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Nashville's Top Teaching Talent Earns Blue Ribbon Teacher Designation from District and Community Partners

Acknowledged as model professionals, 50 teachers receive \$1,000 cash award and Southwest Airlines flight credit

NASHVILLE, TENN. – Oct. 28, 2022 – Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS), the Nashville Public Education Foundation (NPEF) and Nashville's Agenda Steering Committee recognized the [50 winners](#) of its annual Blue Ribbon Teacher Awards in a reception on October 27, 2022. Since 2014, the awards have recognized more than 350 of Nashville's top public school educators. Along with Blue Ribbon designation, each teacher received a cash prize of \$1,000, a trophy, and a round-trip airline ticket courtesy of Southwest Airlines.



“Congratulations to this year’s Blue Ribbon Teachers on this amazing honor recognizing a job extremely well done,” said **Director of Schools Dr. Adrienne Battle**. “These teachers come to work every day focused on meeting students where they are, helping them succeed, and being leaders in their classrooms and schools. We’re grateful to the Nashville Public Education Foundation for continuing to celebrate great teaching with such generosity every year.”

Winners are determined following a rigorous selection process that includes a review of evidence of outstanding teaching practices by a community panel and an endorsement from the educators’ principals.

“We have amazing teachers in our district who work tirelessly every day for our students, and we hope all of Nashville joins us in congratulating these exceptional teachers,” said **Katie Cour, President and CEO of the Nashville Public Education Foundation**. “We are proud to partner with Nashville’s Agenda and Metro Schools to showcase these wonderful teachers.”

Furthering its commitment to support teachers, the Nashville Public Education Foundation recently opened applications to its second annual [Teacherpreneur program](#) in partnership with Amazon. The program is designed to harness educator innovation in MNPS to create scalable solutions that remove inequities in schools. The top teacher-led concepts will receive more than \$25,000 to operationalize and scale their solutions. Additionally, NPEF is collaborating with MNPS to deliver the Teacher Leadership Institute, a year-long cohort experience for teachers, as well as the College Access Champions, a program designed to equip classroom teachers with resources for supporting students' college access and success.

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Supporting Metro Nashville Public Schools for 20 Years

For two decades, the Nashville Public Education Foundation (NPEF) has consistently prioritized the needs of students and schools in a rapidly evolving city. With an unwavering focus on helping to shape a future where every student thrives, NPEF has proven that bold change is best achieved with an informed and united community of educators and business and civic leaders.

Since its founding in 2002, NPEF has fostered data-driven solutions that have led to tangible results in professional learning for teachers, school funding, teacher pay, principal quality, and more. To learn about the milestones of NPEF's support of Metro Nashville Public Schools and its students, visit nashvillepef.org/history.

About the Nashville Public Education Foundation

The Nashville Public Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization that works to remove the barriers to educational experiences by highlighting success, serving as a strategic thought partner to Metro Nashville Public Schools, convening stakeholders, and advocating for change so all students can thrive in school. Since its founding in 2002, NPEF has fostered data-driven solutions that have led to tangible results in professional learning for teachers, teacher pay, principal quality, college access and success, and more. To learn about NPEF's support of Metro Nashville Public Schools and its students, visit nashvillepef.org.

About Metro Nashville Public Schools

Metro Nashville Public Schools is one of the nation's top 50 largest school districts, preparing more than 80,000 students for higher education, work and life. With the goal of being the premier large urban school district in Tennessee and beyond, MNPS wants to ensure Every Student is Known by meeting focused outcomes that will help each child achieve growth from an academic and social-emotional perspective. The governing body for Metro Schools is the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education, a nine-member elected body. For more information, visit MNPS.org, or follow us on Twitter [@MetroSchools](https://twitter.com/MetroSchools) or Facebook.com/MetroSchools.

About Nashville's Agenda

Founded in 1993 as a creation from Leadership Nashville, the Nashville's Agenda Steering Committee was created to keep ongoing civic attention around the forward vision of the city. It remains a powerful civic force still today, counting among its members top CEOs, heads of the city's major philanthropic organizations, key elected leaders, faith leaders, community leaders, and more.

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