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HAMMOND EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES HERO IN EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hammond, IN – The Hammond Education Foundation (HEF) Board of Directors is proud to announce the 2022 recipients of our Hero In Education Award.

Patricia Miller - Edison Elementary School	Janet Darrar - Kenwood Elementary School
Chad Brizzi - Franklin Elementary School	Melinda Hawkins - Wallace Elementary School
Megan Mann - Jefferson Elementary School	Karla Davis - Lincoln Elementary School
Renee Whelan - O'Bannon Elementary School	Beth Castagna - Scott Middle School
Julie Gamaleri - Morton Elementary School	James Scott - Eggers Middle School
Patricia Mesarina - Burns-Hicks Elementary School	Karl Winscher - Area Career Center
Tony Douglas - Harding Elementary School	Bethan Brown - Morton High School
Norma Zendejas - Irving Elementary School	Kanisha Jenkins - Hammond Central High School
Natalie Stringer - Hess Elementary School	Anthony Salinas - School City of Hammond

The recipients were celebrated during the Hammond Education Foundation's Annual Hero In Education Dinner held at Dynasty Banquets on May 6, 2022.

A Hero in Education demonstrates the following criteria in support of our students, our teachers, our administrative staff, our buildings, and our school system:

- Dedication, excellence, and selflessness that exceed basic job expectations;
- Civility, graciousness, professionalism and a sense of doing what's right and good within an environment/atmosphere that may be trying;
- Repeatedly going the extra mile in exhibiting job mastery, dedication, and professionalism;
- Contributions that, directly or indirectly, contribute to HEF's mission of Supporting Extraordinary Learning Experiences to Help Students Succeed; and
- Inclusion of job-related examples of anecdotal evidence.

Congratulations to all our 2022 recipients who work tirelessly daily to assist in the success of students throughout the K-12 public education process.

The Hammond Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and philanthropic partner of the School City of Hammond. Since its origin in 1983, HEF has generated more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, classroom grants, programs and other support for extraordinary learning experiences and opportunities to help Hammond students succeed – in school and beyond.

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