



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
Cassie 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

Circles of Learning Collaboration with RPS205

Mackenzie Saichek

Clark Elementary

Jessica Dobson
Amber Laue

Concordia Lutheran

Serena Cushing

IB at Conklin Elementary

Katie Barone
Amy Conklin
Isabel Freedlund
Emily Kunz
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



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Parker (cont'd.)

Rachel Krepfle
Stacie Leese
Kristin Merrick
Paige O'Brien
Allison Rhyner
Samantha Riffle
Roxann Risseeuw
Tamera Robinson
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
Meghan Green
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
Hailey Jansen
Debbie Lunnon
Allison Maliszewski
Tricia Nelson
Erika Seivert
Julie Seivert

Cheri White
Stephanie Wilburn

Immanuel Lutheran

Abby Arellano
Natalie Drella
Andrea Farone
Pamela Gillingham
Sharon Mouri
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



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Lewis Lemon Elementary

Kaylynn Heidenreich
Jocelyn James
Taylor Menke
Roseleen (Carney) Monlor

Lincoln Elementary

Kara Anderson
Ron Anderson
Judith Becerra
Jennifer Diamond
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
Meredith 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
Joceline Caceres Ballesteros
Kellie Guest
Aimee Hansen
Ann Heidemann
Megan Kaiser
Rebecca Kamp
Robert Leese
Sierra Leitner
Megan Propp

Linda Smith
Kaitlin Stern
Blanca Urbieta

Nashold Early Childhood

Fabienne Calabrese
Veronica Costello
Karla Delamora
Courtney Parson
Chelsie 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



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Pecatonica Elem. (cont'd.)

Rachel Hamblock
Jessica Lalowski
Amanda Milazzo
Lexi Moore
Kim Peterson
Chelsea Rawhoof
Katie Sneek
Jacob Southerland

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
Robyn Stolze

Rockford Christian

Jackie Anderson
Molly Anderson
Julie Bartel
Renee Caiola
Kris Gargani
Lori Granite
Alicia Heinzeroth
Laurie Hemesath
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
Tracy Lynn Rolander
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



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Seth Whitman Elem. (cont'd.)

Laurie Veruchi
Polly Wallace
Mallory Yeager

Shirland Elementary

Emily Buhck
Heather Dobnick
Dawn Heavilin
Ciara James
Jake James
Cassandra Smith
Kimberly Tenner
Lee Woods

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
Kimberly Foreman
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
Teresa Medina
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
Shiana Robertson
Alma Sooby
Karen Fanny Valdez

Welsh Elementary

Suzanna Finley
Kassi Thew

West View Elementary

Kris Ferguson
Alexandra Graham
Jessica (Vincent) McClenan
Erica Medearis



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West View Elem. (cont'd.)

Rebecca Miceli
Amanda Nguyen
Addisyn Provi

Erika Goodsell
Melissa Henschel
Danielle Vanek

Kellie Townsend
Dana Larson

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
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

Windsor Elementary

Alexa Bois
Stephanie Fuhr
Kim Slick
Stephanie Suhr
Jacob Wyld

Unknown

Mrs. Baker
Mrs. Champassack
Mrs. Francine
Ms. Gail
Ms. Grace
Michelle Gray
Hannia Mercado
Mackenzie Morris
Suzi Purvis
Mrs. Sachen
Mary Saxby
Kelly Swanson
Jerrica Teeters
Ian Wilson

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

*deceased

schools not ISBE-recognized

Cornerstone Baptist Academy: Melissa Auestad and Gwendolyn Kehoe
Montessori Private Academy: Noah Elrod, Hannah Garner, Joy Hyacinthe, Julie Jamison, RoxAnne McCarren, Amber Senn, Angelica Villafuerte-Prosser

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

Retired or no Longer Teaching

Tina Babcock
Debbie Babbitt
Sandra Brooks
Wanda Grover
Robb Miller
Chana Payne
Kim Pixler
Marcus Price

Willowbrook Middle School

Marcie Ball
Sara Betti
Kira Crippen