



Teachers of the Year awarded at year-end district meeting

Four selected annually include two elementary, one middle and one high school teacher

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Tuesday, June 1, 2021) – Officials today revealed four exceptional teachers who were selected after review of nominations by a panel of administrators. The teachers were informed at a district meeting for all staff and officially recognized as “Teachers of the Year” at Northwest Allen County Schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

“We honor these four educators who have demonstrated their ability to reach students and help them excel in academics and in life,” said Chris Himsel, PhD, superintendent, Northwest Allen County Schools. “Great teachers inspire and challenge students to exceed even their own expectations and that is our goal for each student who joins the NACS family. We are fortunate to have many outstanding teachers worthy of such an honor, and we deeply appreciate their dedication.”

Here are excerpts pulled from nomination forms for each awardee. Many of the nominations for the secondary recipients came from students this year, however, nominations may also be submitted by parents, colleagues and administrators.

Jaima Garman, 1st grade teacher, Huntertown Elementary School

“Jaima is so engaged with her students’ whole well-being.”

“She is a very kind-hearted person, and she works super hard. Mrs. Garman should win Teacher of the Year because she is so focused on other people.”

“Mrs. Garman is an excellent teacher who always thinks about others. She is a very humble person...and is always looking for the best in others.”

Becky Hauguel, 5th grade teacher, Perry Hill Elementary School

“Mrs. Hauguel is hands down, the most incredible teacher my son has ever had. She has this incredible ability to teach the whole child, not just the academics, but life.”

“Mrs. Hauguel has gone above and beyond everything we have hoped for in a teacher...We are so thankful for her incredible influence on our daughter’s life!”

Michelle Boroff, 6th grade math teacher, Maple Creek Middle School

“When I had other teachers, it was not as easy to understand the topics and materials, and I could really see the difference between her and other teachers. She is overall the nicest and best teacher I have ever met.”

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“My daughter tells me that Mrs. Boroff went above and beyond to be available to help students when they were learning at home...Additionally, Mrs. Boroff kept teaching while she and her family were quarantined. She did not skip a beat and always maintained a positive attitude. Finally, her performance in the classroom is evident. She has challenged and prepared the 6th graders for the transition to pre-algebra and algebra.”

Maranda Kuhn, grades 10-12, chemistry teacher, Carroll High School

“Mrs. Kuhn makes sure every person is understanding the concepts being taught and will go out of her way to help every student learn. She will take the time to ask every student how well they understand the topics being discussed and is the type of teacher that you could ask any question to without being embarrassed...I have heard many other students say she is the best teacher they've ever had, so I figured I would take the time to write this since a lot of students will not. Mrs. Kuhn is a fantastic teacher and deserves this award more than any other teacher I've ever had.”

Two elementary teachers or counselors are selected from seven elementary schools, one from the middle schools and one from the high school. To qualify for this recognition, teachers and counselors must have an evaluation rating of “highly-effective” or “mentor.”

Information about Northwest Allen County Schools may be found at nacs.k12.in.us. The mission of Northwest Allen County Schools is to develop the talent and nurture the creativity of each learner. We attain our mission by providing healthy and safe learning environments that engage, support, and challenge each learner in a culture of achieving excellence so each learner can become a leading member of our community.

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