

Jazell Thomas named 2019-20 St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association Advocate of the Year



Jazell Thomas was named the 2019-2020 St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association Advocate of the Year. As Social Work lead for the Hazelwood School District, she is responsible for overseeing the district's 94 school counselors, social workers, and home school communicators. She has been instrumental in improving the scope of social work in the district by establishing training opportunities for staff, serving on committees and leading professional development. A Hazelwood East High School graduate, she started as an elementary counselor at Grannemann Elementary School.



Joel Crenshaw, sixth grade reading and English language arts teacher at Hazelwood Northwest Middle School, has been named the 2019-2020 Hazelwood School District Teacher of the Year.

Hazelwood School District 2019-2020 Teachers of the Year are Announced

The Hazelwood School District names a Teacher of the Year at each school, after which an overall District Teacher of the Year and two runners-up are selected. They were announced in late January. Joel Crenshaw, sixth grade reading and English language arts teacher at Hazelwood Northwest Middle School, has been named the 2019-2020 Hazelwood School District Teacher of the Year.

Tiffany Fane, instructional coach at Hazelwood East Middle School, was named first runner-up; Ashley Smith, P.E. and driver's education teacher at Hazelwood Central High School, was named second runner-up. Crenshaw was surprised with the news in his classroom Jan. 23 by Supt. Nettie Collins-Hart.

"I am both honored and humbled by my selection as Teacher of the Year," Crenshaw said. "My students and I share a mutual desire to be successful in the classroom, and that respect for one another is what builds a climate of hope, culture of achievement, and an environment where students thrive."

Crenshaw is now in his fifth year teaching in the Hazelwood School District, all of them spent at Northwest Middle School. When he is not teaching, he enjoys farming and officiating college basketball for three different conferences. "Mr. Crenshaw has a true gift of building relationships with students and serving as a role model in their lives," Superintendent Collins-Hart said. "I believe any educator could learn from his ability to connect with students and inspire them to bring positivity to the classroom and experience success."

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he is not teaching, he enjoys farming and officiating college basketball for three different conferences. "I want to commend all of our Teachers of the Year on their achievement, and thank them for their commitment to teaching and inspiring young minds every single day in the Hazelwood School District."

Teacher of the Year Recipients at each Hazelwood school are:

Armstrong Elementary – Jessica Coleman
Arrowpoint Elementary – Marianne Maddox
Barrington Elementary – Ashley McTear
Brown Elementary – Tasha Moss
Cold Water Elementary – Stephanie Knight
Early Childhood – Lakesa Armstead
Garrett Elementary – Kara Moehn
Grannemann Elementary – Keyonna Foote
Jamestown Elementary – Janet Kromraj
Jana Elementary – Jennifer Moldafsky
Jury Elementary – Cassandra Payton
Keeven Elementary – Tara Caul
Larimore Elementary – Marissa LaPlant
Lawson Elementary – Savanna Green
Lusher Elementary – Shelby Bartoszkiewicz
McCurdy Elementary – Kathryn Hellwig
McNair Elementary – Michelle Chitwood
Russell Elementary – Georgene Collier
Townsend Elementary – Mary Beth Faust
Twillman Elementary – Amanda Lukis
Walker Elementary – Debra Haalboom
Central Middle – Cathy Secours
East Middle – Tiffany Fane
North Middle – Michael Toigo
Northwest Middle – Joel Crenshaw
Southeast Middle – Sherina Johnson
West Middle – Jodi Roberts
Opportunity Center – Sherman Johnson
Central High – Ashley Smith
East High – Amanda Dinwiddie
West High – Lois Cassimatis

HSD Counselor & Social Work Lead Named SLSSCA Advocate of the Year

Hazelwood School District Counselor and Social Work Lead Jazell Thomas has been named the 2019-2020 St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association Advocate of the Year.

Thomas, a Hazelwood East High School graduate, has worked in the Hazelwood School District since 1998 when she began as an elementary counselor at Grannemann Elementary School.

As social work lead, Thomas is responsible for overseeing the district's 94 school counselors, social workers, and home school communicators. She has been instrumental in improving the scope of social work in the Hazelwood School District by establishing training opportunities for district staff, serving on various committees, leading professional development, and involvement in initiatives.

Thomas will be formally honored at the SLSSCA Awards Ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 6.



(Left to right): Hazelwood District Supt. Nettie Collins-Hart, **Jazell Thomas**, HSD Assistant Supt. Matt Phillips.

HSD Principal to be Featured Guest of Missouri History Museum

Hazelwood East High School Principal Chauncey Granger will be the featured guest at an upcoming Missouri History Museum event. Granger will be the focus of 'Inspiration by Example,' a program celebrating the lives of St. Louis-area African American trailblazers.

The program will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Lee Auditorium at the museum, 5700 Lindell Blvd. in St. Louis. Granger has more than 20 years of experience in education in various roles including truancy officer, special education teacher, adjunct professor at Lindenwood University, and assistant principal.

Prior to his role as East High School principal, Granger was the principal at Hazelwood Southeast Middle School for six years and assistant principal at Hazelwood East Middle School for one year.



10 North County High Schools Compete in Teen Talent Event

Fox performing Arts, Charitable Foundation has announced the preliminary round of the 10th annual St. Louis Teen Talent competition Feb. 8 and 9 with 119 performers taking the stage.

There are a total of 13 students in 10 schools in North County competing: Hazelwood East, Hazelwood West, Incarnate Word, Lutheran North, Marquette Catholic, McClure, Ritnour, Riverview Gardens, Trinity Catholic and Homeschool – 2 students. A total of 60 schools and 7 home schoolers will compete, 45 in Missouri, 15 in Illinois.

The acts showcase a diverse array of talents including musicians, composers, singers, actors, dance and musical theatre performers, bands and specialty acts.

“Vying for a chance to perform on the Fox stage brings out a wide range of teen artists who have trained locally,” said Judy Cullen, FoxPACF executive director. Students will compete for more than \$45,000 in college scholarships, cash awards, prizes and performance opportunities