



## Emerson's 2025 Excellence in Teaching Award Honorees

Emerson proudly recognizes this year's Excellence in Teaching Award honorees. These are educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area who have been selected by their schools' administrators for their accomplishments and dedication to their students and the teaching profession. Since 1989, Emerson has sponsored this awards program as part of its commitment to quality education throughout the St. Louis area.

**Brian Jennings**

Afton High School  
Afton School District

**Brian Zurek**

Alton Middle School  
Alton Community Unit School District 11

**Louise Balicki-Smith**

St. Raphael the Archangel School  
Archdiocese of St. Louis

**Lyn Brunner**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School  
Archdiocese of St. Louis

**Alex Hall**

DeSmet Jesuit High School  
Archdiocese of St. Louis

**Heidi Piatckek**

St. Frances Cabrini Academy  
Archdiocese of St. Louis

**Tamara Simmons**

Bayless High School  
Bayless School District

**Benjamin Moore**

Central Junior High School  
Belleville School District 118

**Rachel Beard-Curran**

Brentwood Early Childhood Center  
Brentwood School District

**Gina James**

Joseph Arthur Middle School  
Central School District 104

**Megan Rosario Rouse**

Chaminade College Preparatory School

**Paul Wright**

The Success Campus  
City of Saint Charles School District

**Susanna Benson**

Webster Elementary School  
Collinsville Community Unit School District 10

**Ashleigh Martin**

Crystal City Elementary School  
Crystal City School District

**Maria Wilson**

St. Boniface Catholic School  
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

**John Scaggs**

Herculaneum High School  
Dunklin R-5 School District

**Melissa Struif**

East Alton - Wood River High School District 14

**Katie Holtmeyer**

East Central College

**Cynthia Roller**

Wyvetter Young School of Excellence  
East St. Louis School District 189

**Patrick Crangle**

Central Elementary School  
Ferguson-Florissant School District

**Sheryl Lamar**

Duchesne Primary School  
Ferguson-Florissant School District

**Meghan McAfoos**

Bermuda Primary School  
Ferguson-Florissant School District

**Laura Irelan**

Festus Elementary School  
Festus R-VI School District

**Krystal Deterding**

South Middle School  
Fort Zumwalt School District

*Honorees continued*



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**Katie Harting-Scoles**

North High School  
Fort Zumwalt School District

**Tara Richards**

Francis Howell Middle School  
Francis Howell School District

**Michelle Ridlen**

Francis Howell Central High School  
Francis Howell School District

**Ronnie Stuart**

Freeburg Community High School  
Freeburg Community High School District 77

**Samantha Garrison**

Grandview Elementary School  
Grandview R-2 School District

**Chrissy Garon**

Illini Elementary School  
Grant Community Consolidated School District 110

**Kari Brand**

Hancock Place Middle School  
Hancock Place School District

**Anisha Moorhead**

Harris-Stowe State University

**David Askuvich**

Lawson Elementary School  
Hazelwood School District

**Sarah Germann**

High Mount School  
High Mount School District 116

**Becky Solomon**

Hillsboro Junior High  
Hillsboro R-III School District

**Bruce Korbesmeyer**

Jefferson College

**Brian Crump**

Danby-Rush Tower Middle School  
Jefferson R-7 School District

**Evelyn Clark**

Kenneth C. Hanrahan Elementary School  
Jennings School District

**Kalee Hardin**

Woodland Elementary School  
Jennings School District

**Erica Heitzig**

Jersey Community High School  
Jersey Community Unit School District 100

**Bill Bensinger**

Kirkwood High School  
Kirkwood School Distirct

**Molly Freimuth**

Lewis & Clark Community College

**Tim Deposki**

Lindbergh High School  
Lindbergh School District

**Ana Schnellmann**

Lindenwood University

**Kara Crisp**

Living Water Academy

**Jamie Hart**

Immanuel Lutheran School  
Lutheran Elementary School Association

**Cheri Mansfield**

Lutheran North Middle and High School  
Lutheran High School Association

**Kayla Ridgeway**

Zion Lutheran School - Bethalto  
Lutheran Elementary School Association

**Brittney Tucker**

St. John School - Ellisville  
Lutheran Elementary School Association

**Annie Rothenberg**

Maplewood Richmond Heights Early Childhood Center  
Maplewood Richmond Heights School District

