

2022 Those Who Excel Awardees

First Name	Last Name	Category	Award	School District	County
Jacquelyn	Douglas	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Champaign Community Unit School District 4	Champaign
Crystal	Kahre	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Bartelso School District 57	Clinton
Dr. Michael C.	Connolly	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Wheeling Community Consolidated School District 21	Cook
Mike	Field	Administrator	Meritorious Service	St. Viator High School	Cook
John	Fuja	Administrator	Meritorious Service	St. Viator High School	Cook
Casey	Godfrey	Administrator	Meritorious Service	River Forest School District 90	Cook
Okab T.	Hassan	Administrator	Excellence	City of Chicago School District 299	Cook
John	Hodge	Administrator	Excellence	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Chris	Johnson	Administrator	Meritorious Service	New Trier Township High School District 203	Cook
Mary	Kalou	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Cathy	Kedjidjian	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Mary	Knoepfel	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Kristin	Kopta	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Pennoyer School District 79	Cook
Stacy	Lenihan	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Township High School District 211	Cook
Roberto	Paredes	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Michael	Parrie	Administrator	Meritorious Service	J. S. Morton High School District 201	Cook
Scott	Ross	Administrator	Excellence	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Laura	Ugo	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Brad	Voehringer	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Morton Grove School District 70	Cook
Denise	Webster	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Community Consolidated School District 59	Cook
Paula	Besler	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Melissa	De Jesus-Vasquez	Community Volunteer	Excellence	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Pastor Philip S.	France	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Karen	Hitzeman	Community Volunteer	Excellence	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Kim	Morrissey	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Joe	Sartin	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Rich Township High School District 227	Cook
Shari	Schmidt	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Saleem	Siddiqui	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook

Susan	Yadgar	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Regina	Zohfeld	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Ingrid	Ackerman	Educational Service Personnel	Excellence	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Nanette	Adatto	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Northbrook School District 28	Cook
Carl	Alexander	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Niles Township High School District 219	Cook
Jill	Brocar	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Morton Grove School District 70	Cook
Linda	Bultrini	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	J. S. Morton High School District 201	Cook
James	Ferguson	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Sametta	Gardner	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Terrence	Geary	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	North Palos School District 117	Cook
Ernie	Gray	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Danielle	Guardino	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Julie	Huisman	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Daniel	Kolen	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Kathy	Lankford	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Community Consolidated School District 59	Cook
Julia	Lindholm	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Rich Township High School District 227	Cook
Jeannie	Lynch	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	J. S. Morton High School District 201	Cook
Dzidra	Malinski	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Township High School District 211	Cook
Johnyell	Owens	Educational Service Personnel	Excellence	New Trier Township High School District 203	Cook
Lee-Ann	Roskopf	Educational Service Personnel	Excellence	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Sherrone	Thompson	Educational Service Personnel	Excellence	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Joan	Beniacs	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Caryn	Bova	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Township High School District 211	Cook
Becky	Burright	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Community Consolidated School District 59	Cook
Meg	Carin	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401	Cook
Chantal	Diaz	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Elizabeth	Hackett	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Susana	Held	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Steve	Mihalopoulos	Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Jennifer	Neibert	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Lansing School District 158	Cook
Patrisha	O'Neill	Student Support Personnel	Excellence	J. S. Morton High School District 201	Cook
Pennoyer Special Education Team	Team		Excellence	Pennoyer School District 79	Cook
E-Learning Team	Team		Meritorious Service	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	Cook
Natalie Campbell and Nicole Grant Team	Team		Meritorious Service	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Nicole Pines and Elyse Smith Team	Team		Meritorious Service	Oak Park Elementary School District 97	Cook
Maintenance and Custodial Team	Team		Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
MTSS Leadership	Team		Meritorious Service	Maine Township High School District 207	Cook
Stagg High School Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Team	Team		Meritorious Service	Consolidated High School District 230	Cook

