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EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) today announced recipients of the 2021 Excellence in Student Achievement Awards. The awards, sponsored by NMSBA, are presented to individuals selected by local boards of education throughout New Mexico who have played an important role in improving student achievement in their local school district. Fifty-Eight (58) school boards participated in this year's program and two hundred and nineteen (219) award recipients were selected. Recipients are listed below and will be honored at local school board meetings throughout New Mexico over the next few weeks. For specific information about award recipients, please contact the local school district. For additional information on the Excellence in Student Achievement Award Program contact Joe Guillen, NMSBA Executive Director.

SCHOOL BOARD	RECIPIENT	CATEGORY
Alamogordo	Colonel Bryan Callagan	Ex-Officio Board Member
Albuquerque	Refugee & Newcomer Supports Program	District Department
Animas	Senator John Arthur Smith	NM State Senator
Artesia (13)	EOG Resources PY Foundation Chase Foundation Written in Red Yates Family Foundation S.P. & Estelle H. Yates Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Artesia General Hospital Artesia Daily Press Pecos Valley Broadcasting Holly Frontier/Navajo Devon Energy Artesia Chamber of Commerce	Community Member Foundation Foundation Foundation Foundation Foundation Community Member Community Member Media Media Community Member Community Member Community Member
Belen	Lawrence A. Sanchez	Administrator
Bernalillo	Manuel Montano	Staff Member
Bloomfield	Debbie Hernandez	Staff Member

Carlsbad (2)	Lori Zink Permian Strategic Partners	Community Member Community Member
Chama	Anthony Casados	Superintendent
Cimarron	David Salas	Staff Member
Cloudcroft	Bob Daniels	Retired Staff Member
Clovis	Cynthia Kleyn-Kennedy	Staff Member
Corona	Walter Garfield	Community Volunteer
Deming	Fred Parker	Administrator
Des Moines	Paul Briesh Baca Valley Telephone	Community Member
Dexter(3)	Dexter Schools Food Services Department Dexter Schools Information Technology Department Dexter Schools Transportation Department	Staff Members Staff Members Staff Members
Dora	Audrey Powell	Staff Member
Espanola	Anna Gutierrez	Administrator
Estancia (3)	Stewart Burnett Melinda Harvey Jennifer Gonzales	Administration Staff Member Administration
Farmington (16)	Cody Diehl Phil Valdez Dale Bode Cathy McDonald Chris Pash Ted Lasiewicz Nicole Lambson Robert Emerson Frank Whalen Daniel Fear Mike Mestas Steve Neville	Administrator Administrator Staff Member Staff Member Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator Staff Member Staff Member Emergency Manager State Senator

Farmington (Cont.)	James Strickler Gwen Warniment Tom Swenk T. Greg & Patty Merrion	State Representative PED Deputy Secretary Human Resource Dir. Community Members
Floyd	Floyd Baptist Church	Community Organization
Gadsden (5)	Ralph Gallegos Maria Guerra Judy Creegan Rosy Villalobos Jessica Herrera	Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member
Gallup-McKinley (10)	Thedeous Tah Kathy Ledingham Pauline Platero Gerald Sleuth Valerie Antone Constance Nance Pamela Tsadiasi Jean Cox Jeannette Lewis Michelle Tietjen	Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member
Grants-Cibola (6)	Jackie Sanchez Linda Sanchez Francie Lee April Cash Dr. Melissa Riley Shawn Ray	Administrator Staff Member Parent Parent Community Member Community Member
Hagerman	Cafeteria & Custodial Staff	Staff Members
Hobbs(2)	T.J. Parks Rene Cantu	Superintendent Administrator
House	Cathy Ray	Staff Member
Las Cruces (6)	Adalaide Olberding Nyasia Lambert-White Lauren To Behavior Health Providers Karen Trujillo, Ph.D. Stephen Ewing	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Department (All Staff) Former Superintendent Volunteer
Las Vegas City (2)	Gloria Lovato Pacheco Elaine Luna	Former School Board Member Former School Board Member

