

2016-17 Those Who Excel Awards

Nominee Last	Nominee First	Nominee Award	Nominee Category	District	County
PHS First Grade Team		Recognition	Team	Prairie Hill 133	Winnebago
Carr	LaCinda	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Freeport School District 145	Carroll
Alderman	Betsy	Outstanding Early Career Educator	Early Career Educator	Champaign Unit 4 School District	Champaign
deGruy	Elizabeth	Merit	Administrator	Champaign Unit 4 School District	Champaign
Powers	Ted	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Champaign Unit 4 School District	Champaign
Student Opportunities for Afterschool Resources (SOAR)		Merit	Team	Champaign Unit 4 School District	Champaign
Ambassador Program		Merit	Team	Evanston Township High School District 202	Cook
Austin	Lee	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Evanston Township High School District 202	Cook
Ballman	Erin	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Community Consolidated District 62	Cook
Barker	Kurt	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Northbrook/Glenview School District 30	Cook
Becker	Kathleen	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Blessings in a Backpack		Recognition	Team	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Bramley	Scott	Merit	Administrator	Evanston Township High School District 202	Cook
Brooks-Delaney	Andrea	Recognition	Administrator	Calumet Public School District 132	Cook
Bundgard	Keith	Recognition	Administrator	Township High School District 211	Cook
Carl Sandburg Junior High PBIS Green Team		Merit	Team	Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Canchola	Aracley	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Evanston Township High School District 202	Cook
Carver	Mary	Merit	Early Career Educator	East Aurora School District 131	Cook
Castro	Ricardo	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Township High School District 214	Cook
Cesario	Debi	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Schiller Park School District 81	Cook
Charles	Kristie	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Cheatham	Carla	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Bremen Community High School District 228	Cook
Citizens for Homewood Schools		Excellence	Team	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Coffey	Cecilia	Excellence	Administrator	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Colucci	John	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Downs	Claire	Excellence	Early Career Educator	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
English Learner Instructional Coaches		Excellence	Team	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Familias Unidas Team		Excellence	Team	Township High School District 214	Cook
Fetig	Carissa	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Bremen Community High School District 228	Cook
Foss	Jennifer	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Evanston Township High School District 202	Cook
Foster	Katharine	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Proviso Township High School District 209	Cook
Garza	Lisa	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math & Science)		Merit	Team	Township High School District 211	Cook
Guill	Renee	Merit	Early Career Educator	Community Consolidated School District 62	Cook
Hess	Stephanie	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Hibner	Mark	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Township High School District 211	Cook
Ivey	Karen	Recognition	School Board Member	Calumet Public School District 132	Cook
Johnson	Constance	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Karigan	Melissa	Excellence	Early Career Educator	Lemont High School District 210	Cook
Keigher	Terry	Recognition	Community Volunteer		Cook
Kimmelman	Leah	Recognition	Administrator	Community Consolidated School District 62	Cook
Knickrehm	Cathi	Excellence	Community Volunteer	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Lincoln School Teaching Assistants		Recognition	Team	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Longo	Heather	Merit	Early Career Educator	Schiller Park School District 81	Cook

