



DR. LAWRENCE C. HAWKINS
EDUCATOR of the YEAR
AWARD



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Western & Southern Financial Group® Announces 2008 Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Finalists

CINCINNATI — May 2, 2008 — Western & Southern Financial Group (Western & Southern) today announced the 2008 Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award finalists.

Western & Southern established the Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award in 2007 to inspire and reward excellence in Cincinnati Public School (CPS) educators. Finalists for the 2008 award were chosen from a group of 55 teachers and administrators who were nominated by their peers.

2008 finalists include:

Susan Aielli
Midway Elementary School

Susan Ankenbauer
Clark Montessori School

Lillian Crawford
North Avondale
Montessori School

Cherese Campbell-Clark
Pleasant Hill Academy

Amy Clark
Kilgour Elementary School

Angela Cook
Kilgour Elementary School

Annette DiGirolamo
Roselawn-Condon
Elementary School

Bradford Dillman
Dater High School

Marta Donahoe
Clark Montessori School

Kathleen Donohoue
Saylor Park
Elementary School

Allen Frecker
Hughes Center
High School

Alyona Greene
Academy of
World Languages

Laura Greene-White
Cincinnati Arts and
Technology Center

Billie Heap
Woodward Career
Technical High School

Stacy Huxell
Clark Montessori School

Barbara James
Riverview East Academy

Yejide S. Mack
Withrow University
High School

Kimya Moyo
Woodward Career
Technical High School

Alfred Rizzo
Western Hills
University High School

Barbara Scholtz
Clark Montessori School

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This distinguished award honors one educator a year who has elevated the educational process in our public schools to an exceptional level through personal commitments, dedicated focus and outstanding results. The 2008 award recipient will be announced at a luncheon ceremony at Western & Southern’s Guilford Institute downtown on May 12, and they will receive a personal check for \$10,000 from Western & Southern.

“We would like to thank each of these outstanding educators for the dedication and commitment that is fueled by their passion for excellence in education,” said John F. Barrett, chairman, president and chief executive officer for Western & Southern. “Through the nominations of their peers, each of the 2008 Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award nominees is honored for the contribution they have made and continue to make to the Cincinnati community.

Cincinnati Public Schools, a district with 62 schools serving a diverse population of more than 34,000 students in grades preschool to 12, prepares students for life through rigorous academic programs, numerous enrichment opportunities and strong community partnerships. The district has maintained the Continuous Improvement ranking, the third-highest available, from the Ohio Department of Education for the last three years. In addition, its graduation rate has increased from just over 60 percent to more than 80 percent since 2002. Three of its high schools – Walnut Hills High School, Withrow University High School and Clark Montessori High School – are all ranked among the top 1,000 public high schools in the United States according to national magazines. CPS is currently in year six of a \$1 billion Facilities Master Plan to renovate or build new school facilities for the entire school district.

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