

# Golden Apple Foundation

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 30 teachers named finalists for Golden Apple Awards

(CHICAGO —March 31, 2009) The Golden Apple Foundation today announced the names of 30 Chicago-area finalists for the 2009 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching in grades Pre-K through 3.

A total of 972 teachers from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will counties were nominated for the award, which was first presented in 1986. Ten Golden Apple Award winners, selected from the 30 finalists, will be announced in May.

#### The 30 finalists include

- **Cook County, 22**
  - **Chicago, 13:** Audubon, Bright, Edgebrook, Jose de Diego, Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez, Finkl, Mayer, Old St. Mary's, Nixon, Otis, Pulaski, Ruiz, University of Chicago Lab
  - **Suburban, 9:** **Arlington Heights** (Dryden) **Berwyn** (St. Leonard), **Blue Island** (Lincoln), **Northbrook** (Grove), **Oak Park** (Longfellow and Mann), **Palatine** (Huntington Ridge and Sanborn) **Park Ridge** (Carpenter)
- **DuPage, 3:** **Villa Park** (Ardmore), **Wood Dale** (Child's Voice), **Wood Ridge** (Sipley)
- **Kane County, 2:** **Batavia** (White), **Carpentersville** (Liberty)
- **Lake County, 2:** **Highland Park** (Red Oak), **Lincolnshire** (Sprague)
- **Will County, 1:** **Frankfort** (Grand Prairie)

**A complete list of finalists and their schools is at the end of this release.**

The finalists will be honored Saturday, April 18 at the Celebration of Excellence in Teaching from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency McCormick in Chicago.

The Awards selection committee is comprised of Chicago-area educators. Two committee members will observe each of the 30 finalists in the classroom and interview their principal and selected colleagues, parents and students. The 10 Golden Apple Award winners will be announced in May. The winners will be honored at an awards ceremony on September 25 at the WTTW Chicago Production Center, 5400 N. St. Louis Ave., which subsequently will be aired as a one-hour prime-time special on WTTW/Channel 11.

Each of the 10 Golden Apple Award winners will receive a tuition-free spring-term sabbatical at Northwestern University, a personal computer, \$3,000, and membership in the Golden Apple Academy, which has inducted 230 expert teachers in the past 23 years to ensure that all children have the excellent teachers they deserve.

## 2009 Golden Apple Award Finalists

(Grades pre-K—3)

<b>Enid Alvarez</b> 2d grade dual-language	<b>Lincoln School</b> 2140 W. Broadway, 708-385-5370	<b>Blue Island</b> Cook
<b>Lisa Arriaga</b> 2d grade	<b>Nixon Elem. School</b> 2121 N. Keeler, 773-534-4375	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Sandra Bennett</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Liberty Elem. School</b> 6500 Miller Rd., 847-851-8300	<b>Carpentersville</b> Kane
<b>Christine Beukema</b> Primary autism	<b>Finkl Academy</b> 2332 S. Western, 773-535-5850	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Rachel Binole</b> Kindergarten	<b>Grand Prairie Elem. School</b> 10480 W. Nebraska, 815-469-3366	<b>Frankfort</b> Will
<b>Mia Bohlin</b> K-5	<b>Ardmore Elem. School</b> 225 S. Harvard, 630-516-7370	<b>Villa Park</b> DuPage
<b>Barbara Cataldo</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Sipley Elem. School</b> 2806 W. 83d St., 630-985-0064	<b>Woodridge</b> DuPage
<b>Pamela Ciway</b> 3d grade	<b>White Elem. School</b> 800 N. Prairie, 630-937-8500	<b>Batavia</b> Kane
<b>Alicia Costas</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Jose de Diego</b> 1313 N. Claremont, 773-534-4451	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Sarah Covington</b> 3d grade	<b>St. Leonard School</b> 3322 S. Clarence, 708-749-3666	<b>Berwyn</b> Cook
<b>Deborah Graziano</b> 2d grade	<b>Carpenter Elem. School</b> 300 N. Hamlin, 847-318-4370	<b>Park Ridge</b> Cook
<b>Jeanette Hachmeister</b> Pre-K—1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Child's Voice School</b> 180 Hansen Ct., 630-595-8200	<b>Wood Dale</b> DuPage
<b>Christina Hayward</b> Kindergarten	<b>University of Chicago Lab Schools</b> 1362 E. 59 <sup>th</sup> St., 773-702-9450	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Maria Hernandez</b> 3d grade bilingual	<b>Ruiz Elem. School</b> 2410 S. Leavitt, 773-535-4825	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Melissa Hooker</b> Montessori Early Childhood	<b>Mayer Magnet School</b> 2250 N. Clifton, 773-534-5535	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Kristen Kazmarek</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Grove Elem. School</b> 1000 Pflugsten Rd., 847-272-1934	<b>Northbrook</b> Cook
<b>Michelle Mangold</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2d grades	<b>Dryden Elem. School</b> 722 S. Dryden Pl., 847-398-4280	<b>Arlington Heights</b> Cook
<b>Gloria Moyer</b> Pre-K to 3d grade	<b>Otis Elem. School</b> 525 N. Armour, 773-534-7665	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Scott Naber</b> 2d grade	<b>Longfellow Elem. School</b> 715 S. Highland, 708-524-3060	<b>Oak Park</b> Cook
<b>Carol Navarro</b> 2d grade	<b>Pulaski Fine Arts Academy</b> 2230 W. McLean, 773-534-4390	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Jennifer Phares</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Bright Elem. School</b> 10740 S. Calhoun, 773-535-6215	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Colin Reynolds</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Mann Elem. School</b> 921 N. Kenilworth, 708-524-3085	<b>Oak Park</b> Cook
<b>Kristin Salamanca</b> Kindergarten – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>Red Oak School</b> 530 Red Oak Lane, 847-831-4570	<b>Highland Park</b> Lake

<b>Peter Schreurs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Sprague Elem. School</b> 2425 Riverwoods Rd., 847-945-6665	<b>Lincolnshire</b> Lake
<b>Jaime Shanahan</b> 3d grade	<b>Sanborn School</b> 101 N. Oak, 847-963-7000	<b>Palatine</b> Cook
<b>Gail Sherwood</b> 3d grade	<b>Edgebrook Elem. School</b> 6525 N. Hiawatha, 773-534-1194	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Sabrina Silverstein</b> Pre-Kindergarten	<b>Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elem. School</b> 3000 S. Lawndale, 773-534-1600	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>David Sobel</b> Kindergarten & 2d-6 <sup>th</sup> grades	<b>Huntington Ridge Elem. School</b> 1105 W. Illinois, 847-963-5300	<b>Palatine</b> Cook
<b>Shannon Vier</b> Kindergarten	<b>Old St. Mary's Catholic School</b> 1500 S. Michigan, 312-386-1560	<b>Chicago</b> Cook
<b>Megan Whitney</b> Pre-Kindergarten	<b>Audubon Elem. School</b> 3500 N. Hoyne, 773-534-5470	<b>Chicago</b> Cook