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Lowe	Rodney	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Evanston Township High School District 202	Cook
McCraven	Patricia	Merit	Administrator	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Mendoza	Elizabeth	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	J.S. Morton High School District 201	Cook
Millin	Kathy	Recognition	Community Volunteer	Township High School District 211	Cook
Mott	Lauren	Excellence	Early Career Educator	Chicago Public Schools 299	Cook
Mullaney	Colleen	Merit	Early Career Educator	Township High School District 214	Cook
Mytych	Angela	Merit	Community Volunteer	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
O'Donnell	Christie	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Township High School District 211	Cook
Olson	Shirley (Dawn)	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Community Consolidated School District 62	Cook
1 to 1 Learning Leadership Team		Recognition	Team	Bremen Community High School District 228	Cook
Perez	John	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Calumet Public School District 132	Cook
Raisutis	Carli	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Reed	Elisabeth	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Revuluri	Krish	Excellence	Community Volunteer	Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Robertson	Reilly	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Rossi	Andrea	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Ryan	Phyllis	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Sagan	Jillian	Recognition	Administrator	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District	Cook
Samluk	Betty	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Community Consolidated School District 62	Cook
Samojedny	Christie	Excellence	Administrator	Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Sikora	Brad	Merit	Administrator	Bremen Community High School District 228	Cook
Smith	Jennifer	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Township High School District 211	Cook
Stark	Richard	Excellence	Early Career Educator	Grayslake Community High School District 127	Cook
Starks-Turner	Felicia	Recognition	Administrator	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Stewart	Dorothy	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Sweeney	Margaret	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Tech Team		Merit	Team	Community Consolidated School District 62	Cook
Walther	Katie	Merit	Early Career Educator	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District	Cook
Washington	Tiffany	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Weidig	Scott	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Township High School District 211	Cook
Williams	Magali	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District	Cook
Zarate	Anthony	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	UCSN Brighton Park Elementary	Cook
Cunningham	Elizabeth	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Clinton Community School District Unit 15	DeWitt
Peterson	Jessica	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Clinton Community School District Unit 15	DeWitt
Anderson	Maura	Merit	Administrator	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Baker	Irene	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	District 45	DuPage
Bransky	Kimberly	Merit	Community Volunteer	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Brooks	Gillian	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Brncich	Julie	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Cass School District 63	DuPage
Caforio	Kara	Merit	Community Volunteer	Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205	DuPage
Casey	Edward	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Fijor	Stephen	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205	DuPage
Hirhager	Viginia (Ginny)	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Cass School District 63	DuPage
Madison Junior High Counseling Team		Recognition	Team	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Majer	Dawn	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Villa Park School District 45	DuPage

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Meehan	Stephen	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Numeracy Consult Team		Recognition	Team	Bensenville School District 2	DuPage
Stiger	Maribel	Merit	Early Career Educator	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage
Vlangos	Patty	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Bensenville School District 2	DuPage
Walden	Jeffrey	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Greenfield Community Unit School District 10	Greene
Bishop	Kristen	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Dunlap School District 323	Grundy
Honza	Sarah	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Giant City Community Consolidated School District 130	Jackson
Kabat	John	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201	Jasper
Baumhoegger	Katie	Merit	Community Volunteer	Mt. Vernon City Schools District 80	Jefferson
Clarke	Jeremy	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Mt. Vernon City Schools District 80	Jefferson
Holt	Shirilyn	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201	Jefferson
MVTHS Foundation		Merit	Team	Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201	Jefferson
Brady	Jessica	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Jersey Community Unit School District 100	Jersey
Jersey CUSD 100 Family		Merit	Team	Jersey Community Unit School District 100	Jersey
Test	Ralph Edward	Recognition	Board Member	Jersey Community Unit School District 100	Jersey
Wittman	Jackie	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Jersey Community Unit School District 100	Jersey
District 158 RTI Facilitator Team		Recognition	Team	Huntley Community School District 158	Kane/McHenry
Barraza	Jesus	Recognition	Administrator	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Fifth Grade PLC		Recognition	Team	Aurora East School District 131	Kane
Luna	Argelia	Merit	Classroom Teacher	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Rhoden	Anthony	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Sinclair	Marygrace	Merit	Student Support Personnel	East Aurora School District 131	Kane
Knudson	David	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Kankakee School District 111	Kankakee
Andrade	Courtney	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Cromer	Jade	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Oswego CUSD 308	Kendall
District 88 Music Team		Merit	Team	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Heller	Mark	Recognition	Administrator	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
K-5 Literacy Specialists		Merit	Team	Oswego CUSD 308	Kendall
Lee	David	Recognition	Community Volunteer	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
O'Keefe	Stacy	Merit	Early Career Educator	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Podjasek	Heidi	Excellence	Administrator	Oswego CUSD 308	Kendall
Salisbury	Joshua	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Oswego CUSD 308	Kendall
Baird	Michael	Merit	Administrator	Round Lake Area Schools CUSD 116	Lake
Carman-Buckner PBIS Universal Team		Recognition	Team	Waukegan Public School District 60	Lake
Childs	Evon	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Waukegan Public School District 60	Lake
Corey	Nancy	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Community High School District 117	Lake
Curtis	Angela	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Grass Lake Elementary District 36	Lake
Erdmann	Brett	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Gerrits	Julie	Merit	Community Volunteer	Community High School District 117	Lake
Hultman	Jodine	Excellence	Community Volunteer	Round Lake Area Schools CUSD 116	Lake
Kastor	Matthew	Merit	Administrator	Community High School District 117	Lake
Krickl	Lauren	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Community High School District 117	Lake
Larson	Peg	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Community High School District 117	Lake
Licht	Meg	Recognition	Administrator	Grayslake Community High School District 127	Lake
Noel	Molly	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Grayslake Community High School District 127	Lake

