

# Golden Apple NEWS RELEASE

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## 30 teachers named finalists for Golden Apple Awards

(CHICAGO — Jan. 30, 2006) The Golden Apple Foundation today announced the names of 30 Chicago-area finalists for the 2006 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching in grades pre-kindergarten through third.

A total of 850 teachers from Cook, Lake and DuPage 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 mid-March.

### The 30 finalists include

- **9 Chicago public-school teachers** (from Burley, Chicago Academy, Jahn, Marquette, Murphy, Nicholson, Otis, Piccolo, and Pierce)
- **2 Chicago Catholic-school teachers** (from Our Lady of the Gardens and St. Cajetan)
- **17 suburban public-school teachers** (including two from Evanston, two from Mundelein, and two from Oak Park)
- **2 suburban independent-school teachers** (from Baker Demonstration School, Evanston; and Alta Vista Montessori School, Libertyville)

**The suburban schools are located in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Calumet City, Evanston (3), Glendale Heights, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Lincolnwood, Mundelein (2), Naperville, Oak Park (2), Palatine, Skokie, Wheaton, and Wilmette.**

**A complete list of finalists and their schools is attached.**

The finalists will be honored Saturday, February 25 at the Celebration of Excellence in Teaching from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. in Chicago.

The Awards selection committee is comprised of 90 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 Mid-March. The winners will be honored at an awards ceremony on May 13 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 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 fall-term sabbatical at Northwestern University, a personal computer from Apple, \$3,000, and membership in the Golden Apple Academy, which has inducted 200 expert teachers in the past 20 years to ensure that all children have the excellent teachers they deserve.

**2006 Golden Apple Award Finalists**  
(Pre-kindergarten through Grade 3)

<b>Mary C. Brennan</b> Grade 1	<b>Pritchett Elementary School</b> 200 Horatio Blvd 847/353-5700	<b>Buffalo Grove</b>
<b>Elizabeth F. Brown</b> Kindergarten	<b>Chicago Academy</b> 3400 N. Austin 773/534-3885	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Edythe A. Buehring</b> Grades 2-3	<b>Fremont Elementary School</b> 28908 N. Fremont Center Rd. 847/837-0437	<b>Mundelein</b>
<b>Kristie A. Charles</b> Grade 3	<b>Hunting Ridge Elem. School</b> 1105 W. Illinois Ave. 847/837-0437	<b>Palatine</b>
<b>Patricia A. Cleveland</b> Grade 3	<b>Dewey Elementary School</b> 1551 W. Wesley Ave. 847/859-8140	<b>Evanston</b>
<b>Diane H. Conmy</b> Grade 3	<b>Lincoln Elementary School</b> 1116 S. Grove Ave. 708/524-3110	<b>Oak Park</b>
<b>Barbara E. Conner</b> Grade 2	<b>Otis Elementary School</b> 525 N. Armour St. 773/534-7665	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Brenda Cunningham</b> Grade 1	<b>Marquette Elementary School</b> 6550 S. Richmond St. 773/535-9260	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Kristin A. Ziemke Fastabend</b> Kindergarten	<b>Burley Elementary School</b> 1630 W. Barry Ave. 773/534-5475	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Brittany A. Francour</b> Grade 2	<b>Nicholson Elementary School</b> 6006 S. Peoria St. 773/535-3285	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Dianne Hamelly</b> Grades 1-2	<b>Fremont Elementary School</b> 28908 N. Fremont Center Rd. 847/837-0437	<b>Mundelein</b>
<b>Randy M. Heite</b> Kindergarten	<b>Kingsley Elementary School</b> 2300 Green Bay Rd. 847/859-8400	<b>Evanston</b>
<b>Erica Hodges-Hilgart</b> Grade 1	<b>Piccolo Elementary School</b> 1040 N. Keeler Ave.	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Donna M. Jackson</b> Grade 2	<b>Sibley Elementary School</b> 1550 Sibley Blvd. 708/868-1870	<b>Calumet City</b>
<b>Fredric S. Koch</b> Grades K-4 (Music)	<b>Cherokee Elementary School</b> 475 Cherokee Rd. 847/234-3805	<b>Lake Forest</b>
<b>Sandy L. Lucas</b> Grades PreK-6 (Fine Arts)	<b>Murphy Elementary School</b> 3539 W. Grace St. 773/534-5223	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Laura K. MacLeod</b> Kindergarten	<b>Lowell Elementary School</b> 312 S. President St. 630/682-2085	<b>Wheaton</b>
<b>Sharon P. McAdams</b> Grade 2	<b>Todd Hall Elementary School</b> 3925 W. Lunt Ave. 847/675-8235	<b>Lincolnwood</b>
<b>Sandra L. Noel</b> Grades K-5 (Physical Ed)	<b>Hatch Elementary School</b> 1000 N. Ridgeland Ave. 847/524-3095	<b>Oak Park</b>
<b>Ziomara D. Perez</b>	<b>Jahn Elementary School</b>	<b>Chicago</b>

Pre-Kindergarten	3149 N. Wolcott Ave. 773/534-5500	
<b>Eleanor J. Rhee</b> Grade 3	<b>Westgate Elementary School</b> 500 S. Dwyer Ave. 847/398-4292	<b>Arlington Heights</b>
<b>Jennifer L. Sime</b> Grade 3	<b>Our Lady of the Gardens</b> 13300 S. Langley Ave. 773/568-4099	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Susan P. Stachler</b> Grade 1	<b>St. Cajetan Elementary School</b> 2447 W. 112 <sup>th</sup> St. 773/233-8844	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Elisabeth A. Stambaugh</b> Kindergarten	<b>Black Hawk Elementary School</b> 2101 Gladstone Dr. 630/893-5750	<b>Glendale Heights</b>
<b>Jane K. Stenson</b> Kindergarten	<b>Baker Demonstration School</b> 2840 Sheridan Rd. 847/256-5150	<b>Evanston</b>
<b>Brooke T. Thompson</b> Grades K-8 (Music)	<b>Pierce Elementary School</b> 1423 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773/534-2440	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Kevan H. Truman</b> Grade 3	<b>Central Elementary School</b> 900 Central Ave. 847/251-3252	<b>Wilmette</b>
<b>Barbara R. Untch</b> Grade 1	<b>Highlands Elementary School</b> 525 S. Brainard St. 630/420-6335	<b>Naperville</b>
<b>Shawn C. Viverretta</b> Primary Grades (ages 3-6)	<b>Alta Vista Montessori School</b> 1850 W. Winchester Rd. 847/918-1621	<b>Libertyville</b>
<b>Karen Wylie</b> Kindergarten	<b>Elizabeth Meyer School</b> 8100 Tripp Ave. 847/673-1223	<b>Skokie</b>