

Golden Apple Foundation

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32 teachers named finalists for Golden Apple Awards

(CHICAGO — Jan. 18, 2007) The Golden Apple Foundation today announced the names of 32 Chicago-area finalists for the 2007 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching in grades 9 through 12.

A total of 941 teachers from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will counties were nominated for the award, which was first presented in 1986. This was the first year teachers in Kane and Will counties were eligible. Ten Golden Apple Award winners, selected from the 32 finalists, will be announced in mid-March.

The 32 finalists include

- **Cook County, 21:**
 - **Chicago, 12:** Best Practice, Clemente, Curie, Gage Park, Jones, Lane Tech, Lindblom, Morgan Park, Northside, Payton, St. Ignatius, and UofC Lab
 - **Suburban, 9:** Evanston Township (Evanston), Fenwick (Oak Park), Marian Catholic (Chicago Heights), New Trier (Winnetka), Niles North (Skokie), Oak Park and River Forest (Oak Park), Proviso East, (Maywood), Thornton (Dolton), and Wheeling
- **DuPage County, 5:** Glenbard East (Lombard), Glenbard South (Glen Ellyn), Hinsdale Central (Hinsdale), Hinsdale South (Darien), and Willowbrook (Villa Park).
- **Kane County, 3:** East Aurora, Geneva, and South Elgin
- **Lake County, 2:** Deerfield and Lake Forest Academy
- **Will County, 1:** Lincoln-Way Central (New Lenox)

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

The finalists will be honored Saturday, February 17 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 Chicago-area educators. Two committee members will observe each of the 32 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 12 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, \$3,000, and membership in the Golden Apple Academy, which has inducted 210 expert teachers in the past 21 years to ensure that all children have the excellent teachers they deserve.

2007 Golden Apple Award Finalists (Grades 9-12)

Aaron Becker History	Evanston Township HS 1600 Dodge Ave., 847-424-7500	Evanston Cook
John Belcaster Social Studies	Northside College Preparatory HS 5501 N. Kedzie Ave., 773-534-3954	Chicago Cook
Robin Bennett Performing Arts	Jones College Preparatory HS 606 S. State St., 773-534-8600	Chicago Cook
Jeffery Berger-White English	Deerfield HS 1959 N. Waukegan Rd., 224-632-3000	Deerfield Lake
William Bultman Music	Lincoln-Way Central HS 1801 E. Lincoln Hwy, 815-462-2100	New Lenox Will
Kraig Conyer Adapted PE	Hinsdale South HS 7401 Claredon Hills Rd., 630-468-4473	Darien DuPage
David Derbes Physics	University of Chicago Laboratory HS 1362 E. 59th St., 773-702-9450	Chicago Cook
Danna Dotson Math	Lindblom Math and Science Academy 6130 S. Wolcott Ave., 773-535-9300	Chicago Cook
Samuel Dyson Physics & Zulu	Walter Payton College Preparatory HS 1034 N. Wells St., 773-534-0034	Chicago Cook
David Eanes Music	Thornridge HS 15000 Cottage Grove Ave., 708-841-5180	Dolton Cook
Joseph Ekpo History	Fenwick HS 505 W. Washington Blvd., 708-3860127	Oak Park Cook
Diane Haleas Hines Social Studies	St. Ignatius College Preparatory HS 1076 W. Roosevelt Rd., 312-421-5900	Chicago Cook
Susan Khalaieff Languages	Geneva HS 416 McKinley Ave., 630-463-3800	Geneva Kane
Katherine Konyar Biology	Wheeling HS 900S. Elmhurst Rd., 847-718-7387	Wheeling Cook
Glenn Lid Chemistry	Proviso East HS 807 S. First Av., 708-449-9539	Maywood Cook
Marilyn McCottrell English	Morgan Park HS 1744 W. Pryor, 773-535-2550	Chicago Cook
Shawn McCusker Social Studies	South Elgin HS 760 E. Main St., 847-289-3760	South Elgin Kane
Zakieh Mohammed English	Roberto Clemente HS 1147 N. Western Ave., 773-534-4000	Chicago Cook
John Naisbitt History	Hinsdale Central HS 55 th and Grant Streets, 630-570-8556	Hinsdale DuPage
John O'Connor	New Trier HS	Winnetka

English	385 Winnetka Ave., 847-784-6538	Cook
Patricia Parson Biology	Gage Park HS 5630 S. Rockwell Ave., 773-535-9230	Chicago Cook
Guillermo Pedroni Spanish	East Aurora HS 500 Tomcat Lane, 630-299-8000	Aurora Kane
Christopher Pietsch Social Studies	Glenbard East HS 1014 S. Main St., 630-424-7163	Lombard DuPage
Scott Reed Physics	Niles North HS 9800 N. Lawler Ave., 847-626-2259	Skokie Cook
Robert Rodey Social Studies	Marian Catholic HS 700 Ashland Ave., 708-755-7565	Chicago Heights Cook
Stephanie Skizas Vocal Music	Glenbard South HS 23W200 Butterfield Rd., 630-469-6500	Glen Ellyn DuPage
Michael Sullivan English	Willowbrook HS 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., 630-530-2455	Villa Park DuPage
Marie Urbanski Biology	Oak Park and River Forest HS 201 N. Scoville Ave., 708-434-3117	Oak Park Cook
Julie Ann Villa Chemistry	Lane Tech College Preparatory HS 2501 W. Addison St., 773-534-5400	Chicago Cook
Kristen Wilkens English	Best Practice HS 2040 W. Adams St., 773-534-7610	Chicago Cook
Gina Williams Fine Arts	Lake Forest Academy 1500 W. Kennedy Rd., 847-615-3213	Lake Forest Lake
Melinda Wilson Dance	Curie Metropolitan HS 4959 S. Archer Ave., 773-535-2104	Chicago Cook