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Odyssey Leadership Team		Merit	Team	Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Paloian	Suzanne	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Adlai E Stevenson High School District 125	Lake
Placek	Lori	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Round Lake Area Schools CUSD 116	Lake
Raykiewicz	Laura	Excellence	Early Career Educator	Waukegan Public School District 60	Lake
Salus	Amy	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Aptakisic-Tripp District 102	Lake
Schneider	Karen	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Community High School District 117	Lake
Sequoit Sidekicks		Recognition	Team	Community High School District 117	Lake
Uriostegui	Elvia	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Waukegan Public School District 60	Lake
Village PTO		Recognition	Team	Round Lake Area Schools CUSD 116	Lake
Alderks	Heather	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Meridian Unit School District 223	Lee
Ritter	Paul	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Pontiac Township High School District 90	Livingston
Folkman	Nichole	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Hartsburg-Emden CUSD 21	Logan
Wattleworth	Rebecca	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Community Unit District 11	Macon
Schuchman	Becky	Merit	Administrator	Carlinville Community Unit School District 1	Macoupin
Stinnett	Julie	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	North Mac CUSD 34	Macoupin
Ambuel	Scot	Recognition	Community Volunteer	Edwardsville Community School District 7	Madison
Berning	Kelly	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Madison
Bruder	Dawn	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
Bryant	Steven	Merit	Community Volunteer	Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Madison
Clutts	Cynthia	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
Coffman	Phyllis	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Madison
Connolly	Jennifer	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
Dawson	Christy	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
Fensterman	Melinda	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Gowin	Jennifer	Excellence	Early Career Educator	Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Madison
Granite City Evaluation Design Team		Merit	Team	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
Gray	Edmond	Excellence	School Board Member	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Griffin	Kathryn	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Edwardsville Community School District 7	Madison
Grotefendt	Andrea	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Edwardsville Community School District 7	Madison
Harris	Donald	Recognition	Administrator	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
Herndon	Matthew	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Wood River-Hartford School District 15	Madison
Hyman	Tammy	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Madison
Kane	Elizabeth	Merit	Administrator	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Literacy Team		Excellence	Team	Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Madison
Mitchell	Eric	Merit	Community Volunteer	Granite City Community Unit School District 9	Madison
North Title 1		Merit	Team	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Painting the Town Gold		Recognition	Team	Edwardsville Community School District 7	Madison
Roderick	Lesley	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Edwardsville Community School District 7	Madison
Solomon	Gwen	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Wood River-Hartford School District 154	Madison
Stolze	Cathy	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Turner	Chrissie	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Ware	Letoya	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Weber	Jennifer	Excellence	Administrator	Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Madison
Augustine	Bruce	Merit	Community Volunteer	Huntley Community School District 158	McHenry
Connell	Christine	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	McHenry County Deanery of the Rockford Diocese	McHenry