Logan (24)	Lacey Bidegain	Staff Member
	Justin Bollinger	Staff Member
	Billy Burns	Staff Member
	Suzanne Byrd	Staff Member
	Holli Cantrell	Staff Member
	Kristen Griffiths	Staff Member
	Kyle Griffiths	Staff Member
	Audra Gudgell	Staff Member
	Johna Horne	Staff Member
	Bobby Kandel	Staff Member
	Colleen Kulback	Staff Member
	Clay Lightfoot	Staff Member
	Angie Medrow	Staff Member
	Sonya Reid	Staff Member
	Dwayne Roberts	Staff Member
	Melissa Roberts	Staff Member
	Rochelle Roch	Staff Member
	Glynnna Strand	Staff Member
	Rachell Teaschner	Staff Member
	Crystal Terrell	Staff Member
Dallas Valentine	Staff Member	
Raynee Wallin	Staff Member	
Tera Wong-Williams	Staff Member	
Robert Young	Staff Member	
Lordsburg (9)	Abraham DeLaGarza	Staff Member
	Baltazar Dominguez	Staff Member
	David Flores	Staff Member
	Elida Hernandez	Staff Member
	Tereso "Teddy" Medina	Staff Member
	Olivia Pantoja	Lordsburg Advocate
	George Philhour	Staff Member
	Tereso Rodela	Staff Member
	Frances Rosales	Staff Member
Los Alamos (4)	Mateo Cardiel	Staff Member
	Victoria Daley	Staff Member
	Christine Englebrecht	Staff Member
	Becky Cocina	Staff Member
Los Lunas	Los Lunas School District Technology Department	Entire Staff
Lovington	Bill Lewis	Staff Member

Magdalena (3)	Chelsea Pettis Dorothy Gutierrez James Clark	Staff Member Business Manager Teacher
Maxwell	Kristen Forrester	Superintendent
Mesa Vista (5)	Cindy Garcia Marlena Fahey Victor Coronado Kamryn Kidder Shaun Tae Quintana	Staff Member Community Member Staff Member Student Student
Mora	Ruby Mares	Staff Member
Moriarty-Edgewood (2)	Sherrill Kelly Kris Armijo	Staff Member Staff Member
Mosquero (3)	Christina Vigil Anna Hibner Lynda Ray	Staff Member Staff Member Teacher
Pecos (2)	Kelly Cramer Elia Guzman-Distlehorst	Staff Member Staff Member
Penasco (4)	Marina Lopez Norman Rodriguez Mandy Montoya Darren Griego	Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member
Pojoaque (2)	Jill Morton Gary Johnson	Staff Member Staff Member
Portales	Portales Municipal Schools' Student Nutrition Services	District Service
Quemado (2)	Nichole Sanders Joy Padilla	Staff Member Staff Member
Raton	Brenda Ferri	Community Member
Rio Rancho (20)	Kimberly Johns Alicia Banes Daniel Bonsell Jennifer Bartley Cheryl Clark Trent Heffner Stephanie Nieto Jessica Kettler Dana Petro Sarah Poutsch	Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator Administrator

Rio Rancho (Cont.)	Miranda Jeantete	Administrator
	Christine Prescott	Administrator
	Catherine Rodriguez	Administrator
	Jennifer Daddio	Administrator
	B.J. Hartford	Administrator
	Andrew Pierce	Administrator
	Ryan Kettler	Administrator
	Scott Affentranger	Administrator
	Sue Carley	Administrator
Julie Arnold	Administrator	
Roswell (6)	Kimberly Meeks, FS Director	Staff Members
	RISD Cafeteria Workers	
	Brent Clay	Staff Member
	Shelley Burns	Administrator
	Corina Avina	Staff Member
	RISD Custodians	Staff Members
	Michael Gottlieb	Superintendent
Santa Fe (15)	Carl Marano	Staff Member
	Dr. Tom Ryan	Staff Member
	Earth Care/Santa Fe Mutual Aid/ Yucca	Community Member
	Adelante Program	Staff Members
	Linda Sink	Staff Member
	Dr. Neal Weaver	Staff Member
	Marissa Bonifer	Staff Member
	Anita Hett	Staff Member
	Michael Hagele	Staff Member
	Shawna LaValley	Staff Member
	Kristen Lewis	Staff Member
	Mary Massey	Staff Member
	Cynthia Maynard	Staff Member
	Dr. Veronica C. Garcia	Superintendent
Grace Mayer	Staff Member	
Santa Rosa	Christina R. Campos Guadalupe County Hospital Staff	Community Members
Silver (3)	SCS, Jeanette Medran	Staff Member
	SCS Technology Department	Staff Members
	SCS Student Nutrition Department	Staff Members
Socorro (6)	Jefferey Tull	Administrator
	Sonia Lawson	Administrator
	Ronald Hendrix	Administrator

Socorro (Cont.)	Pamela Mackenzie-Licha Transportation Department Socorro School Teachers	Staff Member Staff Members Staff Members
Springer (2)	2020/2021 Springer Schools Entire Staff	Staff Members
Taos	Maria Jeantete	Staff Member
Truth or Consequences	Tiger Families of T or C Schools	Parents
Tularosa (4)	Patrick Ventura Patrick Garcia Johnny Hudson Nita Hudson	Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member
Wagon Mound (3)	Teresa Casias Ernesto Juarez Cirilia Peralta	Staff Member Staff Member Staff Member
West Las Vegas (5)	Juan Montano & Maintenance Crew Christopher Gutierrez Paul Sandoval & Food Services Department Matt Probst Christine Ludi	Administrator & Staff Administrator Administrator & Staff Community Member School Board Member