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HAMMOND EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES HERO IN EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Hammond, IN – The Hammond Education Foundation (HEF) Board of Directors is proud to announce the 2023 recipients of our Hero in Education Award.

Cyndee Tanas - SCH Administration Building	Debbie Jones - Irving Elementary School
Darrick Tucker - Area Career Center	Lauren Keilman - Jefferson Elementary School
Laura Ebner - Burns-Hicks Elementary School	Zach Tincher - Kenwood Elementary School
Edward Hofferth - Columbia Welcome Center	Rosalva Chavez - Lincoln Elementary School
Elizabeth Ramirez - Edison Elementary School	Nelly Zurlis - Morton Elementary School
Laura Laboy - Eggers Middle School	Santina Johnson - Morton High School
Jason Jendreas - Franklin Elementary School	Donnette Henderson - O'Bannon Elementary School
Jennifer Rycerz - Hammond Central High School	Jasmine Esparza - Scott Middle School
Nancy Galambos - Harding Elementary School	Julie Gintzler - Wallace Elementary School
Georgette Depew - Hess Elementary School	

The recipients will be celebrated during the Hammond Education Foundation's Hero in Education Awards Night at the Wicker Park Social Center, Highland, Indiana on May 5, 2023.

A Hero in Education demonstrates the following criteria in support of our students, our teachers, our administrative staff, our buildings, and our school system:

- Dedication, excellence, and selflessness that exceed basic job expectations;
- Civility, graciousness, professionalism and a sense of doing what's right and good within an environment/atmosphere that may be trying;
- Repeatedly going the extra mile in exhibiting job mastery, dedication, and professionalism;
- Contributions that, directly or indirectly, contribute to HEF's mission of Supporting Extraordinary Learning Experiences to Help Students Succeed; and
- Inclusion of job-related examples of anecdotal evidence.

Congratulations to all our 2023 recipients who work tirelessly daily to assist in the success of students throughout the School City of Hammond's public education system.

The Hammond Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and philanthropic partner of the School City of Hammond. Since its origin in 1983, HEF has generated more than \$1.8 million in scholarships, classroom grants, programs and other support for extraordinary learning experiences and opportunities to help Hammond students succeed – in school and beyond.