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Headley	John	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Woodstock Community Unit School District 200	McHenry
Jensen	Margaret	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Woodstock Community Unit School District 200	McHenry
Keele	Filka	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Huntley Community School District 158	McHenry
Malley	Susan	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Woodstock Community Unit School District 200	McHenry
Meyer	Paul	Excellence	School Board Member	Woodstock Community Unit School District 200	McHenry
Mohr	Travis	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Woodstock Community Unit School District 200	McHenry
Robinson	Patricia	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Huntley Community School District 158	McHenry
Rowe	Scott	Merit	Administrator	Huntley Community School District 158	McHenry
Shape Woodstock		Merit	Team	Woodstock Community Unit School District 200	McHenry
Spyratos	Panthea	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Huntley Community School District 158	McHenry
Towne	Jack	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Huntley Community School District 158	McHenry
Cedar Ridge Bilingual		Merit	Team	McLean County Unit 5	McLean
Gibson	Jennifer	Merit	Classroom Teacher	McLean County Unit 5	McLean
Hafermann	Tera	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	McLean County Unit 5	McLean
Hendricks	Garry	Merit	Community Volunteer	McLean County Unit 5	McLean
Meyer	Amanda	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Ridgeview Community Unit School District 19	McLean
O'Donnell	Laura	Recognition	Administrator	McLean County Unit 5	McLean
Peebles	Gwen	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	McLean County Unit 5	McLean
Wilson	Devin	Merit	Early Career Educator	McLean County Unit 5	McLean
Haston	Adam	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Hillsboro Community Unit School District 3	Montgomery
Axelson	Cindy	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Oregon School District 220	Ogle
DeWilde	Jordan	Excellence	Early Career Educator	Oregon School District 220	Ogle
Elson	Nan	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Rochelle Elementary CCSD 231	Ogle
Franklin	Meggan	Recognition	Student Support Personnel	Byron Community Unit School District 226	Ogle
Howard	Deb	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Rochelle Elementary CCSD 231	Ogle
Lawson	Deb	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle
Ludwig	Patti	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Byron Community Unit School District 226	Ogle
McCallen	Stacie	Recognition	Educational Service Personnel	Byron Community Unit School District 226	Ogle
Mullikin	Joe	Merit	Early Career Educator	Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle
Open Program		Excellence	Team	Oregon School District 220	Ogle
Stultz	Jeffrey	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Oregon School District 220	Ogle
SVHS Principal's Student Advisory Council		Excellence	Team	Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle
White	Michelle (Micki)	Excellence	Community Volunteer	Meridian Unit School District 223	Ogle
Bolden	Richard	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peoria
Dwyer	Ron	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peoria
Lambert	Ryan	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Farmington Central School District CUSD 265	Peoria
Look, It's My Book!		Excellence	Team	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peoria
McCabe	Susan	Merit	Community Volunteer	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peoria
Newman-Evans	Mary-Jo	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peoria
Patton	Tyler	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peoria
Rodgers	Laura	Excellence	Administrator	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peoria
Sellers	Jackie	Merit	Classroom Teacher	Illini Bluffs School District 327	Peoria
Wishau	Katherine	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Round Lake Area Schools CUSD 116	Perry
Zachwieja	Lisa	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Round Lake Area Schools CUSD 116	Perry
Reavis	Deann	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Diocese of Springfield Catholic Schools	Sangamon

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Colbert	Cindi	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Belleville School District 118	St Clair
Dismukes	Mark	Recognition	Administrator	O'Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90	St. Clair
Hamilton	Candace	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Whiteside School District 115	St. Clair
Hipkiss	Laura	Recognition	Early Career Educator	O'Fallon Township High School District 203	St. Clair
Howe	Dan	Recognition	Administrator	O'Fallon Township High School District 203	St. Clair
Seipp	Jodie	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	O'Fallon Township High School District 203	St. Clair
Stephens	Cynthia	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	O'Fallon Township High School District 203	St. Clair
Adams	Jonathan	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Tuten	Maria	Excellence	Student Support Personnel	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Cherry	Tracy	Recognition	Administrator	Danville Consolidated School District 118	Vermilion
Danville Public School Foundation		Excellence	Team	Danville Consolidated School District 118	Vermilion
Ferber	Tyler	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Danville School District 118	Vermilion
Gates	Rose	Excellence	Community Volunteer	Danville Consolidated School District 118	Vermilion
Haupt	Edward (Ted)	Excellence	Classroom Teacher	Danville Consolidated School District 118	Vermilion
Pichon	Randy	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Danville Consolidated School District 118	Vermilion
Collins	Kelly	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Edwards	Patricia	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Joliet Central High School District 204	Will
Gnade	Christina	Recognition	Classroom Teacher	Summit Hill School District 161	Will
Neuqua Valley High School Driver Education Team		Merit	Team	Indian Prairie District 204	Will
Ali	Nicole	Merit	Educational Service Personnel	Hononegah Community High School District 207	Winnebago
Ferger	Jeannine	Merit	Student Support Personnel	Rockford Public Schools 205	Winnebago
Gilbertson	Rachel	Recognition	Early Career Educator	Rockford Public Schools 205	Winnebago
Macek	Jennifer	Excellence	Administrator	Rockford Public Schools 205	Winnebago
Murray	Barbara	Excellence	Educational Service Personnel	Prairie Hill Community Consolidated School District 133	Winnebago
Rolling Green Rocket Boosters		Merit	Team	Rockford Public Schools 205	Winnebago
Team J & J		Merit	Team	Hononegah Community High School District 207	Winnebago