Flossmoor School District 161 Nursing Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Flossmoor School District 161	Cook
Skokie D68 Technology Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Skokie School District 68	Cook
North Palos School District 117 Senior Leadership Team	Team	Meritorious Service	North Palos School District 117	Cook
ELC Psych/Social Work Support Services Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Community Consolidated School District 59	Cook
Hawks Nest	Team	Meritorious Service	Township High School District 211	Cook
New Trier High School Health Services	Team	Meritorious Service	New Trier Township High School District 203	Cook
Lansing School District 158 Kindergarten Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Lansing School District 158	Cook
District 201 Nursing Department	Team	Meritorious Service	J. S. Morton High School District 201	Cook
Health and Safety Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Homewood School District 153	Cook
Keller Food Distribution Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54	Cook
Winston Campus Junior High Climate & Culture Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Palatine Community Consolidated School District 15	Cook
Freshman Center Maintenance	Team	Meritorious Service	J. S. Morton High School District 201	Cook
Officer Mike Bennett	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Clinton Community Unit School District 15	De Witt
CUSD#15 Nurses Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Clinton Community Unit School District 15	De Witt
Allie Hahn	Administrator	Excellence	Lombard School District 44	DuPage
Dr. Scott Helton	Administrator	Excellence	DuPage High School District 88	DuPage
Dr. Victor Simon	Administrator	Excellence	Gower School District 62	DuPage
James Pluskota	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Elmhurst School District 205	DuPage
Brandon Todd	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Rick Delawder	Community Volunteer	Excellence	DuPage High School District 88	DuPage
Denys Kang	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Catherine McCook	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Domnick Ringo	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Jinsun Baek	Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
Maureen Laschober	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
Community Food-Distribution Program Team	Team	Excellence	DuPage High School District 88	DuPage
Return To Learn Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Roselle School District 12	DuPage
Elizabeth Ide Kindergarten Team	Team	Meritorious Service	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage
D181 Teachers on Special Assignment	Team	Meritorious Service	Hinsdale Community Consolidated School District 181	DuPage
D94 Transition Team	Team	Excellence	Community High School District 94	DuPage
Prairieview PTO Playground Committee	Team	Meritorious Service	Center Cass School District 66	DuPage

Luke	O'Brien	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Morris School District 54	Grundy
Mt Vernon Township High School 201		Team	Meritorious Service	Mt Vernon Township High School District 201	Jefferson
Rebecca	Campbell	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Aurora East Unit School District 131	Kane
Theresa	Komitas	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Daniel	Solecki	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Robert	Hausler	Community Volunteer	Excellence	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Gail	Luna	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Nicole	Ciesla	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Jenny	Pienkos	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Oswego Satellite Food Pantry		Team	Meritorious Service	Community Unit School District 308	Kendall
Plano School District Health Services		Team	Excellence	Plano Community Unit School District 88	Kendall
Joshua	Coon	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34	Lake
Jim	Coonan	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
David	Newberry	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Community High School District 117	Lake
Gina	Schuyler	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Grayslake Community High School District 127	Lake
Kathryn	Brzezinski	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Geoffrey	Guttschow	Community Volunteer	Excellence	Community High School District 117	Lake
Sue	Jorgensen	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34	Lake
Joanna	Rodriguez	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Mundelein Consolidated High School District 120	Lake
Vicky	Rundle	Educational Service Personnel	Excellence	Community High School District 117	Lake
Quentin	Siegel	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
Mary Jo	Swift	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Oak Grove School District 68 Green Oaks	Lake
Kimberly	Forystek	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	North Chicago School District 187	Lake
Maria	Krug	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Community High School District 117	Lake
Alison	Mlyniec	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34	Lake
1/2 Team		Team	Meritorious Service	Prairie Crossing Charter School	Lake
COVID District Family Feeding Program		Team	Meritorious Service	Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34	Lake
Oak Grove Education Association (OGEA)		Team	Meritorious Service	Oak Grove School District 68 Green Oaks	Lake
World Language Department		Team	Excellence	Grayslake Community High School District 127	Lake
District Nurse's		Team	Meritorious Service	Community High School District 117	Lake
Christy	Scott	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Bunker Hill Community Unit School District 8	Macoupin
Chaplain Marc	Lane	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Wilma	Schillinger	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Wood River-Hartford Elementary School District 15	Madison
Cynthia	Christopher	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Danielle	Kamp	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Kirsten	Kent	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Wood River-Hartford Elementary School District 15	Madison
Lisa	Pearson	Educational Service Personnel	Excellence	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
Alexandra	Allen	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Collinsville CUSD #10 District Health Staff		Team	Excellence	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison
Mark Twain Team		Team	Meritorious Service	Alton Community Unit School District 11	Madison
World Languages Team		Team	Meritorious Service	Collinsville Community Unit School District 10	Madison

