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## HAMMOND EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2024 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.

Administration Building  
Area Career Center  
Burns-Hicks Elementary School  
Columbia Welcome Center  
Edison Elementary School  
Eggers Middle School  
Franklin Elementary School  
Hammond Central High School  
Harding Elementary School  
Hess Elementary School  
Irving Elementary School

**Lydia McNeiley**  
**Amy Ford**  
**Lynette Croyle**  
**Diana Del Rio**  
**Olga Serafin**  
**Tracy Moyers**  
**Lindsey Palko**  
**Jessica Castillo**  
**April Grisham**  
**Donna Eatinger**  
**Maria Rohman**

Jefferson Elementary School  
Kenwood Elementary School  
Lincoln Elementary School  
Morton Elementary School  
Morton High School  
O'Bannon Elementary School  
Scott Middle School  
Wallace Elementary School  
SCH Warehouse  
Language Development Program

**Angie Silvas**  
**Keiona Miller**  
**Crystal Nelson**  
**David Fazzini**  
**Alexander Cerajewski**  
**Melissa Rhodes**  
**Sara Hebble**  
**Jonathan Glueckert**  
**Ted P. Bryak**  
**Cristina Sanchez**

The recipients will receive their awards during the Hammond Education Foundation's Hero in Education Awards Night at the Wicker Park Social Center, Highland, Indiana on May 5, 2023. To get tickets visit: [https://bit.ly/HEF\\_2024\\_Hero](https://bit.ly/HEF_2024_Hero)

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 is 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.

**Congratulations** to all our 2024 recipients who work diligently daily to assist in the success of students throughout the School City of Hammond.

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 nearly \$2 million in scholarships, classroom grants, programs and other support for extraordinary learning experiences and opportunities to help Hammond students succeed – in school and beyond.

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