFadden	Leyden CHSD 212	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Teagan Lyke	Leyden CHSD 212	Cook
Cook County Co-Regional Teacher of the Year		Víctor Gómez	Leyden CHSD 212	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Jennifer Tyrrell	Lyons Twp HSD 204	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	Team	LT Equity Ambassador Team	Lyons Twp HSD 204	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Aimee Hoffman	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Eliades Hernandez	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Emily DeLeon	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Erik Lozano	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Howye Hoare	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Excellence	Community Volunteer	Jessie Maag	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Leah Jackson	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Melissa Murray	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Ruth Shook-Orr	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Team	School Based Health Center Team	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Aubrey Schuh	Matteson ESD 162	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports Team	Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview 89	Cook



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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lauren Lucci	Morton Grove SD 70	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Margaret LoBue	Morton Grove SD 70	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Diane Rush	Mount Prospect SD 57	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Alicia Scott	Niles Twp HSD 219	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Kate Seiwert	Niles Twp HSD 219	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Conrady English Language Arts Department	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Erika Diaz	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Laura Kenny	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Madelyn Dollah	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Mariam Shihadeh	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Miranda Kowalski	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Wayne Gordon	Northbrook ESD 27	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Michelle Jackson	Northbrook SD 28	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Natalie DiMaria	NTDSE Sat Program	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Kristin Kuchyt	Oak Lawn CHSD 229	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Thea Meierkort	Oak Lawn CHSD 229	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Adam Bautista	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Eric Podlasek	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	James Hayward	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Baldassarre	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Jennifer Orrico	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Brian Cragg	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Debra Tomlinson	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Team	Jerling Junior High Social Work Team	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Katie Curtin	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Kristen Pehr	Orland SD 135	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Lisa Weston	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lucy Shalash	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Rebecca Kreger	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Serena Poniatoski	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Carey	Palatine CCSD 15	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Alyssa Zommick	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Beatrice Dahilig	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Carey Meredith	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Karen Corsello	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Kristin Krizman	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Natalie Schuetz	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Renee Jurczak	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Team	6th Grade ELA and SS Team	Prospect Heights SD 23	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Danielle English-Jones	Proviso Twp HSD 209	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Howard	River Grove SD 85-5	Cook
Award of Excellence	Team	Multilingual Team	River Trails SD 26	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Noel Rajski	River Trails SD 26	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sandra Czajka	Riverside-Brookfield Twp SD 208	Cook
Award of Excellence	Team	DESTINY Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Tier 1 Co-Coaches	Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Corse	Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Stephanie DeCarlo	Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sandra Janes-Boll	St Daniel the Prophet School	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Anna Stegen	St Hilary School	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Danielle Coduti	St Luke Catholic School	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Team	St Luke Preschool Team	St Luke Catholic School	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jody Nieman	St Mary of the Woods School	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Hailey Pickrum	Steger SD 194	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Olivia Evangelides	The Montessori School of Englewood	Cook
Special Education Teacher of the Year		Jennifer Gross	Thornton Fractional Twp HSD 215	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Shaunwell Posley	Thornton Fractional Twp HSD 215	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Alison Woytus	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Barbara Peterson	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Elizabeth Dopke-Jimenez	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Team	Instructional Coaches	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Mauricio Orozco	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Angela Ferrazza	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Claire Acic	Township HSD 214	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Team	Engineering, Manufacturing and Robotics Team	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Francisco Plazola	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jeremy Morton	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Katie Hendricks	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Ophelia Stack	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Rebecca Kinnee	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Stephen Kolodziej	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Amy McCall	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Team	CCSD21 Assistive Technology & Augmentative and Alternative Communication	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Emily Bochenek	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Luci Donnan	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Mallory Rossi	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Taylor Park	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lindsey Sinclair	Willow Springs SD 108	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Krista Howard	Hutsonville CUSD 1	Crawford
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Dawn Marx	DeKalb CUSD 428	DeKalb
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Julie Thompson	Sandwich CUSD 430	DeKalb
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Elizabeth R. Sloat	Clinton CUSD 15	DeWitt
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Lauren Johnson	Clinton CUSD 15	DeWitt
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Ashley Harsila	Bloomington SD 13	DuPage
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Dr. LaTonya Wilks	Butler SD 53	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Carrie Fitzgerald	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jeff Trinco	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Kathryn Johnson	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Community Volunteer	Kim Pace	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Lisa Brown	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage

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Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Teagan Halik	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Martin Manzke	CHSD 99	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jill Lauer	Cooperative Association for Special Education	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lauren Mehalek	Cooperative Association for Special Education	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	John Di Sanza	CUSD 200	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Anna Jakubowski	CUSD 201	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Herlinda Melendez	CUSD 201	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kari Bauerlein	CUSD 201	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Kristi Piatek	CUSD 201	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Nancy Nanalig	CUSD 201	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Technology Department	CUSD 201	DuPage
Far West Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year		Michele Oberlin	Elmhurst SD 205	DuPage



