

2026 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 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 six categories: classroom teachers, early career educators (1-4 years of teaching experience), school administrators, student support personnel, educational service personnel, and community volunteers.

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.

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.

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 award types and the application process, visit the [Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year overview webpage](#).

Award	Professional Category	Name	School Community	County
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kendra Brauer	CUSD 4	Adams
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Tiffany Klang	CUSD 4	Adams
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Amanda Lappin	CUSD 4	Adams
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sara Reichert	Liberty CUSD 2	Adams
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Marcy Wilson	North Boone CUSD 200	Boone
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Amy Forristall	Ohio CCSD 17	Bureau
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kristen Ryan	Ohio CCSD 17	Bureau
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Jean Heil	Calhoun CUSD 40	Calhoun
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Barbara Pacey	Regional Office of Education 8	Carroll
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Natalie O'Connor	West Carroll CUSD 314	Carroll
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Jennifer Guillou	A-C Central CUSD 262	Cass

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Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Tracy Taft	A-C Central CUSD 262	Cass
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Jade Hatton	Virginia CUSD 64	Cass
Bilingual Teacher of the Year		Danielle Mallett	Champaign CUSD 4	Champaign
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Deanna East	Mattoon CUSD 2	Coles
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Nicole Moss	Mattoon CUSD 2	Coles
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Peterson	Mattoon CUSD 2	Coles
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Amanda Titus	Mattoon CUSD 2	Coles
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Gail Vieth	Mattoon CUSD 2	Coles
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Sydney Zumbahlen	Mattoon CUSD 2	Coles
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Christina Kreml	Arbor Park SD 145	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kurt Taute	Argo CHSD 217	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Diane Kaffka	Arlington Heights SD 25	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Rachel Hernandez	Avoca SD 37	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Abby Retzinger	Avoca SD 37	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Nancy Moreno	Berwyn South SD 100	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Ortiz	Berwyn South SD 100	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Morrissey	Brookfield-LaGrange Park SD 95	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Angela Sexton	Burbank SD 111	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Ann Chavez-Porras	Burnham SD 154-5	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Dana Berton	Calumet City SD 155	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Brittnay Connor	Chicago Public Schools 299	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kristen Heilemann	Chicago Public Schools 299	Cook

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Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Rachel Lara	Chicago Public Schools 299	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Milagros Otero	Chicago Public Schools 299	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Valerie Sims Rucker	Chicago Public Schools 299	Cook
Cook County Co-Regional Teacher of the Year		Bryan Soto	Chicago Public Schools 299	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Cinamon Morse-Sneade	Consolidated HSD 230	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Joshua Niego	Consolidated HSD 230	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Barbara Sopiartz	Consolidated HSD 230	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	John Tadla	Consolidated HSD 230	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Salina Flores Mansour	East Prairie SD 73	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Emily Ingrassia	East Prairie SD 73	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Dr. Tiffany Brunson	Elementary SD 159	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Mark Laduzinsky, Jr.	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Tyeda Lester	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lisa Marsicano	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Morgan Murphy	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Derek Snitker	Elmwood Park CUSD 401	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Ray Stribling-Vergara	Evanston Township HSD 202	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Megan Locke	Evergreen Park ESD 124	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Elizabeth Timmons	Fenwick High School	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Dana King	Flossmoor SD 161	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Kelsey Molden	Flossmoor SD 161	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Joseph Almaoui	Forest Park SD 91	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Nicole Fape	General George S. Patton SD 133	Cook
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Marie Chang-Pisano	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Megan Chin	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Danae Ciske	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Chrissy Harrold	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Scott Nelson	Glenview CCSD 34	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kimberly Hovel	Hazel Crest SD 152-5	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	James Cassidy	Homewood SD 153	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Caroline DiLuia	Homewood SD 153	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Kaila McLaurin	Homewood SD 153	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Dana Musharbash	Homewood SD 153	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Christina Clark	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Courtney Hendricks	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Heithon Hurdle, Jr.	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	John Manthey	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kanoa Mulling	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Crystal Perez	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Mylan Reeves	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Cody Rudnik	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Gail Smith	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Anna Tenny	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Beverly Woods-Lenore	Homewood-Flossmoor CHSD 233	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Dalton Elkins	J. Sterling Morton HSD 201	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jane Falvey	La Grange SD 105 South	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Erin Hall	La Grange SD 105 South	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Mathew Becker	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Alyson Crosby	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Linda Ehlebracht	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Lynda Torres	Lansing SD 158	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Cody Dailey	Lyons Township HSD 204	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Allyson Adams	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Nelly Diaz	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jamie Kumiega	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook

