

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | DISTINGUISHED CLASSROOM TEACHER

AWARD HISTORY (2004-PRESENT)

New Teacher – Elementary

2020	Afton Miller	Fourth-grade, Harry Street Elementary School
2019	Chasmyn Lindeman-Thimesch**	Fourth-grade, Cloud Elementary School
2018	Olivia Sumner	Fourth-grade, Cloud Elementary School
2017	Ashley Cavazos	Kindergarten, Cloud Elementary School
2016	Olivia Burbach**	Fourth-grade, Lawrence Elementary School
2015	Andrea Pope **	Fourth-grade, Griffith Elementary School
2014	Bethany Brewer **	Fifth-grade, McCollom Elementary School
2013	Jessica Fuchs	Kindergarten, Jefferson Elementary School
2012	Megan Gross	Intermediate Special Education, Adams Elementary School
2011	Eunice Perez **	Kindergarten, Washington Elementary School
2010	Megan Vicin	Kindergarten, Kensler Elementary School
2009	Kari Semmel	First-grade, White Elementary School
2008	Megan Belisle **	Kindergarten, Jefferson Elementary School
2007	Effie Conway **	Fifth-grade, Anderson Elementary School
2006	Kara Maxwell**	Third-grade, Gardiner Elementary School
2005	Adam Sisson**	Fifth-grade Math/Science, Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet
2004	Heidi Bowen**	First-grade, Jefferson Elementary School

New Teacher - Secondary

2020	Samuel Belsan	Social Studies, Coleman Middle School
2019	Taylor Offerle	Mathematics, Heights High School
2018	Brenda Lichman	Ceramics/Pottery, East High School
2017	Keely Tolbert	Seventh-grade Honors English Language Arts, Truesdell Middle School
2016	Jill Bajaj**	Math, Robinson Middle School
2015	Kaitlyn Salazar **	Math, Hamilton Middle School
2014	Katie Richardson **	Sixth-grade Language Arts, Coleman Middle School
2013	Deanna Sinisgalli	Sixth-grade Math, Mayberry Magnet Middle School
2012	Sarah McDaniel **	Science, South High School
2011	Echo Wells	Seventh-grade Math, Jardine Technology Magnet Middle School
2010	Theresa Blunt **	Seventh-grade Math, Truesdell Middle School
2009	Eryn Elder **	Ninth-grade English, South High School
2008	Frances Johannsen	Sixth-grade Language Arts, Marshall Middle School
2007	Drew Bivens	Math, South High School
2006	Leslianne Craft**	Seventh-grade Math, Stucky Middle School
2005	Stephanie Chippeaux	Math, North High School
2004	Elizabeth Bellinger**	Seventh-grade Math, Truesdell Middle School

Primary, PreK – 2

2020	Lisa Reeb	Kindergarten, Colvin Elementary School
2019	Marnie Baxter	Second-grade, McCollom Elementary School
2018	Laci Chavez	First-grade, Gammon Elementary School
2017	Cathy Boote	Kindergarten, Christa McAuliffe Academy
2016	Donna Cruz	First-grade, Cloud Elementary
2015	Ashley Veatch	Second-grade, Allen Elementary School
2014	Michele Steinbacher	Kindergarten, Gordon Parks Academy
2013	Debbie Fagg	First-grade, Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet Elementary School
2012	Esther Calderon	Second-grade, Cloud Elementary School
2011	Tara Hall	Second-grade, Colvin Elementary School
2010	Shannon Andres	Kindergarten, Adams Elementary
2009	Sheri Edgerle	Kindergarten, Allen Elementary School
2008	Rebecca Palacio	First-grade Spanish, Language Arts, Horace Mann Dual Lang. Magnet
2007	Michelle Sinnes	Kindergarten, Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet
2006	Maribel Benedict	Kindergarten, Colvin Elementary School
2005	Sherry Gail Carter	Kindergarten, Kelly Liberal Arts Academy
2004	Kristin Ford	Second-grade, Price-Harris Communications Magnet

