



SBEF honors Teachers and Principals of the Year at Bright Stars event



Spring Branch Education Foundation (SBEF) honored Teachers and Principals of the Year for the 2018-19 school year at its annual *Bright Stars of SBISD, Celebrating Academic Excellence*, on Wednesday, May 15, at The Westin Houston, Memorial City.

“Our teachers and principals are indeed SBISD’s Bright Stars,” said Cece Thompson, SBEF executive director. “It’s a privilege to honor those who have been recognized by their colleagues.”

Principals of the Year are nominated by their peers and demonstrate a concern for all students and staff. They work cooperatively with staff, administrators and diverse community groups. Teachers of the Year are selected for similar characteristics, including creativity in their teaching careers.

“The community was very generous in making our teachers and principals feel special,” Thompson said. “VIP Services / Sterling McCall / Group 1 Automotive presented its Going the Extra Mile Award, keys to a new Cadillac to drive for the summer, to the top district Teachers of the Year. Congratulations to Elementary Teacher of the Year Michelle Clements and Secondary Teacher of the Year Lizzy Snelling.

“The Majewski family provided a Dell computer for the teacher who won the evening’s heads-and-tails game. Kendra Scott gifted every Teacher and Principal of the Year with a piece of jewelry.”

Community members and organizations who made the evening special for teachers and principals by donating to gift bags and raffles include CBRE Capital Markets, Initials Gifts and Monogramming, Kendra Scott, Marissa and Duncan Klussmann, Jeff and Michelle Majewski, Phillips 66, SBEF, The Upper Hand - Rachel Gower, VIP Services / Sterling McCall / Group 1 Automotive, Westchester Academy art students and Westin Memorial City.

2019 Spring Branch ISD Teachers of the Year

Early Childhood and Elementary Schools

Bear Blvd., Emily Swope

Bendwood, Colleen Mitchell

Buffalo Creek, Bandy Monroe

Bunker Hill, Melissa Farber

Cedar Brook, Joanne Lopez-Caraballo

Edgewood, Gladys Baez

Frostwood, Elizabeth Eggleston

Holibrook, Gabriela Rios

Housman, Michelle Pratt Clements

Hunters Creek, Linda Beinhauer

Lion Lane, Erica Bristor

Meadow Wood, Ami Rapp

Memorial Drive, Amanda Gerber

Nottingham, Lindsay Ripley

Panda Path, Bailey Richey

Pine Shadows, Pablo Ocanas

Ridgecrest, Candy Carl

Rummel Creek, Taylor Suszko

Shadow Oaks, Luis Garcia Rico

Sherwood, Jermaine Hudson

Spring Branch, Robert Arnold

Spring Shadows, Vivian Urrutia
Terrace, Eric Murillo
Thornwood, Arlene Buckingham
Tiger Trail, Mandy Gordillo Guillen
Treasure Forest, Madeline Escribano Rossy
Valley Oaks, Jessica O'Neill
Westwood, Alejandra Farias
Wilchester, Sharon Crump
Wildcat Way, Jessica Singletary
Woodview, Isabel Arras-Osborne

Secondary Schools

Academy of Choice, Shelbie Darilek
Cornerstone Academy, Linda Bosworth
District Alternative Education Program, Twinkleisia Francis
Guthrie Center, Juliette Pye
Landrum Middle, Amanda Campos
Memorial High, Rachel Briscoe
Memorial Middle, Shelby Shelton
Northbrook High, Wayne De Almeida
Northbrook Middle, Elizabeth Snelling
Spring Branch Academic Institute, Kelly Treleaven
Spring Branch Middle, Panayota Pace
Spring Forest Middle, Ryan Harvey
Spring Oaks Middle, Breyanna Dennis
Spring Woods High, Wilbert Banks
Spring Woods Middle, Annie King
Stratford High, Kelli Bolen
Westchester Academy for International Studies, Maria Monreal

2019 Principals of the Year

Nottingham Elementary, Roy Moore
Northbrook High, Randolph Adami

The 2019 Bright Stars committee includes community volunteers Marissa Klussmann, Michelle Majewski, Warren Matthews, Laura Minyard and Suzanne Stiles, along with staff members Peggy Andrews, Brooke Kato, Cece Thompson and Katy Thorn.

Photo: (left to right) Sara Williams, Sterling McCall; Michelle Clements, Housman Elementary School Teacher of the Year; Elizabeth Snelling, Northbrook Middle School Teacher of the Year; and Brian Smith, Sterling McCall

About Spring Branch Education Foundation:

Spring Branch Education Foundation is committed to supporting SBISD students and educators. It partners with the district and community to fund programs that enhance education and students for the future. In 2016, Caruthers Institute ranked SBEF 42nd in the nation among 188 K-12 education foundations and in the top 10 of its division of foundations with \$1 million to \$1,999,999 in revenues. Since 1993, the Foundation has donated more than \$13 million to the district. SBEF is a 501(c)3 organization; all donations are tax deductible.