



## 2024-2025 Golden Apple Award Nominees

### All Saints Academy

Rose Beaman  
Allison Laga  
Mary Ann Welch  
Mindy Whalen  
Karen Winkelmann

### Alpine Christian

Dona Grow

### Barbour Language Academy

Mireya Alvarez  
Karla Cruz  
Lorena Moctezuma  
Isabel Nevalainen  
Miriam Ramirez  
Mario Rivera

### Beyer Early Childhood Center

Caitlin Boyer  
Emily Salkic

### C. Henry Bloom School

Renee Labella  
Ryenne Ludington  
Amie Walker

### Brookview Elementary

Amy Durso  
Michelle King  
Kelley Nguyen  
Xuan-Hien Riihl  
Casie Schroeder  
Stacie Sweeney

### Caledonia Elementary

Karen Armstrong  
Derek Bojda  
Kalli Bruck  
Marcie Crawford  
Lisa Dykstra  
Judi Flodin  
Jennifer Hohn  
Michelle McGuire  
Laura McLarty  
Kim Phillips  
Jessica Romano  
Jami Sherwood  
Julia Zackary

### Capron Elementary

Kristi Gerl  
Amy Guthrie  
Shannon Harkness  
Brittany Helland  
Ashlee Hilton  
Sarah Kint  
Johnny Lammersfeld  
Elizabeth Saveley

### Carlson Elementary

Maria DiPuma  
Patricia Fry  
Carly Groves  
Tara Hammer  
Nick Lassandro  
Jessica Loolbaro  
Theresa Monson  
Neda Skakavac  
Sheila Zuroske

### Cherry Valley Elementary

Janet Blatchford  
Sophia Brunner  
Andrea Cooper  
Nicole Gallaher  
Heather Giebel  
Marylou Harker  
Lisa Jeske  
Kellie Kim  
Jordan Lott  
Amy Prater  
Natalie Sommers  
Billi Sparacino  
Nicole Washington

### Christian Life

Kayla Bankson  
Elizabeth Bentley  
Courtney Borrett  
Molly Butts  
Sarah Frisch  
Julie Glendenning  
Erin Glovinsky  
Natalie Houser  
Ashley Johnson  
Lauren Keen  
Megan Kniffen  
Allison McCutcheon  
Mary Montoya

Lexi Plesic

Gianna Smoot  
Megan Sodergren  
Tracy Swanson

### Clark Elementary

Jessica Dobson  
Amber Laue

### Concordia Lutheran

Serena Cushing

### IB at Conklin Elementary

Katie Barone  
Amy Conklin  
Isabel Freedlund  
Brenda Lisitza  
Lindy Locsmondy  
Miguel Maldonado Begazo  
Monse Perez Castro  
Ana Perez Franco  
Raquel Sakaran  
Kiersten Swanson  
Amy Velez  
Robert Wagner\*  
Genevieve Werhane

### Constance Lane Elementary

Amy Beaver  
Hailey Bramwell  
Cecelia Haase  
Beth Haddad  
Jaynee Norgart  
Carrie Pagan  
Chloe Roper

### Donald C. Parker Early Education Center

Corrina Adams  
Sarah Bare  
Jeni Bell  
Brittany Bulow  
Rebecca Davis  
Sherry Holze  
Jessica Jury  
Lexi Kashi  
Rachel Krepfle  
Stacie Leese  
Kristin Merrick  
Paige O'Brien  
Allison Rhyner



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### **Parker (cont'd.)**

Samantha Riffle  
Roxann Risseeuw  
Marissa Sati  
Emily Schaefer  
Kathleen Summers  
Amber Vausha  
Rachel Wolverton  
Kim Zaphel  
Xhenete Zyteja

### **Dorothy Simon Elementary**

Katie Drake  
Wendy Mathieu  
Karianne McCarty  
Dawn Palmer  
Chris Reinke  
Anne Rementer  
Jenny Rossol

### **Durand Elementary**

Caitlin Burns  
Randi Carlson  
Amy Damon  
Natalie Dolan  
Dianna Dornink  
Jamie Gooley  
Dawn Hart  
Amanda Keith  
Jodi Kinney  
Stephanie Kloster  
Kara Kujat  
Kelli Sweet  
Lisa Wight