<u>Intermediate, 3-5</u>	2020	Catherine Klunder	Fifth-grade, Harry Street Elementary School
	2019	Allison Drake	Third-grade, Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet Elementary
	2018	Lan Huynh*	Third-grade, Christa McAuliffe Academy
	2017	Katherine Skinner	Fifth-grade, Christa McAuliffe Academy
	2016	Georgia Flood	Fifth-grade, Chisholm Trail Elementary School
	2015	Kelsey Steele	Fifth-grade, Anderson Elementary School
	2014	Marianne Olson	Fifth-grade, Clark Elementary School
	2013	Kathy Abdul-hameed	Fourth-grade, Franklin Elementary School
	2012	Therese Cheatham	Third-grade, Anderson Elementary School
	2011	Cindy Davis	Fifth-grade, Hyde International Studies/Communications Magnet
	2010	Andrew Gonzalez	Third-grade, Allen Elementary School
	2009	Melissa Morgan	Third-grade, Dodge Literacy Magnet
	2008	Kayla Grayson	Fourth-grade, Colvin Elementary School
	2007	Stacy Garcia	Third-grade, Colvin Elementary School
	2006	Tom Klocek	Third-grade, Seltzer Elementary
	2005	Laurie Mercer*	Fourth- and Fifth-grade, Spaght Accelerated Magnet
	2004	Nancy Long	Fourth- and Fifth-grade, Greiffenstein Special Ed. Center
<u>Middle School</u>	2020	Denise Van Horn	Math Pre-IB, Robinson Middle School
	2019	Patric Jackson	Physical Education, Gordon Parks Academy
	2018	Mallela Sabas	Sixth-Eighth Grade ESOL, Jardine STEM/Career Exploration Magnet
	2017	Kimberly Knox	Seventh-grade Math, Truesdell Middle School
	2016	Jim Sullivan	Social Studies, Hamilton Middle School
	2015	Samanta Souriya	ESOL Teacher, Jardine Middle School
	2014	Kathleen Bastin	Science, Coleman Middle School
	2013	Frances Oare	Orchestra, Coleman Middle School
	2012	Marie Hampton	Sixth-grade Math, Coleman Middle School
	2011	Tara Craddock	Art, Curtis Middle School
	2010	Cindy Siemens	Language Arts, Robinson Middle School
	2009	Rachel Aponso	Math, Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet
	2008	Christie Klein	Sixth thru eighth-grade Math, Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet
	2007	Rob Chalender	Eighth-grade Language Arts, Pleasant Valley Middle School
	2006	DeAnn Nelson*	Seventh-grade Math, Truesdell Middle School
2005	Janet Van Epps	Sixth thru Eighth-grade Art, Allison Traditional Magnet	
2004	Lisa Jones	Eighth-grade Science, Wilbur Middle School	
<u>High School</u>	2020	Darham Rogers	World/US History and AVID, East High School
	2019	Ann Burgett	English, Northwest High School
	2018	David Shelly	IB Spanish, East High School
	2017	Sarah Gegen	Math, Northwest High School
	2016	Melody Robinson	Science/English, West High School
	2015	Stephanie Chippeaux	Math, South High School
	2014	Rebecca Simmons	English, Northeast Magnet High School
	2013	Stephen Parks	Math, Heights High School
	2012	Katie Antholz-Mitchell	English, Southeast High School
	2011	Liz Roberts *	AVID, North High School
	2010	Stephanie Chippeaux	Math, South High School
	2009	Ed Morales	History, North High School
	2008	Marcia Williamson	Autism Instructor & Categorical Dept. Chair, East High School
	2007	Stacie Valdez*	Language Arts, North High School
	2006	Chad Cushenbery	Science, Southeast High School
2005	Tara Walker	Fine Arts, North High School	
2004	Angelia Frankenfeld	Math, West High School	
<u>Support Teacher-Elementary</u>	2020	Tiffany Peterson	Music, Woodman Elementary School
	2019	Ashley Reichenborn	Music, Buckner Performing Arts and Science Magnet Elementary
<u>Support Teacher – Secondary</u>	2020	Leigh Kasper	Counselor, Hamilton Middle School
	2019	Nicole Herrera	Instructional Support, Mayberry Cultural/Fine Arts Magnet Middle School

<u>Support Teacher</u>			
2018	Catherine Tummons		Music Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Academy
2017	Susan Moore		Structured Learning/Lead, Christa McAuliffe Academy
2016	Kelly Baird		Reading Intervention, Ortiz Elementary School
2015	Stacy Malicoat		MTSS Facilitator, Jardine STEM/Career Explorations Magnet
2014	Julie Dunkelberger		Library Media Specialist, Horace Mann Dual Language
2013	Todd Junker		Physical Education, Christa McAuliffe Academy
2012	Kim Lea Lawson		Counselor, White Elementary School
2011	Jewelene Embers		Vocal Music, Jackson Elementary School
2010	Kim A. Morrissey *		Physical Education, Dodge Literacy Magnet Elementary
2009	Jane Ridder		Speech Clinician, Washington Elementary School
2008	<i>None Selected</i>		
2007	Linda Crabbs		Instructional Coach, Colvin Elementary School
2006	Pamela Stein		Interrelated/CWC Language Arts, West High School
2005	Nancy Johnson		ESOL, Irving Elementary School
2004	Judy Sneath		K-5 Music, McCollom Elementary School

*** Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalist**

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**** Kansas Horizon Award**

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