



NEWS ADVISORY

INSRA recognizes public education ambassadors during Distinguished Service Awards

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Bolingbrook, IL Friday, May 11, 2018 – A variety of public education stakeholders were honored today for their support of education during the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association’s (INSRA) annual Distinguished Service Awards luncheon at Bolingbrook Golf Club.

Thirty-three individuals and teams were recognized in the categories of Administrator, Board of Education Member, Community Member, Faculty/Certified Staff, Parent, Support Staff and Team. Entries were judged against criteria of excellence, and only those receiving top scores in a variety of areas received awards. NSPRA chapter members from Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin served as judges for the program. To see the list of award recipients, visit

<http://www.inspra.org/DistinguishedServiceAwards.aspx>.

“The Distinguished Service Awards event is an opportunity to honor deserving education staff and supporters of local school districts,” said INSRA President Becky Koltz, Communications Specialist for Community High School District 94. “This statewide program brings recognition to the award recipient and the nominating school district. It is a wonderful way to highlight the successes of public schools and to thank various stakeholders for acting as public relations ambassadors for education.”

The mission of INSRA is to provide a source of connection, collaboration and professional development for school communicators in order to strengthen support for Illinois public schools,

which leads to greater student success. Workshops and programs take place throughout the year, providing opportunities for members to learn and grow in their craft. The Distinguished Service Awards luncheon is a highlight of the year and is attended by communications professionals, superintendents, board of education members and other school leaders.

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Administrator

Award of Merit

John Jacobsen

Principal, Crystal Lake Elementary District 47

Dr. Gayle Wahlin

Interim Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, Fenton High School District 100

Award of Excellence

Dr. Lori Bein

Superintendent, Arlington Heights School District 25

Dr. Christine Igoe

Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Naperville Community Unit School District 203

Dr. Trisha Kocanda

Superintendent, Winnetka Public Schools District 36

Allison Mitchell

Assistant Principal, Crystal Lake District 47

Diane Phillips

Director of Community Education, Grant Management, and Rentals, Vernon Hills District 128

Tim Reilly

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, New Lenox District 210

Sandra Warner

Early Childhood Principal, West Chicago Elementary School District 33

Dr. Heidi Wennstrom

Superintendent, Butler School District 53

Board of Education

Award of Merit

Dr. Betsy Les

Crystal Lake School District 47

Award of Excellence

Bill Harrison

Community Consolidated School District 21 (Wheeling)

Laura Wassinger

Fenton High School District 100

Community Member

Award of Merit

Lara Schwarz

Fenton High school District 100

Award of Excellence

Juan J. Gloria

Joliet Township High School District 204

Yvonne Morrison

Community Consolidated School District 62

Andy Murray

Schaumburg School District 54

Faculty/Certified Staff

Award of Merit

Arlene Roderick

Troy Community School District 30-C

Karyn Wolcott

DuPage High School District 88

Award of Excellence

Tiana Cigrand

Orland School District 135

Maggie Joyce

Schaumburg School District 54

Parent

Award of Merit

Cathy Ashum

Orland Park School District 135

Award of Excellence

Elaine Ebeling

DuPage High School District 88
Heidi Kuharich
West Chicago Elementary School District 33

Student

Award of Merit

Carolynn Boatfield
Fenton High School District 100

Award of Excellence

Maya Corwine
Schaumburg School District 54
Brianna McAloon
Lake Park High School District 108

Support Staff

Award of Excellence

Linda Altman
Orland School District 135
Pam Blackshire and Clara Arnold
Schaumburg School District 54
Mary Burscato
Ridgewood Community High School District 234
Irene Constantinidis
Community High School District 128
Kathy Sader
Fenton High School District 100

Team

Award of Merit

Pay It Forward Team
DuPage High School District 88
Seredy Williams, Garrett George and Lauren Lemm
Fenton High School District 100

Award of Excellence

Patty Rodriguez and Michaela Powers
West Chicago Elementary School District 33
This is Morton Pride Team/Timothy Truesdale
Morton District 201

INSPRA Distinguished Communicator

Thomas Hernandez
Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202