### **Ellis Elementary**

Mario Crutchfield  
Jayde Dye  
Jerilyn Dye  
Bria Jackson  
Hanna Kroeger

### **Fairview Early Childhood**

Betsy Dimas  
Endra Lundstrom  
Carla Mayor  
Lisa Meeks  
Alyssa Posch  
Brooke Schmitt  
Ashley Smith  
Dawn Worden

Courtney Zoril

### **Froberg Elementary**

Robin Brabec  
Kris Dahl  
Aaron Harned  
Katie Knox  
Alan Leon  
Nicholas Letsinger  
Natasha Walsh  
April Wilson

### **Galapagos Charter School**

Tanner Clancy  
Tationa Elliott  
Mirela Gavric  
Jamie Henke  
Katie Kennedy  
Orlando Lozada  
Elizabeth Mock

### **Gregory Elementary**

Annette Cintron  
Monica Lowenthal  
MariAnn Morton  
Kelli Rundle

### **Holy Family Catholic**

Paige Bauling  
Vincenza Becker  
Angela Christensen  
Amarillys Delgado  
Sarah Fey  
Tam Heimer  
Libby Hoffman  
Debbie Lunnon  
Allison Maliszewski  
Tricia Nelson  
Erika Seivert  
Julie Seivert  
Cheri White

### **Immanuel Lutheran**

Abby Arellano  
Natalie Drella  
Andrea Farone  
Pamela Gillingham  
Kim Nelson  
Tim Oliver

### **Jean McNair Elementary**

Michael Belden  
Christine Draves  
Sam Eden  
Katie Lange  
Jodie Lehne  
Jessica Nelson  
Michelle Pearson  
Stacey Schaller  
Kaylin Upham

### **Julia Lathrop Elementary**

Jennifer Luttrell  
Alice Munoz  
Shemaiah White

### **Keith Country Day**

Alyssa Passmore

### **Kinnikinnick School**

Amy Lewis  
Kyle Orendorff  
Blake Read  
Elizabeth Wecker

### **Ledgewood Elementary**

Renee Cassioppi  
Kiley Doherty  
Dana Knoerle  
Kassandra Mari  
Andy Martin  
Emily McDonald  
Ashlee Phetteplace  
Mandi Plock  
Holly Schwuchow  
Amie Spitson  
Jackelyn Weerda  
Ashley Weidman  
Julie Wiest

### **Lewis Lemon**

Kaylynn Heidenreich  
Jocelyn James  
Taylor Menke  
Roseleen (Carney) Monlor

### **Lincoln Elementary**

Kara Anderson  
Ron Anderson  
Judith Becerra  
Jennifer Diamond



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### **Lincoln Elementary (cont'd.)**

Melissa Diaz  
Abby Dornbush  
Zoraya Green  
Christine Lindberg  
Nancy Razon  
Nicole Seaver

### **Loves Park Elementary**

Amber Black  
Julie Crawford  
Susan Forrest  
Renee Klinefelter  
Scott Mellentine

### **Machesney Elementary**

Ruth Campbell  
Brenda Estrada  
Rebecca Martin  
Sandra Vega  
Moriah Wegner

### **Manchester Elementary**

Tammy Dunbar  
Sarah Fleming  
Kelli Greenfield  
Abigail Hopkins  
Jessica Ribovich

### **Maple Elementary**

Kathleen Corr  
Kristi Hart  
Caitlin MacRoy  
Jessica Slattery  
Corine Wehrle  
Carrie Whitmire

### **Maria Montessori at Marsh**

Erin Andrews  
Kymbre Callaway  
Lisa Cottrill  
Laurie Davis-DeVries  
Leslie Hamilton  
Megan Holmes  
Mary (Tracie) Ianni  
Dyonna Johnson  
Melissa Kelly  
Arthur Kimball  
Jennifer Rowe  
Cindy Schwartz

