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## MNPS Honors Best Teachers at Annual Celebration

**Nashville, Tennessee – (May 1, 2019)** – Metro Nashville Public Schools hosted its annual Teacher of the Year Celebration honoring those teachers who went above and beyond to make a successful school year possible. The event was held April 30 at Lipscomb University.

The Teacher of the Year award is peer-nominated. More than 130 educators were nominated, one from each school, by their fellow co-workers and principals. These teachers are recognized for having a superior ability to teach and inspire a love of learning in students, among other qualities. This year's district-wide **Teacher of the Year** recipients include:

- Elementary: Jessie Rodriguez, Thomas Edison Elementary School
- Middle: Mary Manley, Harris-Hillman Special Education School
- High: David Roney, Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School

In addition to recognizing classroom teachers, the district also recognized three Principals of the Year and Substitutes of the Year. Those recipients are:

### Principals of the Year:

- Elementary: Dr. Ann-Marie Gleason, Harpeth Valley Elementary School
- Middle: Dr. Kisha Stinson-Cox, Margaret Allen Middle School
- High: Dr. James Witty, MNPS Virtual School

### Substitutes of the Year:

- Elementary: Dorothy Acklin
- Middle: Asia Ellison
- High: Kathy Cunningham

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