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Enis, Tally Receive TPSD's Top Honors

TUPELO, Miss. — Wednesday was a day of celebration for the Tupelo Public School District, as Mark Enis was named the 2021 Administrator of the Year and Leslie Tally the Teacher of the Year.

Enis is in his second year as principal at Tupelo Middle School, while Tally is in her second year at Lawhon.

For Tally, who earned both her undergrad and graduate degrees from Mississippi State, it's her second time to receive this type of accolade.

Two years ago as a 2nd-grade teacher at Mooreville Elementary, she was tabbed the Lee County Schools Teacher of the Year.

"To be named Teacher of the Year for the Tupelo Public School District is truly an honor," said Tally, now in her 10th year teaching. "I sincerely believe this is the greatest school district in the state of Mississippi, and I am humbled by the opportunity to represent our district. I am so grateful to the administrators and teachers I work with at Lawhon."

National Board Certified and also a Teacher of Distinction recipient, she began her professional journey in 2011 teaching 3rd grade at Lawndale.

"This year, more than ever, I have felt supported in taking on new ideas and motivated to overcome new challenges," she said. "It is an honor to serve here, and it is a joy to teach our students."

Enis, a 1992 graduate of Tupelo High School, has spent the past 22 years at TPSD in various capacities.

In addition to coaching soccer, golf and baseball, he also served one year as assistant principal at both the high school and Lawndale. Prior to his arrival at TMS, he spent two years as principal at Lawhon, leading the school to an A-ranking.

He owns three degrees from William Carey College, including his master's.

"This is such an honor," he said. "There are so many people responsible for this who have played big roles. I've got the best staff at the middle school, and their name should be on this as much as mine does."

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