### **Marquette Elementary**

Sydney DeSerio  
Mary Jo Hittington  
Haylee Horkheimer  
Mrs. Hughes  
Kelly Ibeling  
Sarah Jacobson  
Kristen Miller  
Caitlin Morse  
Nicole Olson  
Gayle Simmonds  
Erica Wahler

### **Maud E. Johnson Elementary**

Erin Bennett  
Kaitlyn Graham  
Michelle Gray  
Dana Holmin  
Julian Jacques  
Abbie Kerr  
Mindy Minor  
Gail Myers  
Armando Ramirez

### **McIntosh Elementary**

Brandi Costa  
Kristi Kimbrell  
Andrea Robins  
Emma (Clark) Smith

### **Meehan Elementary**

Joe Beard  
Jocelyn Caceros Ballesteros  
Kellie Guest  
Amie Hansen  
Ann Heidemann  
Megan Kaiser  
Rebecca Kamp  
Robert Leese  
Sierra Leitner  
Megan Propp  
Linda Smith  
Kaitlin Stern  
Blanca Urbietta

### **Nashold Early Childhood**

Fabienne Calabrese  
Veronica Costello  
Karla Delamora  
Courtney Parson  
Chelsea Rundall

Melissa Saucedo  
Kayla Thomas  
Katrina Vargas  
Cecilia Weightman-Tobin

### **North Boone Upper Elementary**

Elaine Ahrens  
Randall Greenfield  
Amanda Hahn  
Brenda Kamholz  
Jen Kamholz  
Jordan Larson  
Eileen Moran  
Matthew Protz  
Heidi Surratt

### **Olson Park Elementary**

Holly Carlson  
Lauren Conklin  
Christine Franklin  
Julie Miller  
Ryan Pearson  
Lisa Redd  
Carrie Reiners  
Rena Rush  
Elana Schelling-Tufte  
Sarah Wade

### **Pecatonica Community Middle School**

Jennifer Dusing  
Johanna Hoffman  
Kaitlin Koester  
Sabrina Massa

### **Pecatonica Elementary**

Amanda Benney  
Kelsey Brown  
Tina Clark  
Sarah Dulaney  
Rachel Hamblock  
Jessica Lalowski  
Amanda Milazzo  
Lexi Moore  
Kim Peterson  
Chelsea Rawhoof  
Katie Sneek  
Jacob Southerland



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### **Perry Elementary**

Abby Cameron  
Megan Hursh  
Angi Manalli  
Mark Snyder  
Beth Stuckey  
Susan Thomas

### **Poplar Grove Elementary**

Lauren Boyce  
Natalie Engelman  
Krystal Jole  
Lindsey Keppel  
Megan Laing  
Linnea Lerch  
Sandy Moon  
Tracy Schabacker  
Dawn Seipts  
Codelyn Willis

### **Prairie Hill Elementary**

Valerie Baumann  
Jacki Davenport  
Amy Estvander  
Jenny Francik  
Erin Gissel  
Ashley Kentner  
Michelle Mathewson  
Malisa Meligan  
Amanda Mortimer  
Danielle Peterson  
Kelly Rogers  
Erin Roth  
Jessica Sockness  
Amanda Werner  
Sandy Wyatt

### **Ralston Elementary**

Sarah Askeland  
Anna Ball  
Christina Burns  
Andrea Carter  
Andrea Cutler  
Abby Derry  
Robert Heisler  
Kaylyn Hill  
Janine Messner  
Doris Pearson  
Susan Pfeifer  
Beth Schmidt

### **Riverdahl Elementary**

Taylor Adotta  
Debra Erwin  
Hannah Lake  
Patricia McGinley  
Jacqueline Trapp

### **Riverview Elementary**

Jennifer Bevington  
Wendy Breit  
Jessica Dobson  
Katelyn Kehrer  
Kelly Williams

### **Rock Cut Elementary**

Renee Atwood  
Jennifer Fausett

### **Rockford Christian**

Jackie Anderson  
Molly Anderson  
Julie Bartel  
Renee Caiola  
Kris Gargani  
Lori Granite  
Becky Hogan  
Nora Honson  
Cally Jacobs  
Coe Johnson  
Anna Kryder  
Anna Lentini  
Kristen Love  
Courtney Morgan  
Cory Park  
Debra Ramsden  
Beth Ann Riggins  
Amy Steffen  
Lori Wells  
Logan Wooden

