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Twenty Finalists Chosen for Western & Southern's Education Award

CINCINNATI — April 16, 2010 — Western & Southern Financial Group (Western & Southern) has announced 20 finalists for the 2010 Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award. The award, established in 2007, honors one educator each year who has elevated the educational process in Cincinnati Public Schools to an exceptional level through personal commitment, dedicated focus and outstanding results.

Finalists for the 2010 award were chosen from a group of 55 teachers and administrators nominated by their peers. They include:

Kathryn Marie Arinsmier
Shroder High School

Deborah A. Bradshaw
Early Childhood Education
Cincinnati Public Schools

Susan E. Bunte
Silverton Paideia Academy

Beverly A. Davis
Rockdale Academy

Stacey S. Hill-Simmons
Hoffman-Parham School

Daphne D. Horstmeier
Cheviot Elementary School

Ruthenia A. Jackson
Carson School

Barbara J. James
Riverview East Academy

Nancy L. Johnson
Turnaround Team
Cincinnati Public Schools

Joseph W. Kollner
Schiel Primary School for Arts Enrichment

Maria T. L. Lang
Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies

Yzvetta L. Macon
South Avondale School

Cynthia A. Miller-Wehrle
Westwood School

Shari L. Revels-Davis
Aiken College & Career High School

Jacquelyn S. Rowedder
Academy of World Languages

Anthony Smith
Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School

Rachel K. Tapp
Oyler School

Ngone M. Thiam
Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies

Mary T. Wertheimer
Clark Montessori High School

Kathy Wright
Hughes STEM High School

The recipient of the 2010 award will be announced May 4 at an evening reception and ceremony at The Guilford Institute downtown. The award winner will receive a personal check for \$10,000 from Western & Southern.

“Western & Southern recognizes that educators and administrators in the Cincinnati Public School system work hard and make a direct impact on our community through the children they guide and teach,” said John F. Barrett, chairman, president and chief executive officer for Western & Southern. “The Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award is a vehicle that we can use to recognize and reward these educators for their commitment in the classroom.”

Past recipients of the award include Angela Roddy, a consulting teacher for CPS in 2009, Kimya Moyo from Aiken College & Career High School in 2008 and Sharon Johnson from Withrow University High School in 2007.

The award’s namesake, Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins served as a member of the board of directors for Western & Southern and was a renowned educator in Cincinnati. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Cincinnati, as well as a doctorate in education. Dr. Hawkins worked as both an educator and administrator in Cincinnati Public Schools before joining the University of Cincinnati faculty where he founded the College of Community Affairs. He was promoted to vice president of continuing education and metropolitan affairs and then again to executive vice president of administration. Dr. Hawkins served on several local community and business boards and was named a Great Living Cincinnatian in 1989 by The Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

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Cincinnati Public Schools has 58 schools spread around a 90-square-mile district and is moving forward strongly on raising student achievement inside the classroom and rebuilding/renovating its school buildings into modern learning environments. Serving approximately 34,680 students in preschool through 12th grade, Cincinnati Public Schools is Ohio’s third-largest public school district and Hamilton County’s largest. Over recent years, the school district has demonstrated continuous improvement in overall district performance, reading and math scores, graduation rate, student attendance and high school academic performance. Cincinnati Public Schools has held the Continuous Improvement rating for four years in a row.