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Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Brandon Catt	Glenbard Twp HSD 87	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Timothy Fawkes	Glenbard Twp HSD 87	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Abby Rodriguez	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Alison Bergin	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Dana Burke	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Danielle Scacco	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Dorothy Krumin	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Dr. Kasia Kula	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Dr. Milton G. Harris	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Effey Nassis	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Hector Garcia	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Kristy Schramm	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lindsay Merlo	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Meredith Bailey	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Sara Olson	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Courtney Mikulcik	Hinsdale Twp HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Greta Leader	Hinsdale Twp HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Team	Hinsdale Central Social Studies Department	Hinsdale Twp HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Kari Peronto	Hinsdale Twp HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Team	Quran, Arabic and Islamic Studies Team	ICN Noor Academy	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Christina Min	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Claire Johnson	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Community Volunteer	Jillian Gibson	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Laura Reyes	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Shirecia Holmes	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Sydnee Polk	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage

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Award of Special Recognition	Team	PBIS Tier 1 Committee	Keeneyville SD 20	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Amanda Yee	Naperville CUSD 203	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Jenna Palmisano	Queen Bee SD 16	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Amanda Lundberg	Roselle SD 12	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Araceli Mejia	Roselle SD 12	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Juliette Vainisi	Roselle SD 12	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Karen Petelle	Roselle SD 12	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Maria Thiele	Roselle SD 12	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Staley	Kansas CUSD 3	Edgar
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Allison Urick	Paris-Union SD 95	Edgar
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Ashlee Brown	Paris-Union SD 95	Edgar
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Robin Muchow	Paris-Union SD 95	Edgar
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Kelsey Baker	Effingham CUSD 40	Effingham

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Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Megan Tylka	Effingham CUSD 40	Effingham
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Tracy Steffes	Morris CHSD 101	Grundy
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Darcie Berry	AIWood CUSD 225	Henry
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Charles Buss	Carbondale CHSD 165	Jackson
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Robby Clark-Stokes	Carbondale ESD 95	Jackson
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Andrea Lamer	Jersey CUSD 100	Jersey
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Rebecca Leslie	Jersey CUSD 100	Jersey
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Stacey Kuebrich	Jersey CUSD 100	Jersey
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Cody	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Jonathan Simpson	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Marisol Loera Flores	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Mikayla Williams	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Team	The Adventures Team	Aurora East USD 131	Kane

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Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Ashwin Mohan	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Dr. Erin Roche	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Emma Wilson Parker	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Kane
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Joseph Mastrocola	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Angela Ginnan	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Angela Rojas	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jill Gerovac	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jose Mora	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kimberly Blazek	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Lela Majstorovic	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Patricia Briones	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Paul Kowalyszyn	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Rafael Martinez-Ortiz	SD U-46	Kane

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East Central Regional Teacher of the Year		Tracy Selock	Kankakee SD 111	Kankakee
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Amy Regas	CUSD 308	Kendall
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Damanjit Puri	CUSD 308	Kendall
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Deborah Rabick	CUSD 308	Kendall
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Adam B. Rusek	CUSD 308	Kendall
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Maureen Terwelp	CUSD 308	Kendall
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Dr. Stephanie Eller	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	John Chernick	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Zachary Skinner	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Sarah Henkel	Mendota CCSD 289	LaSalle
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Martin Czernicki	Ottawa ESD 141	LaSalle
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Michelle Lee	Ottawa ESD 141	LaSalle
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Daniel Diambri	Adlai E Stevenson HSD 125	Lake

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Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Guadalupe Guillen	Adlai E Stevenson HSD 125	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Junior Accelerated English	Adlai E Stevenson HSD 125	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Ryan Graham	Adlai E Stevenson HSD 125	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Simmia Pearson	Adlai E Stevenson HSD 125	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Dr. Lisa West	Barrington CUSD 220	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Bryana Weil	Beach Park CCSD 3	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Hope Sohn	Diamond Lake SD 76	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lisa Bordelon	Fremont SD 79	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Stacie Brown	Fremont SD 79	Lake
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Kerin Kuechel	Grass Lake SD 36	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Adriana Soliz	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Connie Travis	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Cristina Pike	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Karen Maturo	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Excellence	Team	Intervention Team	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Kathleen Kelly	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Nancy Estrada	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Nichole Calhoun	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Shannah Howell	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Stefanie Olson	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Lauren McArdle	Lake Zurich CUSD 95	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Young Adult Center Team	Lake Zurich CUSD 95	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lisa Piskule	Libertyville SD 70	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Tanya Fergus	Mundelein ESD 75	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jeraniqua Martin	North Chicago SD 187	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Douglas Smithenry	North Shore SD 112	Lake