### **Rockford Iqra**

Ambreen Azmat  
Rukhsana Shamim

### **Rockford Lutheran School**

Heather Barefield  
Lianette Lucena  
Deb Rinaldi  
Arlene Torres

### **Rockton Grade School**

Betsy Atkins  
Adrienne Engelsen  
Kaitlyn Feehan  
Faith (Fandel) Hamann  
Robyn Hardyman  
Brianna Heitz  
Paige Lanning  
Laura Lueshen  
Kristine Protz  
Jamise Roberts  
Amy Selover  
Mary Spors  
Mary Vosberg  
Christine Wolfe

### **Rolling Green Elementary**

Zaman Al-Shameri  
Coley Brickey  
Jennifer Hunter  
Whitney Mohr  
Lisa Robinson  
Michelle Van Aken  
Wendy Wilewski

### **Seth Whitman Elementary**

Mackenzie Bicksler  
Nicole Busker  
Melina Garcia  
Bethany Kerley  
Debbie Larson  
Caitlin Leese  
Erin Lind  
Christine Luckow  
Ilaina Moore  
Elizabeth Nolley  
Kimberly Peterson  
Karina Roman Ponczek  
Eliana Postigo  
Laurie Veruchi  
Polly Wallace  
Mallory Yeager

### **Shirland Elementary**

Emily Buhck  
Heather Dobnick  
Dawn Heavilin  
Ciara James  
Jake James  
Lee Woods



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### **Spring Creek Elementary**

Colleen Brown  
Sarah Greenberg  
Jane Guerrero  
Rachael Hill  
Kate Milbourn  
Lauren Osterberg  
Aaron Park  
Rachel Shippert  
Kathy Trotter

### **St. Bridget Catholic School**

Kelli Appino  
Chevel Goodwin  
Lisa Greco  
Sherri Morrall  
Julie Raimbault

### **St. Rita Catholic School**

Cheryl Benson  
Denise Berg  
Kelly LaRosa

### **STEAM Academy at Haskell**

Jennifer Bast  
Jelena Holcomb  
Carissa Katz  
Susan Knaack  
Roanna Miller  
Amy Pliml  
Rani Russell  
Alexis Trank

### **Stone Creek Elementary**

Betsy Dhom  
Laura Easton  
Isabella Fluehr  
Jana Gabriele  
Ann Johnson  
Mary Kluck  
Allison Ollnau  
Jennifer Sanderson  
Sara (Wolfe) Storck  
Sarah Swanson  
Tiarra Vich  
Lauren Wible  
Derek Willging

### **Summerdale Early Childhood**

Katrina BeLue  
Jill Cascio

Emily Cooley-Morales  
Abigail Crose  
Jayne Walsh

### **SOAR/Summit Academy**

Talyon Cantrell

### **Swan Hillman Elementary**

Becca Ballsman  
Vanessa Bashford  
Victoria Chamorro  
Crystal Cloyd  
Jaime Doubek  
Kim Gilbertson  
Heather Hecker  
Jennifer King  
Alexa Millan  
Roxanna Ramos  
Jennifer Schneider  
Deirdre Shugart  
Crystal Vanderheyden  
Cindy Vasquez  
Kari Wyatt

### **Thurgood Marshall Elementary**

Katherine Churchville  
Jeffrey Doubek  
Sarah Grisanzio  
Abir Hussameldin  
Jean Marie Johnson  
Jill Neuses  
Jordan Shaver  
Tiffany Thomas

### **Thurgood Marshall Middle**

Julia Anderson  
Susan Brauns  
Rey Garza  
Mathew Kurtz  
Jennifer Nowicki  
Angela Schmidt  
Stacy Wallace

### **Washington Acad. (Belvidere)**

Jetsabel Alcala  
Leticia Arteaga  
Anna Brenner  
Nichole Carreon  
Angela Doss  
Yasmine Fernandez Nespral