**Trisha Gass**

Scott Elementary School  
Mascoutah Community Unit School District 19

**Kevin Zanelotti**

McKendree University

**Julie Dorsam**

Bernard Middle School  
Mehlville School District

**Kathy Vogt**

Riverbend Middle School  
Meramec Valley R-III School District

**Gwen Scheibel**

Millstadt Consolidated School  
Millstadt Community Consolidated School District 160

**Stephanie Kontrim-Baumann**

Missouri Baptist University

**Erik Hager**

New Athens Elementary School  
New Athens Community Unit School District 60

**Kimberly Monzyk**

New Haven Elementary School  
New Haven School District

**Carl Wood**

Northwest High School  
Northwest R-I School District

**Ashley Stefanisin**

Edward A. Fulton Junior High  
O'Fallon District 90

**Tracey Ritzel**

O'Fallon Township High School  
O'Fallon Township High School District 203

**Theresa Rose**

Orchard Farm Junior High School  
Orchard Farm R-V School District

**Julie Linck**

Academy of Innovation at Remington  
Pattonville School District

**Jaime Juhas**

Pontiac Junior High School  
Pontiac-William Holliday School District 105

**Logan Felder**

Iveland Elementary School  
Ritenour School District

**Brad Balog**

Lafayette High School  
Rockwood School District

**Jordan Espinosa**

Stanton Elementary School  
Rockwood School District

**Bryan Tenny**

LaSalle Springs Middle School  
Rockwood School District

**Jessica Roentz**

Central Intermediate School  
Roxana Community Unit School District

**Grace Wade-Moser**

Saint Charles Community College

**Joshua Walker**

St. Louis Community College - Forest Park  
Saint Louis Community College

**Rebecca Winter**

St. Louis Community College - Meramec  
Saint Louis Community College

**Tabitha Goodman**

St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley  
Saint Louis Community College

**Nick Kheriaty**

Saint Louis Priory School

**Sean Goretzke**

School of Medicine  
Saint Louis University

**Melissa Ochoa**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Saint Louis University

**Katie Sandoval**

Washington High School  
School District of Washington

**Sarah Shelton**

Shiloh Middle School  
Shiloh Village School District 85

**Jaime Keck**

Signal Hill School  
Signal Hill School District 181

**Adrian Kuehn**

Clayton High School  
Special School District of St. Louis County

**Jamie Rivali**

Special School District Bridges  
Special School District of St. Louis County

**Sarah Weinman**

Northview High School  
Special School District of St. Louis County

**Christian Werner**

Valley Park Middle School  
Special School District of St. Louis County

**Dawn Wright**

Normandy Early Learning Center  
Special School District of St. Louis County

**Lindi Blankenship**

Sullivan Primary School  
Sullivan School District

**Jeanne McQueen**

Glenridge Elementary School  
The School District of Clayton

**Sarah Presson**

Triad Middle School  
Triad Community Unit School District 2

**Whitney Anthonysamy**

College of Arts and Sciences  
University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis

**Jasmina Profirovic**

St. Louis College of Pharmacy  
University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis

**Lindsay Athamanah**

University of Missouri - St. Louis

**Zach Turner**

Valley Park High School  
Valley Park School District

**Jamie Adams**

Olin School of Business  
Washington University

**Jonathan Bogard**

Olin School of Business  
Washington University

**Ray Ehrhard**

McKelvey School of Engineering  
Washington University

**Abigail Jager**

School of Arts & Sciences  
Washington University

**Heather McPherson**

School of Arts & Sciences  
Washington University

**John F. Nestojko**

School of Arts & Sciences  
Washington University

**Vijay Ramani**

McKelvey School of Engineering  
Washington University

**Craig Smith**

School of Arts & Sciences  
Washington University

**Lynne Tatlock**

School of Arts & Sciences  
Washington University

**Kristen Wyckoff**

School of Arts & Sciences  
Washington University

**Claire Wiese**

Bristol Elementary School  
Webster Groves School District

**Dani Belo**

Webster University

**Jenna Parrish**

Peine Ridge Elementary School  
Wentzville School District

**Jessica Wilson**

North Point Middle School  
Wentzville School District

**Ashley Brown**

Whiteside Middle School  
Whiteside School District

**Cassandra Gillespie**

Wolf Branch Middle School  
Wolf Branch School District 113

**Lynne Adams**

Hartford Elementary School  
Wood River - Hartford District 15