



# GIPS FOUNDATION

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administrators, and staff nominated



**1,608** nominations submitted  
by students, parents, and colleagues

## Teacher of the Year Nominations



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**Trevor Cornelius**  
Knickrehm Elementary School

**Taylor Corona**  
Gates Elementary School

**Irene Cuellar**  
Gates Elementary School

**Clinton Cunningham**  
Newell Elementary School

**Tiersa Darley**  
Starr Elementary School

**Hannah DeHart**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Janet Dobbins**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Alyssa Doggett**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Regina Douglas**  
Newell Elementary School

**Jennifer Dozler**  
Starr Elementary School

**Danielle Dudo**  
Newell Elementary School

**Jessica Enck**  
Lincoln Elementary

**Cheri Felton**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Stephanie Finnegan**  
Newell Elementary School

**Lisa Fischer**  
Starr Elementary School

**Heather Fucile**  
Gates Elementary School

**Scott Gamblin**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Kayla Gibson**  
Knickrehm Elementary School

**Amanda Gifford**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Jacqueline Goosic**  
Newell Elementary School

**Astrid Guerrero**  
Howard Elementary School

**Melanie Hansen**  
Lincoln Elementary

★ **Ryan Hansen**  
Newell Elementary School

**Angela Harder**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Taylor Heinrichs**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Julie Hernandez**  
Gates Elementary School

**Rhonda Hillman**  
Dodge Elementary School

**James Holys**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Kayla Hruskoci**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Jennifer Hunkins**  
Knickrehm Elementary School

**Angela Jenness**  
Knickrehm Elementary School

**Amanda-Jo Johnson**  
Gates Elementary School

**Amanda Julesgard**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

**Kelsey Kolar**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Jodi Koza**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Madisen Kuhter**  
Starr Elementary School

**Jennifer Leitschuck**  
Lincoln Elementary

**Rachel Lewandowski**  
Knickrehm Elementary School

★ Past winner

### Administrator

**Nathaniel Balcom**  
Newell Elementary School

**Kate Crowe**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Claudia Demko Reno**  
Skills Academy

**Angie Eberle**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Joseph Eckerman**  
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**Whitney Flower**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Rod Foley**  
Walnut Middle School

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Grand Island Senior High

**Jordyn Hubbard**  
Kneale Administration Building

★ **Tracy Jakubowski**  
Westridge Middle School

**Christopher Ladwig**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Jessica Myers**  
Barr Middle School

**Toni Palmer**  
Kneale Administration Building

**Michael Persampieri**  
Walnut Middle School

**Jennifer Ritter**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

★ **Jessica Schroeder**  
Howard Elementary School

**Sheree Stockwell**  
Barr Middle School

**Darlyn Troxel-Rowley**  
Kneale Administration Building

★ **Selena Valentine**  
Starr Elementary School

**Kayla Wichman**  
Westridge Middle School

★ **Lee Wolfe**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

### Elementary

**Kyla Alexander**  
Starr Elementary School

**Kelly Allan**  
Newell Elementary School

**Jacob Anania**  
Wasmer Elementary School

★ **Amy Anderson**  
Howard Elementary School

**Ashley Anderson**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Audree Anderson**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Ryan Anderson**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Julie Armstrong**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**June Atkins**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Bailey Aupperlee**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Vanessa Bartels**  
Knickrehm Elementary School

**Jenny Battershaw**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Neil Berger**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Michelle Bergholz**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Katie Bishop**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Jocelyn Bloom**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Shannon Boehle**  
Starr Elementary School

**Susan Bolan**  
Lincoln Elementary

**Jill Bonk**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Kelsey Brown**  
Newell Elementary School

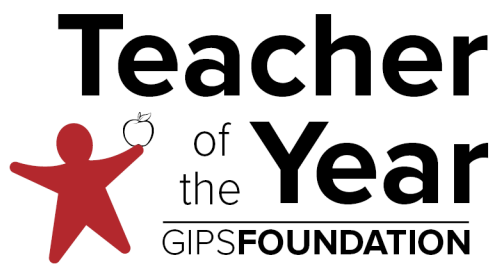
**Kevin Butters**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Brenda Carlson**  
Lincoln Elementary

**Michelle Carter**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Brian Caspar**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Cathy Cook**  
Wasmer Elementary School



# Nominations

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**Jonathan Linden**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Hannah Luber**  
Starr Elementary School

**Brittany Marr**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Brittney Martin**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Whitney Martin**  
Gates Elementary School

**Julie McCoy**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Mary McDowell**  
Starr Elementary School

**Margaret McManaman**  
O'Connor Learning Center

 **Sandra Meyer**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Robert Micek**  
Howard Elementary School

**Valerie Moline**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

**Julie Molt**  
Gates Elementary School

**Bailee Moritz**  
Howard Elementary School

**Pamela Moritz**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Lindsey Moss**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Ashley Mueller**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Jacey Myers**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Shayla Nabity**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Brandy Nelson**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Brianna Nelson**  
Gates Elementary School

