

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

2018-19 SUMMARY

Kansas Association of School Boards

BOLD Class of 2018-19

Dr. Vince Evans, Assistant Supt.

Association of School Business Officials International

Excellence in Financial Reporting

Wichita Public Schools, Financial Services

Council of Great City Schools

Inside the Council Publication

WPS highlights and photo of Dr. Thompson on bus

Principals Month – Social Media Features

- Leroy Parks, Chester Lewis
- Hannelore Burdette, Enders

Diversity Initiative supported by Butler, Spirit, Westar and Meritrust

Advance Kansas

Wendy Johnson, Strategic Communications

Golden Artist Colors/Alliance for Young Arts Writers

Artists and Mentors Exhibition, NY

Kevin Kelly, West High

Forbes

America's Best-In-State Employers 2019

Wichita Public Schools

Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators

Middle School Principal of the Year

Lura Jo Atherly, Jardine Middle School

Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year

Deznee Soza-Trevino, Mayberry Middle School

High Performing School &

Middle School of the Year

Hamilton Middle School

Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance

Administrators of the Year

- Heather Rogers, Gardiner Elementary
- Ileana Perez Caro, Gardiner Elementary

Dance Educator of the Year

Ashley Blanton, East High

High School P.E. Teacher of the Year

Danielle Haynes, North High

Middle School P.E. Teacher of the Year

Paula Hickman, Mayberry Middle School

Wayne Osness Honor Award

Blake Taylor, Lawrence Elementary

Kansas Association of School Librarians

Vision Award

Gail Becker, Library Media Services Director

Kansas Kids @ Gear Up

Community Partner of the Year

Klaus Kollmai, District Hearing Supervisor

**Kansas School Social Workers
Association**

Kansas State Department of Education

Kansas World Language Association

Magnet Schools of America

NAACP

**National Association of Geoscience
Teachers**

**National Interscholastic Athletic
Administrators Assoc.**

National School Public Relations Assoc.

Kansas School Social Worker 2019
Barb Meyer, Hadley Middle School

Challenge Awards 2018

- East High School
- Northeast Magnet High School
- Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School
- Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School
- Horace Mann K-8 Dual Language Magnet
- Cleaveland Traditional Magnet
- Cloud Elementary School
- Irving Elementary School
- Lawrence Elementary School
- Ortiz Elementary School
- Woodland Health and Wellness Magnet

Civic Advocacy Network School of Excellence
Enders Leadership/Community Service Magnet Elementary

Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalist
Lan Huynh, Christa McAuliffe Academy

Spanish Teacher of the Year
David Shelly, East High School

Magnet Schools of Distinction 2019

- Allison Traditional Magnet
- Jardine STEM & Career Explorations Academy

Region VI Principal of the Year Award
Cindy Graves, McLean Science/Technology Magnet

Person of the Year
Dr. Alicia Thompson, Superintendent

**Outstanding Earth Science Teacher
Midcontinent Section**
Angie Nelson, Stucky Middle School

Certified Athletic Administrators

- Chris Asmussen, Southeast High School
- Mike Church, North High School (now Heights)

Superintendents to Watch
Dr. Alicia Thompson, Superintendent

Golden Achievement Award 2019
WPS Suicide Awareness/Prevention Video

Gold Medallion Award 2019
WPS Enrollment Marketing

No Kid Hungry

South Central Kansas Music Educators Association

Storytime Village

U.S. News & World Report Rankings (May 2019)

Wichita Business Journal

Wichita Hispanic Chamber

Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

Wichita Thunder & Wichita Furniture Mattress

Breakfast Hero Award 2019

- Wichita Public Schools
- East High School
- Southeast High School
- North High School

2019 Outstanding Honor Administrator

Shawn Chastain, Fine Arts Executive Coordinator

South Central Elementary Educator

Teri Harpool, Cloud Elementary

Outstanding Middle School Educator

Mona Doerksen, Robinson Middle School

Literacy Champion Award

Dr. Alicia Thompson, Superintendent

Best High Schools in Kansas

- Northeast Magnet, one of the ten best
- East High School, one of top twenty-five

Best Places to Work 2018

East High School

Career Women Program 2019

- Lisa Riveros, Transportation Director
- Christina O'Toole, Curriculum & Instruction Executive Director

CFO Award 2019

Susan Willis, Chief Financial Officer

Emerging Leaders 2018

- Suzy Finn, Strategic Communications
- Jenna Ginest, Human Resources
- Addi Lowell, Business and Financial Services
- Luke Neman, Facilities
- Jonathan Wyss, Purchasing

Leaders in Diversity 2018

- Wichita Public Schools
- Mayberry Cultural Fine Arts Magnet

Rising Star Award

Wichita Public Schools – Community Partner

Leadership Wichita 2018

Michele Ingenthron

Over The Years Award 2019

Wichita Public Schools

Excellent Teacher Award

Lan Huynh, Christa McAuliffe Academy

Wichita Urban Professionals

Dreamchasers 2018 President's Choice Award

- Taddonne Neal, Curriculum & Instruction
- Jacob Crowley, Substitute

Wichita/Sedgwick County/WPS

Excellence in Public Service Award Carla Breckenridge

W (formerly YPW)

Leadership Academy 2018

Patrick Greene, Employee Benefits

W Awards 2019

Honorees will be announced 7/26/19

Finalists

- Fabian Armendariz, Innovations in Business Award
- Suzy Finn, Distinguished Young Professionals Award

Kansas State Department of Education

Kansas Teacher of the Year – nominees
Regional 4 Finalists will be announced **Sept. 14, 2019.**

WPS Finalists:

- Marnie Baxter, McCollom
- Ann Burgett, NWHS

National Science Foundation (via KSDE)

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching –*District Nominee*
Chitra Harris, Southeast High School

American Library Association

I Love My Librarian – *District Nominee*
Andrew Gonzalez, Allen Elementary

Emporia State University

Kansas Master Teacher – *Nominee*
Kathleen Bastin, Coleman Middle School

This list does not include the hundreds of employees recognized via the Good Apple Award, Partners in Education Award (P.I.E.), Distinguished Classroom Teacher Awards, Nutrition Services Awards, Education EDGE & KOCH Grant awards, and KAKE Golden Apple Award.

If you are aware of other honors or recognitions received by WPS employees, schools or departments, please contact:

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