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Moore Public Schools Five Finalists for Teacher of the Year Announced

Moore, OK – The five finalists for Moore Public Schools (MPS) Teacher of the Year (TOY) were surprised at their schools with the congratulatory announcement.

The distinguished educators are:

- Eddie Fowlkes, Physical Education Educator, Northmoor Elementary School
- Bryttanii Hinderman, First Grade Educator, Winding Creek Elementary School
- L. Alicia Lacy-Scott, Language Arts Educator, Central Junior High School
- Kortni Torralba, Educator, Vista Academy/MAST (Alternative Education program)
- Shane Williams, Physical Education Educator, Red Oak Elementary School

“Every day our educators selflessly serve in many capacities – as teacher, mentor, counselor, our students’ biggest supporter, and much more. Their role is instrumental to the very success of our society, as they mold and shape our future world changers. We are thankful for all of our educators and very proud of this year’s site level Teachers of the Year and top five finalists,” said Dr. Robert Romines, MPS Superintendent.

In September, each of the thirty-five schools select a site-level Teacher of the Year. All schools’ TOY honorees are nominated and voted upon by their peers. After the thirty-five are selected, each is invited to participate in the district TOY process, which is in alignment with the State and National competitions. All submitted applications are evaluated and scored by a panel of fellow educators to determine the five finalists. The MPS Teacher of the Year will be selected from the five finalists and will represent the district in the State Teacher of the Year process that is organized by the State Department of Education.

The MPS Teacher of the Year will be announced in the spring at the Excellence in Education Ceremony that is hosted by the district and the Moore Public Schools Foundation. Each school’s Teacher of the Year, Education Support Professional (ESP) and Patron of the Year will also be recognized and celebrated at the annual ceremony.

Congratulations to the five finalists and each school’s 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year.

Elementary Schools	Teacher of the Year
Apple Creek	Laura Lewis
Briarwood	Amy Mann
Broadmoore	LaShana Hightower
Bryant	Drew Pierce
Central	Tanya Brown
Earlywine	Ally Rooks
Eastlake	Paige Savage
Fairview	Maria Bass
Fisher	Kathy Cox

Heritage Trails	Melissa Schurman
Houchin	Shawna Finley
Kelley	Sharon Briscoe
Kingsgate	Kristy Clarkson
Northmoor	Eddie Fowlkes
Oakridge	Mandi Cornell
Plaza Towers	Natalie Calvert-Morris
Red Oak	Shane Williams
Santa Fe	Jackie Witcher
Sky Ranch	Erin Coleman
Sooner	Joseph Foust
South Lake	Brad Hurley
Southgate	Leann Rex
Timber Creek	Cherri Carothers
Wayland Bonds	Annissa Francis
Winding Creek	Bryttanii Hinderman

Junior High Schools	Teacher of the Year
Brink	Heather Twichell
Central	L. Alicia Lacy-Scott
Highland East	Jesse Eaton
Highland West	Durell Carter
Moore West	Allison Lance
Southridge	Catherine Lockhart

High Schools	Teacher of the Year
Moore	Danielle Nagel-O'Rourke
Southmoore	Diane Milam
Westmoore	Wendy Argenbright

Alternative Academy	Teacher of the Year
Vista/MAST	Kortni Torralba

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Note: Pictures included in the email are the list of each school's Teacher of the Year and the announcement pictures with the five finalists. The five finalists' pictures were adapted this year to only include the educator and masks were removed briefly for the picture only.