



## 100+ St. Louis Area Educators Recognized by Emerson with Excellence in Teaching Awards

*Local educators recognized for their dedication to students*

**ST. LOUIS** (November 11, 2024) – Emerson is recognizing over 100 local educators as the 2024 honorees of the company’s Excellence in Teaching Awards. The long-standing annual program recognizes instructors throughout the St. Louis area who are selected by their school administration for an exceptional dedication to their students and school community.

“The work of an educator can have a lasting impact on a student” said Akberet Boykin Farr, vice president of human resources – corporate functions at Emerson. “When a teacher is committed to fostering their students’ passions for learning and empowering them to become the best versions of themselves, that person deserves the utmost recognition. Thus, we are excited and privileged to recognize over 100 teachers as this year’s Excellence in Teaching Awards honorees. Congratulations to all our honorees on this much-deserved recognition.”

The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is local to the St. Louis metropolitan area where Emerson is headquartered. The program began in 1989 and is sponsored annually by Emerson.

A complete list of the 2024 award recipients is available below and posted on the Emerson website [here](#). Emerson will publicly recognize and celebrate this year’s honorees in a full-page commemorative advertisement in the Sunday, November 17 edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### **About Emerson**

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**Emerson's 2024  
Excellence in Teaching  
Award Honorees**