**Jennifer Nelson**  
Gates Elementary School

**Tracy Nelson**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Amber Northup**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Elizabeth Obermiller**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Nicole O'Hara**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Jacqueline Ortega Garcia**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Caitlin Orton**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Gloria Parr**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Chad Paysen**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Lauren Peitzmeier**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Melissa Pembo**  
Lincoln Elementary

**Amy Penny**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

**Angela Pierce**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

**Andrea Poltack**  
Newell Elementary School

**Katheryn Rathe**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Eluard Resendiz**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Melessia Rice**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Tyler Richardson**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Breanna Rose**  
O'Connor Learning Center

**Deanna Rundle**  
Starr Elementary School

**Sarah Ruzicka**  
Howard Elementary School

**Breanna Salinas**  
Starr Elementary School

**Vandee Samelson**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Amy Samuelson**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Wendi Schaefer**  
Newell Elementary School

**Megan Schardt**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Tonia Schmall**  
Starr Elementary School

**Kathy Schollmeyer**  
Starr Elementary School

**Sadie Schrader**  
O'Connor Learning Center

**Beth Schuler**  
Lincoln Elementary

**Jacey Shenk**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Ashley Splattstoesser**  
Stolley Park Elementary School

**Danita Stanton**  
O'Connor Learning Center

**Hope Stanton**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Shelby Stone**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Arik Streck**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Zoe Streck**  
Starr Elementary School

**MaKenna Supencheck**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Nancy Sutherland**  
Knickrehm Elementary School

**Kari Thornton**  
Engleman Elementary School

**Alexandra Tjaden**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Emerald Tolles**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Leah Townsend**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Melissa Umstead**  
Howard Elementary School

**Johanna Vance**  
Newell Elementary School

**Tammy Verba**  
Gates Elementary School

**Debra Vitera**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Alicia Warner**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Kaitlin Warner**  
Dodge Elementary School

 **Jason Weseman**  
Howard Elementary School

**David White**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Carol Wieck**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Rebecca Wilhelmi**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Kaleb Williams**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Sarah Wolf**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Rebecca Zakrzewski**  
Starr Elementary School

## Middle School

**Chad Ackerson**  
Westridge Middle School

**Angel Alberti**  
Barr Middle School

**Demi Arres**  
Westridge Middle School

**Annalisa Baade**  
Westridge Middle School

**Teresa Baumert**  
Barr Middle School

**Kyle Beaman**  
Walnut Middle School

**Hannah Beck**  
Barr Middle School

**Lacy Biberos**  
Barr Middle School

**Lauren Bokowski**  
Westridge Middle School

**Jared Bombeck**  
Westridge Middle School

**Amanda Bonczynski**  
Barr Middle School

**Jocelyn Boyer**  
Westridge Middle School

**Karen Brandon**  
Westridge Middle School

**Shania Brown**  
Barr Middle School

**Emilee Bruns**  
Barr Middle School

**Faviola Canfield**  
Walnut Middle School

**Joan Caraway**  
Westridge Middle School

**Barry Carlson**  
Westridge Middle School

**Jordan Clancy**  
Westridge Middle School

**Gina Conyers**  
Barr Middle School

**Everardo Corona**  
Howard Elementary School

**Nicole Dietz**  
Walnut Middle School

**Christina Dubbs**  
Walnut Middle School

**Sara Erickson**  
Westridge Middle School

**Desere Erpenbach**  
Walnut Middle School

**Marynoll Escalera**  
Barr Middle School

**Kathryn Feezell**  
Walnut Middle School

**Clinton Felber**  
Barr Middle School

**Jamie Finecy**  
Walnut Middle School

**Lacey Follmer**  
Westridge Middle School

**Elena Garcia**  
Barr Middle School

**Lauren Grecsek**  
Barr Middle School

**Justin Groth**  
Westridge Middle School

**Danielle Haak**  
Walnut Middle School

**Zachary Haas**  
Barr Middle School

**Brian Harpham**  
Barr Middle School

**Russell Harvey**  
Walnut Middle School

 **Zachary Hawkins**  
Westridge Middle School

**Rochelle Hazelton**  
Westridge Middle School

**Taylor Heinemann**  
Westridge Middle School

**Grant Hiebner**  
Westridge Middle School

**Caitlin Houdek**  
Walnut Middle School

**Timber Huynh**  
Westridge Middle School

**Amaryah Jenkins**  
Westridge Middle School

**Nicklas Jessop**  
Barr Middle School

**Abigail Johnson**  
Walnut Middle School

**Kelsey Johnson**  
Westridge Middle School

**Katie Keasling**  
Barr Middle School

**Nichole Kelsey**  
Westridge Middle School

**Jennifer Kipper**  
Barr Middle School

**Bailey Kopisch**  
Westridge Middle School

**Mikayla Kostbahn**  
Walnut Middle School

**Jennifer Kramer**  
Westridge Middle School

**Nichole Kraus**  
Walnut Middle School

**Thatcher Lamm**  
Westridge Middle School

**Katherine Lange**  
Westridge Middle School

**Keo Leiser**  
Walnut Middle School

**Eon Lemburg**  
Walnut Middle School

**Pamela Little**  
Westridge Middle School

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Walnut Middle School

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Walnut Middle School

**Season Mellema**  
Walnut Middle School



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Westridge Middle School

**Paola Noriega-Rivera**  
Barr Middle School

**Arial O'Connor**  
Barr Middle School

**John Perry**  
Barr Middle School

★ **Ellie Petersen**  
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**Jessica Phinney**  
Walnut Middle School

