

Ashley Gerald named Hazelwood Teacher of the Year

Ashley Gerald, first grade teacher at Lusher Elementary School – seen here with her class and Superintendent Nettie Collins-Hart – was named the 2018-2019 Hazelwood Teacher of the Year. She is a Hazelwood Central High School graduate and has taught at Lusher Elementary for the past four years; she began teaching in the Hazelwood School District in Spring 2007 and taught previously at both Grannemann and Keeven

elementary schools. Katie Hernandez of Jana Elementary School and Stephari Durant of Hazelwood West High School tied for first runner-up.

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The Teacher of the Year recipients at the other schools are Elizabeth Johnson, Amy Williams, Paris Bouchard, Jean Goldstein, Monica Warren,

Stacey Anderson, Toni Grimes, Jernae Craig, William Kuhnert, Kelsey Bodie, Allison Cooke, Angela Turner, Jaimie Wilmes, Teresa Fiudo, Rachel Johnson, Molly Vatterott, Chelsea Christman, Sharene Brown, Renee Jenner, Cindy Miller, Anna Zakrzewski, Lauren Chadbourne, Joyce Pipes, Matthew Loyet, Mark Hicks, Dorothy Burford, Patrick Rocco and Cassandra Thomas.



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Hazelwood School District Teachers of the Year announced



Photo courtesy Normandy Schools Collaborative

Evie Troupe (right), library media specialist at Washington Elementary, is the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for the Normandy Schools Collaborative. Troupe is pictured here with Normandy Superintendent Dr. Charles Pearson.

The Hazelwood School District 2018-2019 Teachers of the Year have been chosen.

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Gerald was surprised with the news in her classroom Dec. 17 by Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart and Assistant Superintendent Juan Cordova.

"I am honored to receive this award. We have an amazing group of educators in our district, so to be recognized by my peers for my growth and work is amazing," Gerald said. "I do not take it lightly and I am so thankful to those that have contributed to my success throughout the years."

She is a Hazelwood Central High School graduate, and has taught at Lusher Elementary for the past four years; she began teaching in the Hazelwood School District in spring 2007 and taught previously at both Grannemann and Keeven Elementary.

"Ms. Gerald plays the role of both teacher and leader for Lusher Elementary, and truly cares about supporting each student's individual needs," Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart said. "She is a wonderful representative for our district and shows what it means to create a culture of high expectations."

"I want to congratulate each of our Teacher of the Year winners, and thank them for their tireless efforts in the classroom and helping to make the Hazelwood School District a great place to learn."

The Teacher of the Year recipients at each school are:

- Armstrong Elementary - Lizabeth Johnson
- Arrowpoint Elementary - Amy Williams
- Barrington Elementary - Paris Bouchard
- Brown Elementary - Jean Goldstein
- Cold Water Elementary - Monica Warren
- Early Childhood - Stacey Anderson
- Garrett Elementary - Toni Grimes
- Grannemann Elementary - Jernae Craig
- Jamestown Elementary - William Kuhnert
- Jana Elementary - Katie Hernandez
- Jury Elementary - Kelsey Bodie
- Keeven Elementary - Allison Cooke
- Larimore Elementary - Angela Turner
- Lawson Elementary - Jaimie Wilmes
- Lusher Elementary - Ashley Gerald
- McCurdy Elementary - Teresa Fiudo
- McNair Elementary - Rachel Johnson
- Russell Elementary - Molly Vatterott
- Townsend Elementary - Chelsea Christman
- Twillman Elementary - Sharene Brown
- Walker Elementary - Renee Jenner
- Central Middle - Cindy Miller
- East Middle - Anna Zakrzewski
- North Middle - Lauren Chadbourne
- Northwest Middle - Joyce Pipes
- Southeast Middle - Matthew Loyet
- West Middle - Mark Hicks
- Opportunity Center - Dorothy Burford
- Central High - Patrick Rocco
- East High - Cassandra Thomas
- West High - Stephani Durant

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Local foundation donates toys to Hazelwood students



Rickey Whittington of the R. Whittington Foundation donated several dozen toys to the Hazelwood Central Early Childhood Education Center on Dec. 19. This is the third year Whittington has donated to Hazelwood students; his goal was to provide an extra gift or two to almost 8,000 local children this holiday season.

Pictured (from left) are Rickey Whittington, HSD Early Childhood Social Worker Kristin Bryant and HSD Director of Federal Programs Lynette Jackson.

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Hazelwood students get firsthand look at crime scene investigation



On Nov. 30, officers from the St. Louis County Police Department Crime Lab visited Hazelwood East Middle School to talk with students

in Chandria Howard's class about crime scene investigations. This was the culminating activity for the students' forensic unit.

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