

News Release

CTCU, Tyler ISD announce 2019 Educators of the Year



Kristin Kervin
Dixie Elementary School
District Elementary Teacher of the Year

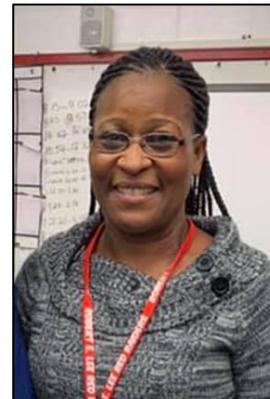
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Steven Barb
Hogg Middle School
District Secondary Teacher of the Year



Claude Lane
Moore MST Magnet School
District Principal of the Year



Deanna Hinton
Robert E. Lee High School
District Rookie of the Year

Tyler – Cooperative Teachers Credit Union (CTCU) and Tyler ISD announced the 2019 Teachers of the Year, along with Principal of the Year and Rookie of the Year, at the annual Educators of the Year Banquet this evening at Crosswalk Conference Center. CTCU was the lead sponsor for the event.

The District honored 28 campus teachers of the year before naming Kristin Kervin, kindergarten teacher at Dixie Elementary School, as District Elementary Teacher of the Year and Steven Barb, 6th-8th grade special education teacher at Hogg Middle School, as District Secondary Teacher of the Year. The District winners will compete at the regional level this summer.

Kristin Kervin is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce, where she also earned a Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction. She has taught in Tyler ISD for five years in both kindergarten and 2nd grade and is the current Kindergarten Team Leader at Dixie.

“I believe in giving every student, whether they learn in normal or abstract ways, equal opportunities to be successful in society,” Kervin said. “One smile, one word of encouragement, one chance, might make the difference to change that child’s life and change the world.”

Steven Barb is a graduate of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania and has taught in special education for 10 years, however this is his first year in Tyler ISD.

“I did not get to this stage of teaching by myself,” Barb said. “I had many people help me along the way. Now, it is my turn to give back to the ones who are in need; the ones who have challenges each and every day. The ones whose story may be dark in the beginning, a struggle in the middle, but bring tears of joy at the end!”

Twenty-eight teachers were selected as Campus Teachers of the Year. Criteria for selection of both Campus and District Teachers of the Year included, among other items: playing an active and purposeful role in their community and commitment to the teaching profession through continuous improvement and lessons that creatively engage and inspire students to achieve high academic standards.

Claude Lane, principal at Moore MST Magnet School, was named Principal of the Year. Mr. Lane has been a principal at Moore since 1991. Under his leadership, Moore received all seven Academic Distinctions in the 2018 Texas Education Agency accountability system, making it among the highest academically performing middle schools in the state.

The District also presented the Rookie of the Year award to recognize a teacher who demonstrates outstanding performance and superior instruction skills during their first year of teaching. The 2019 Rookie of the Year award was awarded to Deanna Hinton from Robert E. Lee High School.

“I’ve said this many times, but Tyler ISD has the best teachers and educators in East Texas and I am so proud of their dedication to making sure our students succeed both in and out of the classroom,” Superintendent Dr. Marty Crawford said. “It is always fun to honor the best of the best in a profession and we are certainly doing so tonight.”

More than 500 guests attended the banquet, including Tyler ISD staff, administrators, teachers, sponsors, and community members.

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