**Afton School District**

Gotsch Intermediate School  
Anne Meyer

**Alton Community Unit  
School District 11**

North Elementary School  
Sarah Magary-Burns

**Archdiocese of St. Louis**

Sacred Heart Catholic Grade  
School - Florissant  
Mary Beth Akers

St. Dominic High School  
Alexandra Pfahler

St. Francis of Assisi School  
Emily Schmitz

**Bayless School District**

Bayless Elementary School  
Courtney Duffy

**Belle Valley School District  
119**

Belle Valley School  
Jennifer Kazmierczak

**Belleville School District 118**

Washington School  
Jen Coca

**Bethalto Community Unit  
School District 8**

Trimpe Middle School  
Dee Haar

**Central School District 104**

Dawn Elser Elementary  
School  
Sarah Copeland

**Chaminade College  
Preparatory School**

Derio Gambaro

**City of St. Charles School  
District**

St. Charles West High School  
Stephanie Lake

**Collinsville Community Unit  
School District 10**

Dorris Intermediate School  
Holli Lorschach

**Crystal City School District**

Crystal City High School  
Stephen Eisenbeis

**Diocese of Belleville**

Blessed Sacrament School  
Margaret Butler

Gibault Catholic High School  
David Schauer

**East Alton-Wood River High  
School District 14**

East Alton-Wood River High  
School  
Michael Lawson

**East Central College**

Jessica Van Leer

**East St. Louis School District  
189**

Annette Officer Elementary  
School  
Ashley Daniels

**Edwardsville Community  
Unit School District 7**

Hamel Elementary School  
Amy Ferguson

**Festus R-VI School District**

Festus High School  
Tiffany Therrell

**Fontbonne University**

Dr. Daffney Joy Felton

**Fort Zumwalt School District**

Fort Zumwalt Early  
Childhood Center  
Jennifer Kist

Hope High School

Jason Rubin

**Francis Howell School  
District**

Francis Howell High School  
Katie Schottmueller

Saeger Middle School

Leif Johnson

**Freeburg Community High  
School District 77**

Freeburg Community High  
School  
Michelle Etter

**Grandview R-2 School  
District**

Grandview Middle School  
Madeline Rotter



**Grant Community  
Consolidated School District  
110**

Grant Middle School  
Gina Walker

**Hancock Place School  
District**

Hancock Place Elementary  
Jenni Dittrich

**Harris-Stowe State  
University**

Dr. Scott Horrell

**Hazelwood School District**

Hazelwood West Middle  
School  
Jason Melaski

**High Mount School District  
116**

High Mount School  
Sara Hedrick

**Jefferson College**

Gerard Uhls

**Jefferson R-7 School District**

Jefferson R-7 High School  
Amy Schachner-Benoist

**Jennings School District**

Woodland Elementary  
School  
Tanya Kollack

Northview Elementary  
School

Treisa Gladney

**Jersey Community Unit  
School District 100**

Jersey Community High  
School  
Allen Snyder

**Kirkwood School District**

Tillman Elementary School  
Courtney Wells

**Ladue School District**

Ladue Horton Watkins High  
School  
Ashley Lock

**Lewis & Clark Community  
College**

Paula Kelso

**Lindbergh School District**

Long Elementary School  
Tim Waters

**Living Water Academy**

Jeff Stewart

**Lutheran Elementary School  
Association**

St. Paul's Lutheran School  
Heather Hemler

**Lutheran High School  
Association**

Lutheran South High School  
Brian Lind

**Madison Community Unit  
School District 12**

Madison Junior High School  
Paula Bollini

**Maplewood Richmond  
Heights School District**

Maplewood Richmond  
Heights Middle School  
Nicole Kinkelaar

**Mascoutah School District  
19**

Mascoutah Middle School  
Alison Cummins

**McKendree University**

Dr. Katie Alford

**Mehlville School District**

Hagemann Elementary  
School  
Stephanie Bailey

**Meramec Valley R-III School  
District**

Zitzman Elementary School  
Jerri Anding

**Missouri Baptist University**

Missouri Baptist University  
School of Nursing  
Dr. Ashley Bell

**New Athens Community  
Unit School District 60**

New Athens Elementary  
School  
JoLynn Burch

**New Haven School District**

New Haven High School  
Jaime Hoener

**Normandy Schools  
Collective**

Washington Elementary  
School  
Juanita Johnson

**Northwest R-I School District**

Woodridge Middle School  
Nate Boxdorfer

**O'Fallon School District 90**

Carriel Junior High School  
Tori Engel

**O'Fallon Township School  
District 203**

O'Fallon Township High  
School  
Kristin Strubhart

**Orchard Farm School District**

Orchard Farm Elementary  
School  
Nicole Jaggi



**Parkway School District**

Parkway Central Middle School  
Morgan Schneider

Ross Elementary School  
Tyra Hall

Parkway North High School  
Jennifer Bannecker

**Pattonville School District**

Parkwood Elementary School  
Audrey Masek

**Pontiac-William Holliday School District 105**

William Holliday Elementary School  
Julie Neill

**Ritenour School District**

Marion Elementary School  
Meggan Bruner

**Rockwood School District**

Westridge Elementary School  
Molly Clince

Eureka High School  
Jenni Highfill

**Roxana Community Unit School District No. 1**

Roxana Senior High School  
Suze Gibson

**Saint Louis Priory School**

Stacey Neal

**Saint Louis University**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Christina Garcia

School of Education  
Jennifer Buehler

**School District of Clayton**

Clayton High School  
Katelyn Long

**School District of Washington**

Four Rivers Career Center  
Jeff Frankenberg

**Shiloh Village School District 85**

Shiloh Middle School  
Casey Restivo

**Signal Hill School District 181**

Signal Hill School  
Jacqueline Altmansberger

**Smithton Community Consolidated School District 130**

Smithton Elementary School  
Katie Kapp

**Special School District of St. Louis County**

Jennings Senior High School  
Barbara Harsley

Valley Park Middle School  
Danielle Fox

South Technical High School  
Melissa Maness

North Technical High School  
Patrick Hanneken

Westridge Elementary School  
Sarah Studie

**St. Charles Community College**

Dayu Wang

**St. Louis Community College – Forest Park**

Lindsay Fox

**St. Louis Community College – Meramec**

Matthew Bast

**St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley**

Kimberly S. Barr

**Sullivan School District**

Sullivan High School  
Saundra Causillas

**Triad Community Unit School District 2**

Marine Elementary School  
Angela Richter

**University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis**

St. Louis College of Pharmacy  
Andrew Crannage  
Amy Reese

**Valley Park School District**

Valley Park Elementary School  
Kayla LaBeaume

**Washington University in St. Louis**

Dennis Barbour  
Dennis Cosgrove  
Maria de la Cruz  
Kelley Van Dyck Murphy  
Silas Johnson  
Elanor F. Williams  
Tabea Alexa Linhard  
Michelle Purdy  
Mitchell Sommers

**Webster Groves School District**

Edgar Road Elementary School  
Carrie Sachtleben

**Webster University**

Stephanie C. Schroeder

**Wentzville School District**

Liberty High School



Sandy Pizzo

Heritage Elementary School  
Lauren Coldiron

**Westminster Christian  
Academy**

Gina Meeks

**Whiteside School District  
115**

Whiteside Elementary School  
Amy Hartung