Anthony	Brooks	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Crystal Lake Community Consolidated School District 47	McHenry
Carl D.	Vallianatos	Administrator	Excellence	McHenry Community High School District 156	McHenry
Brittany	Stefani	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Crystal Lake Community Consolidated School District 47	McHenry
Stacie	France	Administrator	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Leslie	Hanson	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Natalie	Shumaker	Administrator	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Andy	Walsh	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Miranda	Davis	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Kathryn	Gillespie	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Meta	Mickens-Baker	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Susan	Naber	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Randy	Raber	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Tim	Severt	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
Margie	Toca	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Carol	Carter	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Emma	Milliken	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Melissa	Pfeffer	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Olympia Community Unit School District 16	McLean
April	Powell	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Normal West CARES Team		Team	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Stevenson Dynamic Learning Program		Team	Meritorious Service	Bloomington School District 87	McLean
Unit 5 Nurse Team		Team	Meritorious Service	McLean County Unit School District 5	McLean
Steve	Pierce	Community Volunteer	Excellence	Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle
Karen	Spaulding	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Byron Community Unit School District 226	Ogle
Roi	Degner	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Elaine	Nicholson	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle
Covid Response Team		Team	Meritorious Service	Meridian Community Unit School District 223	Ogle
OCUSD #220 Administrative Assistants'					
Team		Team	Meritorious Service	Oregon Community Unit School District 220	Ogle
Kathy	Rodriguez	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Heath	Sells	Community Volunteer	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Anthony	Davis	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Chris	Oertwig	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Meghan	Moody	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Manual High School Attendance Team		Team	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Peoria Public School District 150 Nursing		Team	Meritorious Service	Peoria School District 150	Peoria
Marty	Overton	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Richland County Community Unit School District 1	Richland

Jeffery	Alt	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Freeburg Community High School District 77	St. Clair
Brittany	Green	Administrator	Meritorious Service	East St. Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Malcolm	Hill	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Belleville Township High School District 201	St. Clair
Susie	Stewart	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
Jesse	Swift	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Belleville Township High School District 201	St. Clair
Laura	Arnold	Student Support Personnel	Excellence	Lebanon Community Unit School District 9	St. Clair
Catrice	Johnson	Student Support Personnel	Excellence	East St. Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Jane	Sabo	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Belleville Township High School District 201	St. Clair
Project Up		Team	Meritorious Service	Marissa Community Unit School District 40	St. Clair
East St. Louis School District 189		Team	Excellence	East St. Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Grab and Go Student Meal Team		Team	Excellence	East St. Louis School District 189	St. Clair
Sarah		Administrator	Meritorious Service	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Wayne	Cauthen	Educational Service Personnel	Excellence	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Jeannette	Diddens	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
FMS Support Staff		Team	Excellence	Freeport School District 145	Stephenson
Excellence Exceeders		Team	Meritorious Service	Shawnee Community Unit School District 84	Union
Kelly	Truex	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Danville Community Consolidated School District 118	Vermilion
Leigh Ann	White	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Nashville Community High School District 99	Washington
Mr. Charles P.	Marik	Administrator	Meritorious Service	Valley View Community Unit School District 365U	Will
Maureen	Pustelnik	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Will County School District 92	Will
Marisol	Rodriguez	Educational Service Personnel	Meritorious Service	Valley View Community Unit School District 365U	Will
Lauren	Ross	Student Support Personnel	Meritorious Service	Valley View Community Unit School District 365U	Will
Bolingbrook High School Dean's		Team	Meritorious Service	Valley View Community Unit School District 365U	Will