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Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Jill Baranowski	North Shore SD 112	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Heather McCarty	Oak Grove SD 68 Green Oaks	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Logan Farris	Oak Grove SD 68 Green Oaks	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Melissa Ostach	Oak Grove SD 68 Green Oaks	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Rebecca Jakubowski	Oak Grove SD 68 Green Oaks	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Catherine Wenzel	St Mary School	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Cynthia Stockman	Waukegan CUSD 60	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Tasia Fields	Waukegan CUSD 60	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Karrie Scheller	Mount Olive CUSD 5	Macoupin
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Christy Spencer	Southwestern CUSD 9	Macoupin
Early Childhood Teacher of the Year		Amber Sims	Alton CUSD 11	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Christine K. Cassulo	Alton CUSD 11	Madison

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Taylor LeFlore	Alton CUSD 11	Madison
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Joe McGinnis	Collinsville CUSD 10	Madison
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kendra Cline	Collinsville CUSD 10	Madison
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kyle Gordon	Collinsville CUSD 10	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Michele Sheahan	Collinsville CUSD 10	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Stacy Deadmond	Collinsville CUSD 10	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Maggie Dust	Edwardsville CUSD 7	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Teryn Cross	Edwardsville CUSD 7	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Toni Rushing	Madison CUSD 12	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Alexa Slack	Cary CCSD 26	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Joanne Rivera	Crystal Lake CCSD 47	McHenry
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kate Walsh	Crystal Lake CCSD 47	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Meagan Powell	Crystal Lake CCSD 47	McHenry

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Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jaclyn Mitchell	Johnsburg CUSD 12	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Sheri Kebr	Johnsburg CUSD 12	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Tegan Shelton	Johnsburg CUSD 12	McHenry
Far North Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year		Heidie B.W. Dunn	McHenry CHSD 156	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Cristina de la Fuente González	Woodstock CUSD 200	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Brie Hoepner	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Lozano	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Joy Searby	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Michelle Stalter	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Noah Tang	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Amy Brigham	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Denise Goben	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Kristal Shelvin	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Jennifer Turnbow	McLean County USD 5	McLean

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Leeann Bain	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Maggie Lakebrink	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Margherita DiVita	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Sara Tracey	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Team Marvel	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jake Steve	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	James Spencer	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Community Volunteer	Kathy Weinzierl	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Meagan Lindsey	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Stacey Rogers	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Tamala Mcmillion	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Gracie Holt	Triopia CUSD 27	Morgan
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Laurena Turner	Waverly CUSD 6	Morgan

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Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Michael Vajgrt	Byron CUSD 226	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Tina Cone	Byron CUSD 226	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Cali Carl	Meridian CUSD 223	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Team	4th Grade Team	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Drew Ackman	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Jacquelyn Criddle	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Jennifer Blaisdell	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Michael Lawton	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Olivia Kincaide	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Kelly Polz	Rochelle CCSD 231	Ogle
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Theresa Crystal	Rochelle CCSD 231	Ogle
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Beth Mock	Rochelle Twp HSD 212	Ogle

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Award of Special Recognition	Team	Dunlap District School Resource and Safety Officers	Dunlap CUSD 323	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Matthew Andrews	Dunlap CUSD 323	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sally Saul	Dunlap CUSD 323	Peoria
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jackie Sellers	Illini Bluffs CUSD 327	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kara Girsch	Peoria Notre Dame High School	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Christine K. Huston	Peoria ROE Early Learning For All	Peoria
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Adelyn Gruse	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Amy Eichhorn	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Brooke Ferrero	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Catherine Carrara-O'Brien	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Team	Manual High School Family/School Liaison Team	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Janine Schumm	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Excellence	Community Volunteer	Jessica Heintz	Peoria SD 150	Peoria

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West Central Regional Teacher of the Year		Katie Welch	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lenie Dee Gempis	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Lynn Lane	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Nicole Couri-Malson	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Rebecca Lemont	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Rita Lewis-Gibson	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Stephanie Dare	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Susan Martin	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Christopher Kendall	Princeville CUSD 326	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Tracy Strebel	Princeville CUSD 326	Peoria
Award of Excellence	Team	Instructional Coaches - Du Quoin CUSD 300	Du Quoin CUSD 300	Perry
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Marybeth McCormick	Monroe-Randolph ROE 45	Randolph
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Jenna Bennison	Moline-Coal Valley CUSD 40	Rock Island