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Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Madison Mahler	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Angela Margaris	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kendra O'Halloran	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Dhruvi Soni	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Community Volunteer	Vikki Spiteri	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Elizabeth Terpstra	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Dr. Kristina Wiemer	Maine Township HSD 207	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Janel White	Midlothian SD 143	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Emily Drown	Morgan Park Academy	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Liz Raser	Morgan Park Academy	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Dali Shi	Morgan Park Academy	Cook

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Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Buthul Hussaini	Morton Grove SD 70	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Margaret Viens	Morton Grove SD 70	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	David Rawske	New Leader Academy	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Rebecca Boston	New Trier Township HSD 203	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Matthew Goode	New Trier Township HSD 203	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Kelsey Jacobus	New Trier Township HSD 203	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Laura Frisch	Niles Township District for Special Education 807	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Jillian Carew	Noble Schools	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Alice Alexander	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lisa Janes	North Palos SD 117	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Izah Othman	North Palos SD 117	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Amy Streit	Oak Lawn-Hometown SD 123	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Dr. Eboney Lofton	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Molly Masters	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Cook County Co-Regional Teacher of the Year		Elyse Smith	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Amy Abramovske	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Katherine Berens	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Christine Berner	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Eryn Blaser	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Lisa Gallagher	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Amy Hamernick	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Lauren Musielewicz	Orland SD 135	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Jeff Nightingale	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Jill Olson	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Stephanie Roque	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Keelyn Sriver	Orland SD 135	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Quinn Galindo	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Kapustka	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Angela Pontikis	Park Ridge CCSD 64	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Karen Tokarczyk	Pleasantdale SD 107	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Nikki Mejsrik	Proviso Township HSD 209	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Verna Allworth	Regina Dominican High School	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Dr. Eric Lasky	Ridgewood CHSD 234	Cook

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kate Gilhooly	Rosemont ESD 78	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Marcela Barron Alvidrez	Schiller Park SD 81	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Alison Mensing	Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Diane Ryan	St. Luke Catholic School	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Natalie Giannini	St. Mary School Riverside	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Elizabeth Turek	St. Mary School Riverside	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Nohemi Ruiz	St. Procopius Elementary School	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Melissa Harris	St. Vincent Ferrer	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Ayanna Dowd	Thornton Fractional Township HSD 215	Cook
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Samantha Rosell	Thornton Fractional Township HSD 215	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Brigit Cain	Township HSD 211	Cook

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Cook County Co-Regional Teacher of the Year		David Ligman	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Jessica Martinez-Quintero	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Braulio Muro	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Mary Van de Zande	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Det. Martin van der Hoek	Township HSD 211	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	John Byrne	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Rebecca Castro	Township HSD 214	Cook
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Gustavo Atempa	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Michelle Kuta	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Allison Parker	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	B. Connor Potvin	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Gordana Rink	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Marcela Rodriguez Grossman	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Samantha Roth	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Jaclyn Share	Wheeling CCSD 21	Cook
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Clare Nolan	Wolcott School District 154	Cook
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kristen Dycus	Oblong CUSD 4	Crawford
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Veronica Garcia-Martinez	DeKalb CUSD 428	DeKalb
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Cherish Olayiwola	DeKalb CUSD 428	DeKalb
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Ben Mueller	Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429	DeKalb
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Gayle Bowman	Clinton CUSD 15	DeWitt
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Elizabeth Pertl	Clinton CUSD 15	DeWitt