**Jacqueline Proctor**  
Walnut Middle School

**Jill Rainforth**  
Walnut Middle School

**Jessica Rios-Alvarado**  
Walnut Middle School

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Barr Middle School

★ **Marla Rischling**  
Walnut Middle School

**Mary Ross**  
Barr Middle School

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Barr Middle School

**Megan Ruby**  
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**Zachary Saner**  
Westridge Middle School

**Tina Sawyers**  
Barr Middle School

**Tyler Schardt**  
Barr Middle School

**Kane Schmall**  
Westridge Middle School

**Amy Schneider**  
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Walnut Middle School

**Reid Schultz**  
Walnut Middle School

**Taeller Schultz**  
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**Melissa Sears**  
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Walnut Middle School

**Sydne Sims**  
Barr Middle School

**Megan Slough**  
Walnut Middle School

**Michael Smith**  
Walnut Middle School

**Sheri Smith**  
Westridge Middle School

**Jessica Snoberger**  
Barr Middle School

**Jacquelin Stalvey**  
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**Jessica Stephens**  
Westridge Middle School

**Michelle Stephens**  
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**Kirk Stutzman**  
Westridge Middle School

**Teague Sutherland**  
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Westridge Middle School

**Carolina Thompson**  
Westridge Middle School

**Ashlee Twohig**  
Walnut Middle School

**Heather Walsh**  
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**Mindy Weaver**  
Westridge Middle School

**Brooke Wentzlaaff**  
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**Katelyn Weseman**  
Walnut Middle School

**Leslie Westover**  
Walnut Middle School

**Hannah Witt**  
Westridge Middle School

★ **Jessa Yager**  
Barr Middle School

**Kelly Zeckser**  
Walnut Middle School

★ **Kathryn Zeller**  
Westridge Middle School

**Quentin Zeller**  
Westridge Middle School

## High School

**John Adams**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Gary Alexander**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Melissa Anderson**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Amy Boyer**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Grant Boyer**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Elizabeth Butters**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Lori Christensen**  
Grand Island Senior High

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Grand Island Senior High

**Patrick Doyle**  
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**Scott Fox**  
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**Clarissa Gillham**  
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Grand Island Senior High

**Justice Hatfield**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Darren Heil**  
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**Andrea Hill**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Jeffery Hofeldt**  
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**Christopher Holton**  
Grand Island Senior High

★ **Michella Honas**  
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Grand Island Senior High

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Grand Island Senior High

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Grand Island Senior High

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Grand Island Senior High

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Grand Island Senior High

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Grand Island Senior High

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Grand Island Senior High

## Staff

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**Shannon Fesuluai**  
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**Elisia Flaherty**  
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**Kenia Fregoso**  
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**Krystal Harris**  
Westridge Middle School

★ Past winner



**Ashleigh Hayman**  
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**Breonna Meister**  
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**Kayley Michalski**  
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Barr Middle School

**Odguar Quintana**  
Walnut Middle School

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Seedling Mile Elementary School

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**Tracy Senkbile**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

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**Kristina Sorensen**  
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Dodge Elementary School

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Westridge Middle School

**Joseph Welsh**  
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**Lavonne Wieser**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Manal Yousif**  
Barr Middle School

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Jefferson Elementary School

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**Emily Armstrong**  
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Walnut Middle School

**Shane Campbell**  
Walnut Middle School

**Valerie Chmelka**  
Dodge Elementary School

**Wendy Cremers**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Shayna Crouch**  
Jefferson Elementary School

**Michelle Dorszynski**  
O'Connor Learning Center

**Irene Falldorf**  
Barr Middle School

**Shane Fernau**  
Walnut Middle School

**Max Funkey**  
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Westridge Middle School

**Anabel Gonzalez**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Sarah Grigsby**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Jessica Gutierrez**  
Westridge Middle School

**Regina Harpham**  
Barr Middle School

**Thompson Koch**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Whitney Kuhn**  
Starr Elementary School

**Josie Lindell**  
Skills Academy

**Mindy Littlejohn**  
Starr Elementary School

**Melissa Luthi-Placke**  
Grand Island Senior High

**Julie Markvicka**  
Grand Island Senior High

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Walnut Middle School

**Luis Mejia**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

**Jacob Morrow**  
Westridge Middle School

**Chandra Myers**  
West Lawn Elementary School

**Thomas Norman**  
Howard Elementary School

**Danielle Quick**  
Shoemaker Elementary School

**Sara Robinson**  
Gates Elementary School

★ **Kristin Schultz**  
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**Carrie Sheldon**  
Barr Middle School

**Mary Slevin**  
Walnut Middle School

**Marisela Solache**  
Seedling Mile Elementary School

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Shoemaker Elementary School

**Michelle Thorne**  
Wasmer Elementary School

**Tracey Trampe**  
Dodge Elementary School

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