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Rachel Savage	Moline-Coal Valley CUSD 40	Rock Island
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Tiffany Denys	Moline-Coal Valley CUSD 40	Rock Island
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Monet Webster	Belleville SD 118	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Kayla-Marie Hosier	Belleville Twp HSD 201	Saint Clair
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Teagan Gross	Belleville Twp HSD 201	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Abigail Dicandia	East St Louis SD 189	Saint Clair
Award of Excellence	Team	James Avant Instructional Leadership Team	East St Louis SD 189	Saint Clair
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Jazlyn Staniel	East St Louis SD 189	Saint Clair
Southern Regional Teacher of the Year		Nina McLean	East St Louis SD 189	Saint Clair
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Tyonna Woodhouse	East St Louis SD 189	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Melanie Hundsdorfer	Grant CCSD 110	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jamie Kinzinger	New Athens CUSD 60	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kate DeMonica	O Fallon CCSD 90	Saint Clair



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Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Stephanie Watkins	O Fallon CCSD 90	Saint Clair
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Bradley Sahr	O Fallon Twp HSD 203	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Samantha Hedrick	Smithton CCSD 130	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Amber Phillips	Whiteside SD 115	Saint Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Joslyn Dorwart	Pawnee CUSD 11	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Melinda Keldermans	Riverton CUSD 14	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Team	"Rocket Refresher" Team	Rochester CUSD 3A	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Deborah D. Kramer	Rochester CUSD 3A	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jenny Acree	Stark County CUSD 100	Stark
Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year		Leslie Rennick	Stark County CUSD 100	Stark
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Ben Skipor	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Candace Rodriguez	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Outstanding Early Career Educator		Jena Kleindl	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson

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Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Lindsey Thomas	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Madison Hoffman	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Meredith Schoonhoven	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Stacey L. Kleindl	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Response to Intervention Team	Deer Creek-Mackinaw CUSD 701	Tazewell
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Colleen Kahl	Pekin CSD 303	Tazewell
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Wentz	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Angela Clay	Anna CCSD 37	Union
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Becky Lannom	Anna CCSD 37	Union
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kerri Jones-Treece	Anna Jonesboro CHSD 81	Union
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Michelle Stevens	Anna Jonesboro CHSD 81	Union
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Dee Rose	Shawnee CUSD 84	Union
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Davis	Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUD 4	Vermilion
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Kari Hepner	Monmouth-Roseville CUSD 238	Warren
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Darrin Ross	United CUSD 304	Warren

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Wanikka Vance-Clark	Foundations 4 Advancement	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Anna Mudroch	Lockport Twp HSD 205	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Craig L. Martinus	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Jessica Lucas-Nihei	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kathleen Arduino	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Kristin Johnson	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Sharon Horvath	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Stacie Kittler	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	April Benish	Plainfield SD 202	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Diane Demos Spielman	Plainfield SD 202	Will
Far South Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year		Jennifer Gruca	Plainfield SD 202	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kimberly Collier Jefferson	Plainfield SD 202	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Meaghan Gallagher	Summit Hill SD 161	Will

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Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Monica Laux	Summit Hill SD 161	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Christy McGovern	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Danielle Palmer	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Elizabeth Whitehead	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jayne Las	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Julie M. Musson	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kelly Kohrt	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	MaryKate Hoying	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Alfred Morales	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Angelina Wells	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Dena Hasselberg	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Erica Franco Rivera	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Gina Smith	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Jennifer Cooper	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Julie Lain	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Katie Peel	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Mary Wilde	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Miriam Alcaraz	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Nicole Budreau	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Rachel Dellamorte	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Rebecca Robbins	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Team	Romeoville High School Multi-Needs Team	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Serena Anderson	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Virginia Aguilar	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Team	Gina Salvador-Lemus and Stephanie Perella	Wilco Area Career Center	Will
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Jeannine Marco	Wilco Area Career Center	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Michelle Sharp	Wilco Area Career Center	Will

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Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Kristin Grahovec	Will County SD 92	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Rebecca Vickers	Will County SD 92	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Alison Fulkerson	Carterville CUSD 5	Williamson
Award of Excellence	Team	Full Service Community School	Herrin CUSD 4	Williamson
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Krystal Henry-Prestwood	Easterseals Academy - Machesney Park	Winnebago
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Staci Hubley-Taylor	Harlem UD 122	Winnebago
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jeremiah Zachwieja	Hononegah CHD 207	Winnebago
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jillian Myers	Rockford SD 205	Winnebago
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jenessa Fiduccia	Rockton SD 140	Winnebago
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	David Dunham	Fieldcrest CUSD 6	Woodford
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Garilyn Wells	Fieldcrest CUSD 6	Woodford
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Phyllis Scheuer	Fieldcrest CUSD 6	Woodford