

Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Awards – Rich History of Recipients

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Teacher Proficiency Awards are TO RECOGNIZE AND ENCOURAGE SUPERIOR TEACHING, TO IMPROVE INSTRUCTION AND TO CULTIVATE A CONTINUANCE OF EXCELLENT INSTRUCTION THROUGHOUT THE MIDLAND SCHOOL SYSTEM.

From 1956 to 1958 one award was made each year. It was known as "Teacher of the Year" award. From 1959 to 1973, four Proficiency Awards were awarded, two known as "excellence" and two known as "worthiness" awards, in each case one for an elementary teacher and one for a secondary teacher. The "worthiness" award is for maintaining excellence in teaching in the face of misfortune or serious illness in one's personal life.

In 1974, two awards for "worthiness" were replaced by two awards for "excellence" so that all four awards were for excellence.

<i>"For Excellence"</i>		<i>"For Worthiness"</i>	
<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>	<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
1956			
1957	Belva Weber		
1958			
1959	Virginia C. Farnham		
1960	Margaret E. Berry		
1961	Marian I. Cronkright		
1962	Clela G. Kortge		
1963	M. Louise Hollingsworth		
<i>Special Award to Samuel W. Zaharee</i>			
1964	Clara A. Smith		
1965	Mae G. Beale		
1966	Gladys M. Hunter		
<i>Special Award to Dorothy O. Minikel</i>			
1967	Irene F. Taber		
1968	Virginia D. Sears		
1969	Betty Kutzke		
1970	Mary Jean Bobalek		
1971	Mary Lou Kelly		
1972	Faith Buege		
1973	Alice Johnston		

After 1973, all four proficiency awards are for "Excellence in Teaching."

<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>	<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
1974	Dorothea Jones		
1975	M. Victoria Bowes		
1976	Loran Dannheiser		
1977	Jane Anderson		
1978	Betty Shangle		
1979	Emily Brosier		
1980	Hilary Ferguson		
1981	Henryetta Hartwick		
1982	Pamela Jane		
1983	Patricia McCallum		

ELEMENTARY

1984	Linda Bateson	Linda Handlon
1985	Lois Feider	Jean Festerling
1986	Joyce Hanson Ware	Elaine Zielinski
1987	Beverly Curnutt	Sylvia Patchin
1988	Joan Conant	Judy Zak
1989	Ernest Carter	Laurie Chapin
1990	Alma Harper	Ken Kruger
1991	Charlotte Adair	Diane Cote
1992	Jean Baum	Lynn Mehlberg
1993	Janet Brecht	Linda Higgins
1994	Mary Jo Jordan	Raymond Miller
1995	Carol Dornbusch	Carol Landis
1996	Mary Larson	Ellen Owen
1997	Linda Carter	Kathleen Warren
1998	Cheryl Rice	Steven Scott
1999	Cathy Egerer	Judy Kruger
2000	Melody Wilson	Nancy Wolanin

SECONDARY

Roger Asiala	Sue Schiel
Lee Koski	LaRene McCormick
Christine Lane	Ray Landis
Norman Neher	Anna Unkovich
Verita Hayes	Romona Reid
Jean Evans	J. Michael Reilly
Karen Fick	Jody Pagel
Patrick Daly	Sandra Russell
David Chalk	Donna Klinefelter
James Brooks	Valerie Gerhart
Jo Clarke	Joan Farkas
William Pearsey	Gary Wirsing
Robert Cooper	Mary Jo Lang
Amy Hutchinson	Carol Lewin
Camille VanSickle	Norman Tompkins
Randi Kawakita	William Monroe II
Carol Buller	Betsy Rau

Special Award to: Dr. Arthur C. Frock, Midland Public Schools Superintendent

2001	Vicki Richard	Thomas Venman	Donald Demko	Margaret Hess
2002	Kande Markey	Lee McEmber	Marcia Hahnfeld	Robert Sabourin
2003	Mark Naffie	Amy Slabaugh	Sue Arent	Jeanne Watt
2004	Barbara McIntyre	Maggie Steele	Carol Neff	Joe Schoren
2005	Sharon Hartley	Mary Sanborn	Helen Jane Smith	Karen Viele
2006	Kelly Bays	Carol Latty	Connie Altimore	Sandy Collinson
2007	Donna Fischer	Brenda McKenna	Kelly Brewer	Dan Simonds
2008	Helen Gibbons	Kim Noey	Brent Chambers	Jason Watkins
2009	Lori Kraut	Will Luzar	Susan Ortenburger	Sarah Yoder
2010	Kelly Kraatz	Joanne Tickner	Connie Blanchard	Curt Gledhill
2011	Mary Jo Griffin	Amy Rye-Fisher	Stephen DeRees	Suzann Lombardo
2012	Penny Church	Tracey Moeggenberg	Amy Bushey	Mary Zeitler
2013	Wendy LaCourt	Ellen Flegenheimer-Riggle	Linda Murray	Kathryn Romain
2014	Y. Maryanne Lipovsky	Lynn Tolfa	Jeffrey Beckwith	Roger Stevens
2015	Patricia Clancy	Barbara Jacques	Robert Fox	Ric Shahin
2016	Kimberli McMahan	Susan Shaffer	Jennifer Hess	John Mulvaney
2017	Kolleen Smith	Laura Wolanin	Joel Mikusko	Sarah Pancost
2018	Pam Andrews	Lori Washabaugh	Robin Bott	Sean Murray
2019	Lisa Hohman	Lynn Verducco	Andrea Jozwiak	Mike Trebilcock
2020	Sarah Doughty	Kara Eddy	Monique Albright	Jim Woehrle
2021	Carrie Florey	Pam Taylor	Jayme Swanson	Jeff Yoder