



FORE IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Chamber's Success School announces 2020 Educator of the Year Awardees

Bloomington, IN – February 5, 2020 – The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Success School is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's 19th Annual Educator of the Year Awards.

Since 2001, first as part of the Franklin Initiative and now the Success School, the Chamber has supported excellence in education with the annual awards ceremony, which recognizes the best teachers and programs in accredited schools across Monroe County. This year, eight individuals and one educational program will be honored in a community celebration at the 19th Annual Educators of the Year Dinner & Awards to be held on the evening of Thursday, March 5th, 2020, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Ivy Tech Bloomington's Shreve Hall.

Awardees are selected from a pool of nominees from across Monroe County by a committee composed of public sector, business, and education leaders. This year, the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Lawrence J. DeMoss from the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation. Below is the complete list of 2020 awardees:

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARDS: These awards recognize outstanding service and dedication to the field of education, fellow educators and Monroe County youth. Bloomington-based company Solution Tree is donating \$500 to the school of each Outstanding Educator. In addition, Solution Tree will pay all expenses for each awardee to attend a Solution Tree Institute or two-day workshop anywhere in the country. Also, RCV Roofing is proud to offer winners complimentary 6" gutter replacement for their home. This includes removal of old gutters and disposal and up to 250' of new gutterwork, including accessories. The 2020 awardees are:



- Andria Hawkins, 3rd Grade Teacher, Binford Elementary School
- Micah Heath, Principal, Arlington Heights Elementary School
- Mandy Henry, STEAM Coach, Edgewood Primary School
- Kara Landgrebe, Occupational Therapist, Edgewood Early Childhood Center
- Nathan May, Second Grade Teacher, Lakeview Elementary School
- Andrew P. McKenzie, Physical Educator Teacher, Fairview Elementary School
- Gary Sims, Science Teacher, Edgewood High School

LEADING LIGHT AWARDS are for educational programs that demonstrate outstanding service and dedication with innovative or exemplary programs that enhance our education community. This year's awardee is:

- English New Language (ENL) program at University Elementary School

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: This award is for one individual who has demonstrated a lifetime of outstanding commitment to education. This year's lifetime achievement awardee is:

- Lawrence J. DeMoss, English Chair, Edgewood High School

The Chamber wishes to congratulate all of this year's award winners.

During the event, presenting sponsors will be on stage to hand awards to the recipients.

Presenting sponsors include German American, Cook Group, and Solution Tree.

For more information, please contact Christopher Emge at cemge@chamberbloomington.org or visit the website at <https://www.chamberbloomington.org/success-school.html>

EVENT & TICKET INFORMATION:

WHAT:

The 19th Annual Educators of the Year Awards
Presented by the Chamber's Success School

WHEN:

Thursday, March 5th, 2020
5:30-6:00 pm: Reception (cash bar)
6:00-6:30 pm: Dinner
6:30-8:00 pm: Awards Ceremony

WHERE:

Ivy Tech Bloomington, Shreve Hall (NW Entrance)
200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN 47404

COST:

Educator of the Year Table Sponsor is \$500
Registration is \$35 per person (includes dinner).
Children in grades K-12: \$20.
Pre-kindergarten FREE

THREE OPTIONS TO REGISTER:

- 1) Pay online: go to chamberbloomington.org to purchase tickets securely online.
- 2) Pay by phone: call the Chamber at (812) 336-6381 during normal business hours. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express can be accepted over the phone.
- 3) Pay by check: make checks payable to the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Foundation, mailed to P.O. Box 1302, Bloomington, IN 47402-1302.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 5:00 PM

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