



2022-23 Teachers of Distinction Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program

Champions for Learning is excited to announce the 2022-23 Teachers of Distinction for Collier County. For the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program, each school in Collier County Public Schools has the opportunity to nominate a teacher and best practice to highlight on behalf of their school. From this group of 60 Teachers of Distinction, representing 58 schools, Champions For Learning's community-based selection committee will identify the Golden Apple recipients.

Full name for print	School Name	Best Practice Title
Maribel Gonzales	Avalon Elementary	Cooperative Learning/ Visual & Gestural Cues
Anthony Rudnicki	Barron Collier High	1984: The Simulation
Clarissa Gayle	Big Cypress Elementary	Building a Positive Learning Community
Maria Baquerizo Altuve	BridgePrep Academy of Collier	Cultural Approach to Spanish Language Foundations
Daisy M. Duran	Calusa Park Elementary	Classroom Climate Impacts Learning
Victoria Lincoln	Collier Charter Academy	Social Studies Passions Demonstrates Proficiency
D'Nai Bullen	Corkscrew Elementary	Three-Act-Task
Jeffrey L. Faeder	Corkscrew Middle	Socratic Seminar for Middle Schoolers
Kelly Schlesinger	Cypress Palm Middle	Building Blocks of Engagement
Krista Maddox	East Naples Middle	Fostering a Love of Learning
Sandie Alviar	Eden Park Elementary	Leaving No Stone Unturned
Marissa Rockwell & Nikita Obidiegwu	Estates Elementary	Cultivating Confidence through Collaboration
Jason Mayberry	Everglades City School	L.E.A.D. - Learn, Encourage, Aspire, Dream
Gayelle Lahoud	Golden Gate Elementary	Motivation through Goals, Accountability, Tracking
Ryan McQuade	Golden Gate High	Cross-curricular Connections in Science
Ashley Crosby	Golden Gate Middle	Building a Resilient Mindset
Kaitlin Francisco	Golden Terrace Elementary	Collaborative Structures to Increase Engagement
Kelly J Gracey	Gulf Coast Charter Academy South	Hands on Engaging Activities
Shawn Kelly	Gulf Coast High	Embracing Failure in Teaching Entrepreneurship
Sylvie Certa	Gulfview Middle	Mining Young Minds
Amy Pike	Herbert Cambridge Elementary	Igniting a Love of Reading
Gwendolyn Rachel Patterson	Highlands Elementary	Learning with a Growth Mindset
Michael Gonzalez	Immokalee Community Academy	Teaching Math through Various Practices
Tim Rayburn	Immokalee High	Providing Real World Examples

Jose A. Sierra	Immokalee Middle	2 Brains are Better Than 1!
Chef Terrie Thompson	Immokalee Technical College	Authentic Training for Career Success
Chuck Bullock	Lake Park Elementary	Molding Mathematical Minds Through Mistakes
Lisa A. Guerra	Lake Trafford Elementary	Inspiring through Engagement and Encouragement
Rachel Elliott	Laurel Oak Elementary	Being "YOU"nique
Suzanne Alden	Lavern Gaynor Elementary	Flexible Seating: Learning Their Way
Mackenzie Nehring	Lely Elementary	Enhancing Eager Learners through Engagement
Jason Jones	Lely High	A Musical Sense of Belonging
Paul Holimon	Lorenzo Walker Technical College	Coaching Instructional Design
Nicholas Martinez	Lorenzo Walker Technical High	Rotations Aren't Just For Elementary
Milenes Reyes Walters	Manatee Elementary	Learn, Teach, Lead, Grow!
Marlon Alfaro	Manatee Middle	Building Relationships & High Expectations
Laura A. Yanich	Marco Island Charter Middle	Movement, Rhythm Make it Fun!
Kara Weigle	Mike Davis Elementary	Empowering Students to be Scholars
Corey Stewart	Naples High	Physics is Phun!
Shannon Foley	Naples Park Elementary	Work Hard Play Harder - Engagement Yields Champions!
Bridgette Toombs	New Beginnings Immokalee	Promoting Productive Citizens
Ashley Corina Giannone	North Naples Middle	Relatable Learning with Creative Technology
Eleanor Morse	Oakridge Middle	Creating Classroom Community through Collaboration
Anne Coots	Osceola Elementary	KEEP CALM - CLICK ON COOTS!
Yara Ferrer	Palmetto Elementary	Cooperative Learning Strategies for Engagement
Kathy Schroeder	Palmetto Ridge High	S.E.A. Our Florida
Romi Rameau	Parkside Elementary	Teaching Leadership through Collaboration
Christina Kingston	Pelican Marsh	Classkick: Enhancing Engagement, Promoting Risk!
Darah Perini	Pine Ridge Middle	Helping All to Be Equal!
Victoria Cannizzaro	Pinecrest Elementary	Cultivating Leadership from Within
Lani Mastrangelo	Poinciana Elementary	Music Engagement for Mastery
Aileen Volkers	Sabal Palm Elementary	Love Learning Through the 5-Cs
Kendra Verborn	Sea Gate Elementary	Brain-Based Teaching and Learning
Eric Baylor	Shadowlawn Elementary	Increasing Student Engagement through Gameplay
Sheli Lowrie & Emily Costello	Tommie Barfield Elementary	Cultivating Leaders through Departmentalization
Stephanie Scalise	Veterans Memorial Elementary	Ignite Your Light and Shine

Adriana E. Villanueva	Village Oaks Elementary	Making Math Magic!
Katherine Wagner	Vineyards Elementary	With Engagement, Collaboration Begins