

# Former Missouri Teachers of the Year

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## 1957

Mary Field Schwarz  
Bristol Elementary School  
Kansas City School District  
Elementary  
National Teacher of the Year

## 1964

Alene Sadler  
Central High School  
Cape Girardeau  
English, Mathematics

## 1970

Carl E. Burkel  
Jefferson City High School  
Vocal Music

## 1972-73

Dale Teachout  
Dexter High School  
Social Studies, Journalism

## 1973-74

Louis Banker  
Fort Osage High School  
Independence  
Speech and Debate

## 1974-75

William Higdon  
Hickman High School  
Columbia Public Schools  
Social Studies

## 1975-76

Barbara Underwood  
Parkway West High School  
Chesterfield  
Mathematics

## 1976-77

Donald B. Heaton  
Jasper High School  
Vocational Agriculture

## 1977-78

Marion Brooks  
Kirkwood High School  
Social Studies

## 1978-79

Homer L. Hall  
Kirkwood High School  
Journalism, Sociology

## 1979-80

Erlly J. Bimes  
Hazelwood East High School  
St. Louis  
English  
National Teacher of the Year

## 1980-81

Karen W. Cooper  
Cooter Elementary School  
Special Education, 1-6

## 1981-82

Barbara J. Giardina  
Hazelwood East High School  
St. Louis  
Accounting

## 1982-83

Charles W. "Bill" McLaughlin  
Central High School  
St. Joseph  
Chemistry, Science  
Investigations

## 1983-84

Jeanne B. Crews  
Bernard Elementary School  
Mehlville School District  
St. Louis  
Third Grade

## 1984-85

Marilyn K. Dedrickson  
Eugene Field Elementary School  
St. Joseph  
Third Grade

## 1985-86

Dennis Preis  
Computer Science

## 1986-87

Kathy J. John  
Blue Springs Junior High School  
English

## 1987-88

Robin Dale Montz  
Neosho High School  
Social Studies

## 1988-89

Judy Whitener  
North St. Francois High School  
Desloge  
Vocational Home Economics

## 1989-90

Molly Hankins  
Palmer Junior High School  
Independence School District  
Social Studies

## 1990-91

Sharon Strating  
John Glenn Elementary School  
Savannah R-III School District  
Fifth Grade

## 1991-92

Earnestine Blakley  
Bessie Ellison Elementary  
School  
St. Joseph  
Third Grade

**1992-93**

Cynthia Kalkwarf  
 Holman Middle School  
 Pattonville School District  
 St. Ann Sixth Grade Science

**1993-94**

Claudette M. Scott  
 Ingels Elementary School  
 Hickman Mills C-1 District  
 Kansas City  
 First Grade

**1994-95**

Marcia J. Northrup  
 Pleasant Lea Junior High School  
 Lee's Summit  
 Family and Consumer Science, 7  
 and 8

**1995-96**

Beth Reynolds  
 Wehling Nipher Middle School  
 Kirkwood  
 Seventh Grade Social Studies

**1996-97**

Cindy K. Thresher  
 Lucy Wortham James  
 Elementary School  
 St. James  
 Fourth Grade

**1997-98**

Carol S. Reimann  
 Clippard Elementary School  
 Cape Girardeau  
 First Grade

**1998-99**

Laurie L. Sybert  
 Mills Elementary School  
 School of the Osage School  
 District  
 Lake Ozark  
 Second Grade

**1999-2000**

Nancy Petersen  
 Poplar Bluff High School  
 Biology, 9-12

**2000-01**

Valerie Maxwell  
 Pattonville School District  
 St. Ann  
 Seventh Grade Mathematics

**2001-02**

Jill Bergee  
 Shepard Elementary School  
 Columbia Public Schools  
 Second Grade

**2002-03**

Audrey Ferguson  
 Laclede Elementary School  
 St. Louis Public Schools  
 Mathematics 1-5

**2003-04**

Tara Sparks  
 Robert H. Sperreng Middle  
 School  
 Lindbergh School District  
 St. Louis  
 Eighth Grade English/Language  
 Arts

**2004-05**

Linda Eisinger  
 West Elementary School  
 Jefferson City Third Grade

**2005-06**

Girard "Jerry" Thornton Jr.  
 Warren Elementary School  
 Francis Howell School District,  
 St. Peters  
 Physical Education, K-5

**2006-07**

Darryl Johnson  
 Smithville High School  
 Communication Arts  
 Grades 10-12

**2007-08**

Eric Langhorst  
 South Valley Junior High School  
 Liberty School District  
 Social Studies, Grade 8

**2008-09**

Margaret L. Williams  
 University City High School  
 Social Studies

**2009-10**

Susanne Mitko  
 Bernard Campbell Middle  
 School  
 Lee's Summit School District  
 Social Studies

**2010-11**

Robert Becker  
 Kirkwood High School  
 Chemistry

**2011-12**

Kristen Merrell  
 Lee's Summit Elementary  
 Third Grade

**2012-13**

Cathy Cartier  
 Affton High School  
 English

**2013-14**

Jamie Manker  
 Rockwood Summit High School  
 Fenton  
 History

**2014 -15**

Chris Holmes  
 Hazelwood West High School  
 Journalism