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**William T. Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education Finalists Announced**  
**Event to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Kravis Center**

**WEST PALM BEACH (April 9, 2019)** --- The Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. is pleased to announce the thirty-one finalists for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual William T. Dwyer Awards for Excellence in Education. The award recipients will be announced and honored along with all finalists, nominees and past recipients at the Dwyer Awards ceremony, presented by The Hanley Foundation, on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in Dreyfoos Hall at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.economiccouncilpbc.org/dwyerawards/>

The Dwyer Awards, an annual program developed and supported by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County Foundation, honors outstanding educators from public and private schools in Palm Beach County, increases awareness of the exemplary teaching in our community, supports educators with financial awards and encourages all residents to promote high standards for excellence in education. The Economic Council of Palm Beach County is comprised of business leaders who are committed to educational excellence as a key tenet for creating an environment for business to prosper.

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## **2019 Dwyer Award Finalists**

### **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

Barbara	Boehringer	Elementary School	Palm Beach Gardens Elementary
Kathy	Zangen	Elementary School	Binks Forest Elementary
Marcia	Arena	Elementary School	Banyan Creek Elementary
Ramona	Smith	Elementary School	Jerry Thomas Elementary
Tara	Beam	Elementary School	Northboro Elementary

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Paul	Destito	Middle School	Jupiter Middle School
Christina	Donnelly	Middle School	Bak Middle School of the Arts
Annette	Johnson	Middle School	Palm Beach Day Academy
Julio	Vega	Middle School	Watson B. Duncan Middle School
Susan	Kinderman	Middle School	Loggers Run Middle School

### **SENIOR HIGH**

David	Traill	Senior Highschool	Suncoast Community High School
Dorothy	Schroader	Senior Highschool	Santaluces High School
Carly	Gates	Senior Highschool	Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. School of the Arts
Daniella	Boyd	Senior Highschool	Royal Palm Beach High School
Toshimi	Abe-Janiga	Senior Highschool	Riviera Beach Preparatory & Achievement Academy

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Jaimee	Stamile	Special Program	Bak Middle School of the Arts
Kelly	Azor	Special Program	Okeeheelee Middle School
Nikki	Magnetico	Special Program	The Weiss School
Oscar	Gamez	Special Program	Indian Ridge School
Sarah	Call	Special Program	Boca Raton Community High School
Toni	Pilla	Special Program	Royal Palm Beach High School

**STEM**

Heather	Grove	STEM Program	Osceola Creek Middle School
Joshua	Peters	STEM Program	Hidden Oaks K- 8 School
Kevin	Simmons	STEM Program	The Weiss School
Margarette	Marturano	STEM Program	Seminole Ridge High School
Tracy	Sheppard	STEM Program	Elbridge Gale Elementary

**CAREER EDUCATION**

Karen	Epstein	Career Education	Wellington Landings Middle School
Laura	Harper	Career Education	Okeeheelee Middle School
Cheryl	Marshall Shimmel	Career Education	Olympic Heights Community High School
Stacey	Critchlow	Career Education	Seminole Ridge High School
Todd	Harvey	Career Education	Indian Ridge School