



2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR STATS

- Asia Thoene** Newell Elementary School
- Andrew Schneider** Barr Middle School
- Christine Kier** Academies of Grand Island Senior High
- Jessica Schroeder** Specialist from Stolley Park Elementary
- Virgie Wheeler** Staff from Lincoln Elementary School
- Opal Bentley** Administrator from Knickrehm Elementary

Nominees must be current teachers, principals, administrators, specialists, counselors, or support staff members (secretaries, custodians, para-educators, food service etc.) in the Grand Island Public Schools. Six awards will be made each year. The program is sponsored by First National Bank.



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Teachers, Staff and Administrators Nominated

1,155

Nomination Forms Submitted

367

Grand Island Public Schools Staff Recognized

6

Awards Annually

Since 2003:

103

Grand Island Public Schools Staff Awarded

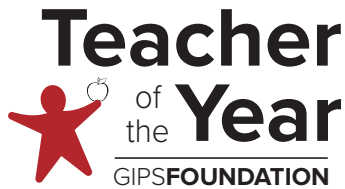
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Years Partnering with First National Bank



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2022

Asia Thoene, Newell Elementary
Andrew Schneider, Barr Middle
Christine Kier, Senior High
Jessica Schroeder, Specialist from Stolley Park Elementary
Virgie Wheeler, Staff from Lincoln Elementary
Opal Bentley, Administrator from Knickrehm Elementary

2021

All teachers, staff and administrators

2020

Sandra Meyer, Stolley Park Elementary
Kathryn Zeller, Westridge Middle
Brett Forsman, Careers Pathways Adams Street
Jami Barrientos, Specialist from Walnut Middle
Jaime Wattier, Staff from Kneale Administration
Amy Richards, Administrator from Early Learning Center

2019

Jason Weseman, Howard Elementary
Jessa Yager, Barr Middle
Tracy Jakubowski, Senior High
Tammy Nance, Specialist from Starr Elementary
Jodi Fegley, Staff from Engleman Elementary
Lee Wolfe, Administrator from Shoemaker Elementary

2018

Bianca Ayala, Howard Elementary
Lori Coble, Walnut Middle
Jeff Vyhldal, Senior High
Angie Runquist, Specialist from Skills Academy at Success
Pat Tatro, Staff from Wasmer Elementary
Selena Wardyn, Administrator from Walnut Middle

2017

Rebecca Waind, Stolley Park Elementary
Ellie Petersen, Westridge Middle
Laura McQuinn, Senior High
Patti Bennett, Specialist from Senior High
Jasmine Rios-Alvarado, Staff from Howard Elementary
Jeanna Randall, Administrator from Jefferson Elementary

2016

Dennis Korgel, Gates Elementary
Ashley Hilger, Westridge Middle
Jeff Tomlin, Senior High
Kim McCain, Specialist from Engleman Elementary
Sheri Ingebretsen, Staff from Westridge Middle
Andrew Rinaldi, Administrator from Newell Elementary

2015

Kevin Leiss, Skills Academy Dodge Elementary
Zachary Hawkins, Westridge Middle
Laurie Clark, Success Academy
Camie See, Specialist from Knickrehm and Wasmer Elementary
Marta Charlton, Staff from Lincoln Elementary
Wayne Stelk, Human Resources Director, Kneale Administration

2014

Deb Glover, Howard Elementary
Chuck DeWitt, Walnut Middle
Paula Poppe, Senior High
Penny Brown, Specialist from Gates Elementary
Doug Henry, Staff from Senior High
Betty Desaire, Administrator from Wasmer Elementary

2013

Christi Rademacher, Newell Elementary
Kay Lyons, Walnut Middle
Judy Lorenzen, Senior High
Amy Hanna, Specialist from Howard/Jefferson Elementary
Andrew Cunningham, Staff from Engleman Elementary
Renee Hunt, Administrator from Skills Academy

2012

April Patterson, Jefferson Elementary
Benjamin Hanson, Westridge Middle
Joe Wells, Senior High
Tara Retzlaff, Specialist from CNSSP
Ray Chaves, Staff from Walnut Middle
Doug Jensen, Administrator from Senior High

2011

Kelly Usrey, Engleman Elementary
Katy Kurz, Barr Middle
Karen Kropp, Senior High
Kirk Ramsey, Specialist from Barr Middle
Birdie Lopez, Staff from Dodge Elementary
Cindy Wells, Administrator Senior High

2010

Ryan Hansen, Dodge Elementary
Karen Hastings, Westridge Middle
Cheri Preister, Senior High
Kris McMullen, Specialist from Senior High
Paul Galles, Staff from Jefferson Elementary
Maureen Oman, Administrator from Engelman Elementary

2009

Joan Brown, Engleman Elementary
Jerome Dubas, Walnut Middle
Doug Whitman, Senior High
Jan Tell, Specialist from Dodge Elementary
Robert Briseno, Staff from Walnut Middle
Brad Wolfe, Administrator from Newell Elementary

2008

Janet Vavricek, Jefferson Elementary
Rhonda Riha, Walnut Middle
Michella Honas, Senior High
Larry Uhing, Specialist from Senior High
Nubia Herreno, Staff from Wasmer Elementary
Sue Burch, Administrator from Kneale Administration

2007

Colette Sorensen, Shoemaker Elementary
Kelley Ward, Barr Middle
Sara Collinson, Senior High
Sherry Jones, Specialist from Engelman/Starr Elementary
Laurel Cohn, Staff from Barr Middle
Kerri Nazarenius, Administrator from Kneale Administration

2006

Diane Miller, Dodge Elementary
Jackie Bigley, Barr Middle
Vic Nelson, Senior High
Marcella Bogan, Specialist from TLC Indra House
Marlene Pietzyk, Staff from Howard Elementary

2005

Patty Brown, Wasmer Elementary
Traci Rezac, Walnut Middle
Joe Stecher, Senior High
Sherry Nott, Specialist from Senior High

2004

Jim Kordik, Senior High
Dr. Stanley Urwiller, Retired Teacher of the Year

2003

Larry Maupin, Senior High
Orv Qualsett, Retired Teacher of the Year



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