

# Teacher of the Year Stats

## 2016-17 Teacher of the Year Program At a Glance

Nominees must be current teachers, principals, administrators, specialists, counselors, or support staff members (secretaries, custodians, para-educators, food service etc.) in the Grand Island Public Schools. Six awards will be made each year. The program is sponsored by First National Bank.

**260** Teachers, Staff and Administrators Nominated

**895** Nomination Forms Submitted

**6** GIPS Staff Awarded

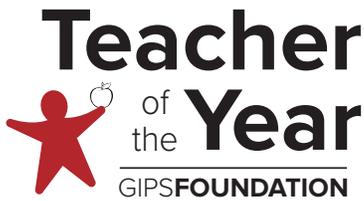
**13** Years Partnering with First National Bank

**79** Total number of GIPS Staff Awarded since 2003



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For the 13th consecutive year, the Foundation has partnered with our friends at First National Bank. As the corporate sponsor of this program, First National Bank is a great supporter of education in Grand Island and all that you do to ensure student success.

#### 2017

**Rebecca Waind**, Stolley Park Elementary  
**Ellie Petersen**, Westridge Middle  
**Laura McQuinn**, Senior High  
**Patti Bennett**, Specialist from Senior High  
**Jasmine Rios-Alvarado**, Staff from Howard Elementary  
**Jeanna Randall**, Administrator from Jefferson Elementary

#### 2016

**Dennis Korgel**, Gates Elementary  
**Ashley Hilger**, Westridge Middle  
**Jeff Tomlin**, Senior High  
**Kim McCain**, Specialist from Engleman Elementary  
**Sheri Ingebretsen**, Staff from Westridge Middle  
**Andrew Rinaldi**, Administrator from Newell Elementary

#### 2015

**Kevin Leiss**, Skills Academy Dodge Elementary  
**Zachary Hawkins**, Westridge Middle  
**Laurie Clark**, Success Academy  
**Camie See**, Specialist from Knickrehm and Wasmer Elementary  
**Marta Charlton**, Staff from Lincoln Elementary  
**Wayne Stelk**, Human Resources Director, Kneale Administration

#### 2014

**Deb Glover**, Howard Elementary  
**Chuck DeWitt**, Walnut Middle  
**Paula Poppe**, Senior High  
**Penny Brown**, Specialist from Gates Elementary  
**Doug Henry**, Staff from Senior High  
**Betty Desaire**, Administrator from Wasmer Elementary

#### 2013

**Christi Rademacher**, Newell Elementary  
**Kay Lyons**, Walnut Middle  
**Judy Lorenzen**, Senior High  
**Amy Hanna**, Specialist from Howard/Jefferson Elementary  
**Andrew Cunningham**, Staff from Engleman Elementary  
**Renee Hunt**, Administrator from Skills Academy

#### 2012

**April Patterson**, Jefferson Elementary  
**Benjamin Hanson**, Westridge Middle  
**Joe Wells**, Senior High  
**Tara Retzlaff**, Specialist from CNSSP  
**Ray Chaves**, Staff from Walnut Middle  
**Doug Jensen**, Administrator from Senior High

#### 2011

**Kelly Usrey**, Engleman Elementary  
**Katy Kurz**, Barr Middle  
**Karen Kropp**, Senior High  
**Kirk Ramsey**, Specialist from Barr Middle  
**Birdie Lopez**, Staff from Dodge Elementary  
**Cindy Wells**, Administrator Senior High

#### 2010

**Ryan Hansen**, Dodge Elementary  
**Karen Hastings**, Westridge Middle  
**Cheri Preister**, Senior High  
**Kris McMullen**, Specialist from Senior High  
**Paul Galles**, Staff from Jefferson Elementary  
**Maureen Oman**, Administrator from Engelman Elementary

#### 2009

**Joan Brown**, Engleman Elementary  
**Jerome Dubas**, Walnut Middle  
**Doug Whitman**, Senior High  
**Jan Tell**, Specialist from Dodge Elementary  
**Robert Briseno**, Staff from Walnut Middle  
**Brad Wolfe**, Administrator from Newell Elementary

#### 2008

**Janet Vavricek**, Jefferson Elementary  
**Rhonda Riha**, Walnut Middle  
**Michella Honas**, Senior High  
**Larry Uhing**, Specialist from Senior High  
**Nubia Herreno**, Staff from Wasmer Elementary  
**Sue Burch**, Administrator from Kneale Administration

#### 2007

**Colette Sorensen**, Shoemaker Elementary  
**Kelley Ward**, Barr Middle  
**Sara Collinson**, Senior High  
**Sherry Jones**, Specialist from Engelman/Starr Elementary  
**Laurel Cohn**, Staff from Barr Middle  
**Kerri Nazarenius**, Administrator from Kneale Administration

#### 2006

**Diane Miller**, Dodge Elementary  
**Jackie Bigley**, Barr Middle  
**Vic Nelson**, Senior High  
**Marcella Bogan**, Specialist from TLC Indra House  
**Marlene Pietzyk**, Staff from Howard Elementary

#### 2005

**Patty Brown**, Wasmer Elementary  
**Traci Rezac**, Walnut Middle  
**Joe Stecher**, Senior High  
**Sherry Nott**, Specialist from Senior High

#### 2004

**Jim Kordik**, Senior High  
**Dr. Stanley Urwiller**, Retired Teacher of the Year

#### 2003

**Larry Maupin**, Senior High  
**Orv Qualsett**, Retired Teacher of the Year

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