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Robbie Stuenkel	CCSD 93	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Meghan Aleo	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Katie Finucane	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Margaret Kane	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Dr. Sean Rhoads	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lorrie Erazmus	CUSD 201	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Cassandra Holder	CUSD 201	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Kathryn Cortez	Elmhurst SD 205	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Sheri Alonso	Glenbard Township HSD 87	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Kelly Dailey	Glenbard Township HSD 87	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer O'Connor	Glenbard Township HSD 87	DuPage

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Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Kristina Sutterlin	Glenbard Township HSD 87	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Dawn Zatt	Glenbard Township HSD 87	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Mary Black	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Brady	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lisa Brough	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Kristin Cummings	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Erica Ekstrom	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Mary Jo Guzaldo	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Gina Herrmann	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Yvonne Honings	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Melonie Jackson	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Michelle Nugent	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Christopher Reid	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Mallory Roman	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Cassie Soofi	Hinsdale CCSD 181	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Nicholas Chavarria	Hinsdale Township HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	John Madden	Hinsdale Township HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Alisha McCloud	Hinsdale Township HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Grace Nowak	Hinsdale Township HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Amy Piccoli	Hinsdale Township HSD 86	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sarah Brucher	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Amy Melin	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage

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Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Walsh	Indian Prairie CUSD 204	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jeanine Askar	Islamic Foundation School	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Aidan Perrault	Keeneyville SD 20	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Joanna Sierka	Keeneyville SD 20	DuPage
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Laura Koschnitzke	Maercker SD 60	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Dr. Cynthia Gerwin	Marquardt SD 15	DuPage
Far West Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year		Seth Brady	Naperville CUSD 203	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Angelo Georgacopoulos	Naperville CUSD 203	DuPage
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Olivia Jaime	Naperville CUSD 203	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Tara Kopp	Roselle SD 12	DuPage
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Amy Salatino	Roselle SD 12	DuPage

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Michelle Duke	Paris CUSD 4	Edgar
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jessica Pearson	Paris-Union SD 95	Edgar
Outstanding Early Career Educator of the Year		Noelia Martínez-Voigt	Greenfield CUSD 10	Greene
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Andrea Gustafson	Morris CHSD 101	Grundy
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Tyla Ledvina	Morris CHSD 101	Grundy
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Chad Orlovich	Morris SD 54	Grundy
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Lisa Miller	Cambridge CUSD 227	Henry
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Heather Pine	Cambridge CUSD 227	Henry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Emily Dulla	Galva CUSD 224	Henry
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Amy Miler	Kewanee CUSD 229	Henry
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Alicia Ralston	Kewanee CUSD 229	Henry

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Christy Schilling	Jersey CUSD 100	Jersey
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Susan Bookless	Galena USD 120	Jo Daviess
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Grayson Dawes	Vienna HSD 133	Johnson
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Antonio Davila	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kristin Doucette	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Laura Krueger	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Walter Ornelas	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Ines Sem	Aurora East USD 131	Kane
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Joseph Billquist	Aurora West USD 129	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Shelby Gajos	Batavia USD 101	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Alyssa Sutherland	Cambridge Lakes Charter School	Kane

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Graciela Bucio-Diaz	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Caroline Dukich Havelka	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Tracy Ellegood	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Marc Mota, Sr.	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Carrie Robicheaux	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Ian Shaw	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	William Shogren	SD U-46	Kane
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Camille Badley-Andrews	Kankakee SD 111	Kankakee
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sara Jane Caise	St. Anne CHSD 302	Kankakee
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Carly Rowe	Plano Area Special Education Cooperative	Kendall
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Lorri Allen	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall

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Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Nate Campbell	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Ashley McDaniel	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Cara Van Dyck	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Tammy Ward	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Amaya Zimmerman	Plano CUSD 88	Kendall
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Adam Seaney	Galesburg CUSD 205	Knox
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kelly Smith	Adlai E. Stevenson HSD 125	Lake
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Jessica Stavros	Adlai E. Stevenson HSD 125	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Amie Levad	Antioch CCSD 34	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Katherine Cranmer	Beach Park CCSD 3	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Bob Gold	Big Hollow SD 38	Lake

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Dr. Esmeralda Mora	Carmel Catholic High School	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Nicole Lynch	Diamond Lake SD 76	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Stacey Begg	Fremont SD 79	Lake
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Lucas Deutsch	Fremont SD 79	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Liza Shapin	Grayslake CHSD 127	Lake
Far North Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year		Rebecca Grazier	Gurnee SD 56	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Yianet Garcia	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Community Volunteer	Jenna Garcia	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Sarah Greenwood	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Kathleen VanDerMeulen	Hawthorn CCSD 73	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Porreca	Lake County Tech Campus	Lake

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Julie Adelman	Lake Zurich CUSD 95	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Robin Dillon	Lake Zurich CUSD 95	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Jennifer Kallaus	Lake Zurich CUSD 95	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Elisabeth Meyer	Lake Zurich CUSD 95	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Elisabeth Smith	Lake Zurich CUSD 95	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Lorely Rodriguez	LEARN John and Kathy Schreiber Charter School	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Laura Williams	Libertyville SD 70	Lake
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Lauren Bianchini	North Shore SD 112	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Madalyn Bogart	North Shore SD 112	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Emma Homer	North Shore SD 112	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Elfering	Oak Grove SD 68 Green Oaks	Lake

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Award of Meritorious Service	Community Volunteer	Matthew Earl	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Bernadette Lundeen	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Pam Wynne	St. Giles School	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Tiffany Schiff	St. Joseph Catholic School	Lake
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Nelson Campos	Waukegan CUSD 60	Lake
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Michelle Tyne	Streator ESD 44	LaSalle
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Matthew Metz	Lawrence County CUD 20	Lawrence
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Kelli Full	Dixon USD 170	Lee
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Christina Bowman	Cornell CCSD 426	Livingston
Special Education Teacher of the Year		Dr. Lisa Jackson	Woodland CUSD 5	Livingston
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Hannah Lybarger	Decatur SD 61	Macon

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Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Matt Weld	Regional Office of Education 40	Macoupin
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Tiffany Hanslow	Southwestern CUSD 9	Macoupin
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Evan Howard	Alton CUSD 11	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Emily Lacy	Alton CUSD 11	Madison
Southern Regional Teacher of the Year		Angie Neilson	Bethalto CUSD 8	Madison
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Leah Davis	Collinsville CUSD 10	Madison
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Shanyra Cox	Edwardsville CUSD 7	Madison
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lisa Patterson	Triad CUSD 2	Madison
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Abby Clark	Kaskaskia Special Education District 801	Marion
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Kyle Block	Cary CCSD 26	McHenry
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Amy Haun	Cary CCSD 26	McHenry

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Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Melissa Honaker	Cary CCSD 26	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Aurora Scarpaci	Huntley Community School District 158	McHenry
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Brianna Losch	McHenry CCSD 15	McHenry
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Kathryn Larson	McHenry CHSD 156	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lisa DeRusha	Nippersink SD 2	McHenry
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Carie Walter	Nippersink SD 2	McHenry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Suzanne Johnson	Richmond-Burton CHSD 157	McHenry
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Kristen Foley	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Erin Knuth	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Sarah Lewis	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Myriah Monical	Bloomington SD 87	McLean