Magali Gonzalez  
Kenneth Kauke  
Faith Liebman  
Julia Mortimer

Alexander Nash  
Stephanie Nelson  
Kristin Nicholes  
Belinda Roberts  
Sandra Santamaria  
Ariel Stoltz  
Sarah Stumpf  
Damaris Vargas Garcia  
Karen Villafuerte Santiago  
Cooper White

### **Washington Elem. (Rockford)**

Maria Altamirano  
Claudia Ceballos  
Jeneva Davis  
Kimber Malmberg  
Shania Robertson  
Alma Sooby  
Karen Fanny Valdez

### **Welsh Elementary**

Suzanna Finley  
Kassi Thew

### **West View Elementary**

Kris Ferguson  
Alexandra Graham  
Jessica (Vincent) McClenan  
Erica Medearis  
Rebecca Miceli  
Amanda Nguyen  
Addisyn Provi

### **Whitehead Elementary**

Stacy Anderson  
Jessica Blumm  
Kimberly Brace  
Kristine Caballero  
Denise DeLeon  
Natalie Emanuel  
Katelyn Gilg  
Kelly Goodmonson  
Carolina Guerrero  
Kirsten Hedrick  
Holly Hunt  
Alyssa Johnson



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## Whitehead Elem.(cont'd.)

Rachel Khaemba  
 Alicia Latasa  
 Deanna Lemke  
 Dalia Lerma-Suh  
 Adriana Lopez  
 Veronica Martinez  
 Roderick Moore  
 Kasey Morgenstern  
 Nicole Morris  
 Michelle Reece  
 Ashton Romine  
 Luis Ruvira  
 Ellisa Tennyson  
 Diana Vincent  
 Todd Wilson

## Whitman Post Elementary

Shelia Ball  
 Amy Bigwood  
 Laura Brooks  
 Taylor Jacobi  
 Tristi Kriegler  
 Emily Larson  
 Amanda Mathews  
 Catie O'Brien  
 Kathleen Sipe  
 Lindsey Tackeberry  
 Taylor Williams

## Willowbrook Middle School

Marcie Ball  
 Sara Betti  
 Kira Crippen  
 Erika Goodsell  
 Melissa Henschel  
 Danielle Vanek

## Windsor Elementary

Alexa Bois  
 Stephanie Fuhr  
 Kim Slick  
 Stephanie Suhr  
 Jacob Wyld

## Teacher Academy (teachers who have previously received the Golden Apple award)

Jim Crow \*  
 Crystal Ellis  
 Rachel Huetson

Amy Meier  
 Sarah Meyers  
 Gabrielle Nunez-Reagan  
 Joshua Rollins  
 Mallori Sage  
 Miranda Thompson  
 Sandy Timmerman  
 Gina Tuula  
 Lance Tuula  
 Addie Wilson  
 Laura Wanke

## schools not ISBE-recognized

### Calvary Chapel Rockford

**School:** Melissa Auestad and  
 Gwendolyn Kehoe

### Montessori Private Academy:

Noah Elrod, Hannah Garner,  
 Joy Hyacinthe, Julie Jamison,  
 RoxAnne McCarren, Amber  
 Senn, Angelica Villafuerte-  
 Prosser

### Retired or no Longer Teaching

Tina Babcock  
 Debbie Babbitt  
 Sandra Brooks  
 Wanda Grover  
 Robb Miller  
 Chana Payne  
 Kim Pixler  
 Marcus Price  
 Kellie Townsend  
 Dana Larson  
 Sharon Mouri

### Unknown

Mrs. Baker  
 Mrs. Champassack  
 Scott Clark  
 Mrs. Francine  
 Ms. Gail  
 Ms. Grace  
 Michelle Gray  
 Meghan Green  
 Laurie Hemesath  
 Ms. Kunz  
 Sally Medearis  
 Teresa Medina  
 Hannia Mercado

Mackenzie Morris  
 Ms. Morris  
 Suzi Purvis  
 Mrs. Rolander  
 Mrs. Sachen  
 Mary Saxby  
 Robyn Stoltz  
 Sarah Streed  
 Kelly Swanson  
 Jerrica Teeters  
 Ian Wilson

\*deceased