

**Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP)
Honors Missouri Principals.**

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The Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) recognizes excellent principal leadership each year. MAESP participates in the National Association of Elementary Schools (NAESP) National Distinguished Principals program that recognizes outstanding elementary and middle level principals from across the nation. In Missouri, each of the MAESP Regional Networks selects a Missouri Distinguished Principal Honoree with a minimum of five years of experience as a building principal. These honorees submit formal application to MAESP and one is selected to represent MAESP as the Missouri National Distinguished Principal.

In addition, MAESP recognizes outstanding new leaders in their first three years with the MAESP Exemplary New Principal award and high achieving assistant principals with the MAESP Outstanding Assistant Principals award. All recognitions were held in conjunction with the annual MAESP Leadership Conference held at Tan-Tar-A, March 3-6, 2018.

Missouri Distinguished Principals

The following 12 principals were honored with the Missouri Distinguished Principal award at the MAESP Distinguished Principal Banquet held March 3, 2018.

Lacey Adams
Carden Park Elementary
St. Joseph School District

Dr. Amy Casey
Ravenwood Elementary
North Kansas City 74 School District

Lorna Cassell
Martin Warren Elementary
Warrensburg R-VI School District

Dr. Kim Cohen
McKelvey Elementary
Parkway C-2 School District

Emily Cross **
Indian Trails Elementary
Fort Osage R-I School District

Monica Davis
Rolla Middle
Rolla 31 School District

Denise Funston
Windsor Elementary
Windsor C-1 School District

Dr. Lora Hopper
York Elementary
Springfield R-II School District

Karen Jimerson
Hallsville Primary
Hallsville R-IV School District

Jessica Maxwell
East Elementary
Jackson R-II School District

Shane Medlin
Willard Central Elementary
Willard R-II School District

Reesa Smiddy
Mid-Buchanan Elementary
Mid-Buchanan R-V School District

***selected as the Missouri National Distinguished Principal and will join more than 50 other state honorees for the NAESP National Distinguished Principal celebration in Washington, DC in October.*

Exemplary New Principals

The following principals were selected by colleagues and recognized with the association's Exemplary New Principal award on Monday, March 4, 2018.

Krista Birk
South Elementary
Jackson R-II School District

Jarrod R. Boyles
Clinton Intermediate
Clinton School District

Aaron C. Burd
Clark-Vitt Elementary
Union R-XI School District

Brandy L. Clark
Southern Boone Primary
Southern Boone County R-I School District

Dr. Rena Hawkins
Maple Elementary
Smithville R-II School District

Dr. Lorinda K. Krey
Fairway Elementary
Rockwood R-VI School District

Dr. Craig Merkerson
Santa Fe Elementary
Hickman Mills C-1 School District

Dr. Kelli Rogers
Crane Elementary
Crane R-III School District

Stephen Waigand
Rockport Elementary
Rockport R-II School District

Cindy Webster
Weaver Elementary
Springfield R-XII School District

Outstanding Assistant Principals

The following assistant principals were selected by colleagues and honored with the association's Outstanding Assistant Principal award on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

Ashley Bough
Strafford Elementary
Strafford R-VI School District

Adam R. Dixon
Pevely Elementary
Dunklin R-V School District

Jennifer Emmerich
Westran Elementary
Westran R-1 School District

Angela Grammer
Holden Elementary
Holden R-III School District

Sasha Kalis
Renner Elementary/Hawthorn Elementary
Park Hill School District

Stephanie Merritt
Savannah Middle
Savannah R-III School District

Thomas Masterson
McGregor Elementary/Sherwood Elementary
Springfield R-XII School District

Megan Miller
Central Elementary
Dexter R-XI School District

Brooke Morehead
Summit Pointe Elementary

Gary Murphy
Webster Alternative

Lee's Summit R-VII School District

St. Joseph School District

Sally Phillips
Beaufort Elementary
Union R-XI School District

Hector Ramirez
Stanton Elementary
Rockwood R-VI School District

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