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Stephanie Willette	Bloomington SD 87	McLean
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Brad Bovenkerk	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Megan Brown	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Ficek	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Leslie Kokotek	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Grace Marcopulos	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jillian Meszar	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Mariana Nicasio	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Christina Nutter	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Tara Pendleton	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Scott Peters	McLean County USD 5	McLean

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jennifer Peterson	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Bryan Schultz	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Lori Stevens	McLean County USD 5	McLean
East Central Regional Teacher of the Year		Donald Whitman	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Danielle Witt	McLean County USD 5	McLean
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Frankie Boyd	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Beth Ann Polley	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Avery Wietfeldt	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jamie Wasser-Goforth	Red Brick Safe School	Monroe
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Brent Nelson	Franklin CUSD 1	Morgan
Award of Excellence	Community Volunteer	Ruth Ann Goelitz	Byron CUSD 226	Ogle

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Rich Wessel	Byron CUSD 226	Ogle
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Michelle Wrasse	Byron CUSD 226	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Kip Crandall	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Mckenzie Dusing	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year		Courtney Gaulrapp	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Erin Moloney	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Derrek Rufer	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Angela Wicklund	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Eva Lenkaitis	Rochelle Township HSD 212	Ogle
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sarah Charles	Dunlap CUSD 323	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Hannah Dutton	Dunlap CUSD 323	Peoria

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Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Amelia Miller	Dunlap CUSD 323	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Caitlyn Vahle	Farmington Central CUSD 265	Peoria
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Melvin Ama	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kyle Benefield	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Ria Matos	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Lottie Phillips Fiddes	Peoria SD 150	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Kelly Jenkins	Princeville CUSD 326	Peoria
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Madison Davis	DuQuoin CUSD 300	Perry
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Teresa Stacey	DuQuoin CUSD 300	Perry
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Shaylyn Boman	Monticello CUSD 25	Piatt
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Jenny Dyson	Coulterville USD 1	Randolph

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Alexander Mayszak	East Moline SD 37	Rock Island
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Joey Di Iulio, Jr.	Rock Island SD 41	Rock Island
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Bettina McWilliams	Rock Island SD 41	Rock Island
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Angela Paprocki	Rock Island SD 41	Rock Island
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Cassandra Salas-Mikaio	Rock Island SD 41	Rock Island
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Patrick Versluis	Rock Island SD 41	Rock Island
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Heather Monson	United Township HSD 30	Rock Island
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kyle Brames	Harrisburg CUSD 3	Saline
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Tara Joiner	Ball-Chatham CUSD 5	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Sheri Wingo	Riverton CUSD 14	Sangamon
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Dr. Traci Johnson	Rochester CUSD 3A	Sangamon

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Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Lauren Capranica	Springfield SD 186	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Emily Dockter	Springfield SD 186	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kathryn Jones	Springfield SD 186	Sangamon
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Jason Wind	Springfield SD 186	Sangamon
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Hannah Durchholz	Williamsville CUSD 15	Sangamon
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Betsy Burgener	Central A&M CUD 21	Shelby
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Greg Harkins	Shelbyville CUSD 4	Shelby
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Andria Verdeyen	Stewardson-Strasburg CUD 5A	Shelby
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Grace Tantillo	Belleville SD 118	St. Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Dr. Brandon Hentze	Belleville Township HSD 201	St. Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Meonshai Houston	East St. Louis SD 189	St. Clair

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Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Lashaunda Ross	East St. Louis SD 189	St. Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Myisha Ross	East St. Louis SD 189	St. Clair
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Kurt Warner	East St. Louis SD 189	St. Clair
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Sarah Gagen	Freeburg CCSD 70	St. Clair
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Michelle Etter	Freeburg CHSD 77	St. Clair
Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Tracey Ritzel	O'Fallon Township HSD 203	St. Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Dawn Spain	St. Clare Catholic School	St. Clair
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Taryn Harwell	Whiteside SD 115	St. Clair
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Courtney Kunkel	Stark County CUSD 100	Stark
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Jonathan Adams	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Vache' Fleming	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson

