

Dear Educators:

According to research, of all school-based factors affecting student learning, the single most important predictor of student success is the effectiveness of the teacher in the classroom. Teaching is both an art and science and one of the most difficult, yet most rewarding and important, careers. As Henry B. Adams so eloquently stated, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

For the past 45 years, the Missouri Teacher of the Year Program has focused public attention on excellence in teaching. Administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in partnership with Boeing and the Monsanto Fund, the program annually honors one highly effective teacher who energizes the profession, positively advocates for education and educators, and represents the positive contributions of all teachers statewide. The Missouri Teacher of the Year automatically becomes the state's candidate for the National Teacher of the Year Program.

I am proud to recognize and thank all of the District Teachers of the Year for their service to Missouri's students. Great teaching that results in significant learning for students doesn't happen by accident. Teacher quality and effectiveness has a lasting impact the lives of our students, the success of our state and the future of our country.

Sincerely,



Paul Katnik
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Educator Quality

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-Henry B. Adams



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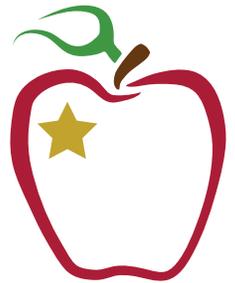
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Missouri Teacher of the Year Clinic



Date:
June 1, 2015

Time:
9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Location:
Double Tree
422 Monroe Street
Jefferson City, MO

REGISTER NOW

The Missouri Teacher of the Year Program is part of the National Teacher of the Year Program, sponsored by the ING Foundation and Target and is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) in partnership with the University of Phoenix Foundation and People to People Ambassador Programs. The mission of the Teacher of the Year program is to honor, promote and celebrate excellence in the teaching profession.

Teacher effectiveness is the single most important school-based factor impacting student learning. No one person has a greater impact on the education of a child than does the teacher who creates the learning environment where children flourish and grow. The Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and showcases the contributions of the classroom teacher.



Presenter:
Chris Holmes
2015 Missouri Teacher of the Year

Chris Holmes teaches Journalism at Hazelwood West High School in Hazelwood.



Presenter:
Jamie Manker
2014 Missouri Teacher of the Year

Jamie Manker teaches Social Studies at Rockwood Summit High School in Fenton.



The purpose of the Teacher of the Year Clinic is to offer District Teachers of the Year an overview of the state Teacher of the Year Program and the application and selection process, as well as help participants prepare for the application process.

Who should attend:

District Teachers of the Year, charter schools' Teachers of the Year, school public relations staff and other interested school district personnel

Date and time:

June 1, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location:

Double Tree
422 Monroe Street, Jefferson City, MO

Cost:

\$45 per participant

Registration:

mylearningplan.com



Missouri Teacher of the Year Criteria

1. **The Missouri Teacher of the Year is a highly effective teacher who:**
 - understands the concepts, structures and tools of inquiry of the discipline(s) he/she teaches.
 - understands how students learn, develop and differ in their approaches to learning.
 - provides learning opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners.
 - supports the intellectual, social and personal development of all students.
 - recognizes the importance of long-range planning and curriculum development.
 - develops, implements and evaluates curriculum based upon standards and student needs.
 - uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills.
 - creates a learning environment that encourages active engagement, social interaction and motivation.
 - models effective verbal, nonverbal and media communication techniques with students and parents.
 - understands and uses formative and summative assessment strategies to assess each learner's progress, plan instruction, monitor performance and devise instruction to enable students to grow and develop.
2. **The Missouri Teacher of the Year is a teacher leader who:**
 - is a reflective practitioner that continually assesses the effects of choices and actions on others.
 - actively seeks opportunities to grow professionally in order to improve learning for all students.
 - engages in a variety of leadership roles.
 - has excellent communication skills.
3. **The Missouri Teacher of the Year is a collaborative partner who:**
 - has effective working relationships with students, parents, school colleagues and community members.
 - articulates state and national educational issues.