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Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Desiree Keyes	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Carmen Madigan	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Jennifer Viveros	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Christine Withington	Freeport SD 145	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Janet Rauch	Pearl City CUSD 200	Stephenson
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Diane Wattles	Rankin CSD 98	Tazewell
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Brandi Bennett	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Codi Conway	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Gabrielle Edwards	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Olivia Gould	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Jill Hibbard	Washington SD 52	Tazewell

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Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Robin Mueller	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Nicole Rice	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Nicole Vogrin	Washington SD 52	Tazewell
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Andrea Feloni	Anna CCSD 37	Union
Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Kaylee Rose	Anna CCSD 37	Union
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Courtney Misener	Anna-Jonesboro CHSD 81	Union
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Brittany Chapman	Shawnee CUSD 84	Union
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Jacob Bretz	Danville CCSD 118	Vermilion
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Kendra Vittitow	Rock Falls ESD 13	Whiteside
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Julie LeFevre	Sterling CUSD 5	Whiteside
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	David Mulconrey	Lincoln-Way CHSD 210	Will

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Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Jeannette Castillo	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Jean Garcera	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Travanna Green	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Anne Lee	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kayla Marbach	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Dr. Robert McBride	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Kathleen Murphy	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Joshua Oster	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Heather Rickerson	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Laura Williams	Lockport Township HSD 205	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Rebecca Cheney	Mokena SD 159	Will

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Award of Meritorious Service	Student Support Personnel	Lisa Fiene	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Erin Kelly	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Stacey Lavelle	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Danielle Swabowski	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Candy Williams	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Sharon Youngblood	Mokena SD 159	Will
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Dr. Lori Motsch	New Lenox SD 122	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Anne Dreger	Plainfield SD 202	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Sarah Haussy	Plainfield SD 202	Will
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Ashley Lamorte	Plainfield SD 202	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kimberly Transon	Plainfield SD 202	Will

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Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kristy Doody	Summit Hill SD 161	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Catherine Goddard	Summit Hill SD 161	Will
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Laura Goebel	Summit Hill SD 161	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Dr. Jackie Rozek	Summit Hill SD 161	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Denise Ceci	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Kristin Copes	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Early Childhood Teacher of the Year		Laura Eichberger	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Amy Giefer	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Gina Schalk	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Lisa Verive	Troy CCSD 30C	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Brittani Engel	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will

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Award of Special Recognition	Early Career Educator	Samantha Galindo	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Far South Suburbs Regional Teacher of the Year		Ghazala Manzoor	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Dr. Michael Moro	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Alondra Murillo	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Jason Pascavage	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Early Career Educator	Norma Rodriguez	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Kaitlyn Swan	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Educational Service Personnel	Leticia Vasquez	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Gail Weglarz	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Excellence	School Administrator	Tionia Williams	Valley View CUSD 365U	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	School Administrator	Dr. Alicia Cook	Wilco Area Career Center	Will

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Award of Special Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Nadine Martinez	Will County SD 92	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Classroom Teacher	Kelly Potrawski	Will County SD 92	Will
Award of Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Sara Tyrell	Will County SD 92	Will
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Selena Martir	Boone-Winnebago County Regional Office of Education 4	Winnebago
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Eric Hall	Fieldcrest CUSD 6	Woodford
Award of Meritorious Service	Early Career Educator	Ethan Robson	Fieldcrest CUSD 6	Woodford
Award of Special Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Carolyn Wargo	Fieldcrest CUSD 6	Woodford
Award of Special Recognition	School Administrator	Jared Hart	Metamora Township HSD 122	Woodford
Award of Special Recognition	Community Volunteer	Chris Mettler	Metamora Township HSD 122	Woodford
West Central Regional Teacher of the Year		Erinn Setterlund Ambrosch	Metamora Township HSD 122	Woodford