

Two teachers surprised with new car from Planet Ford, trip to Hawaii from Thomas Markle Jewelers and United Airlines



Randall and Sherry Reed of Planet Ford presented Joanna Grigsby with the District Teacher of the Year Award. Grigsby will have the choice between a new Ford Fusion or Escape.



Randall Reed congratulated Secondary Teacher of the Year Samuel Pollard, who was surprised with a trip to Hawaii sponsored by Thomas Markle Jewelers and United Airlines.

It was an evening to remember for **Joanna Grigsby**, who was handed the keys to a new Ford car after being named both District and Elementary Teacher of the Year. The announcement took place on Friday, April 5, during the Humble ISD Education Foundation Gala, with Randall Reed of Planet Ford presenting the award.

Samuel Pollard, Humble ISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year, was also surprised with a trip to Hawaii, sponsored by Thomas Markle Jewelers and United Airlines. Both teachers are part of an inspirational group of ten educators who were chosen as Finalists after being named Campus Teacher of the Year. Humble ISD has 43 Campus Teachers of the Year who will be honored throughout the 2013-14 school year for their tremendous contribution to student achievement, their schools, and the future of education.

Joanna Grigsby currently teaches 5th grade at Elm Grove Elementary, and Samuel Pollard teaches history at Summer Creek High School.

Humble ISD participates in the Teacher of the Year program annually. Each school in the District selects a Campus Teacher of the Year, and a committee comprised of mainly TOY honorees from previous years reviews written materials and selects ten finalists to interview. Of these ten, an Elementary and a Secondary Teacher of the Year are honored at the District level. Grigsby and Pollard will both continue on to represent Humble ISD at the Region IV Teacher of the Year contest for the chance to compete at the State level. State winners nationwide are then invited to participate in the National Teacher of the Year program for the NTOY award – the highest honor bestowed upon educators in the U.S.

The 10 District Finalists for 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year are:

Elm Grove Elementary – Joanna Grigsby, Fifth Grade
Maplebrook Elementary - Jennifer Himpele, Fourth Grade
North Belt Elementary – Alicia Chavez, Math/Science ALT
Woodland Hills Elementary – Christina Bos, Fifth Grade
Atascocita Middle School – Gia Jones, Social Studies
Ross Sterling Middle School – James Polomsky, Jr., Reading/English Language Arts
Atascocita High School – Colin Catoe, Orchestra
Humble High School – Jinnie Rodriguez-Stanley, Special Education
Kingwood Park High School – Kristen Lynam, Biology
Summer Creek High School – Samuel Pollard, Social Studies

The Campus Teachers of the Year for 2013-14 are:

Atascocita Springs Elementary - Autumn Jackson
Bear Branch Elementary - Kristen Saunders
Deerwood Elementary - Harriett Oliver
Eagle Springs Elementary - Heather Beach
Elm Grove Elementary - Joanna Grigsby
Fall Creek Elementary - Terry Perkins
Foster Elementary - Jennifer Womack
Greentree Elementary - Kristin Johnson
Hidden Hollow Elementary - Amber Tisdell
Humble Elementary - Sandra Martinez
Jack Fields Elementary - Melinda Butler
Lakeland Elementary - Maria Pastora
Lakeshore Elementary - Tracey Dugger
Maplebrook Elementary - Jennifer Himpele
North Belt Elementary - Alicia Chavez
Oak Forest Elementary - Anntoinette Brown
Oaks Elementary - Janie Hodge
Park Lakes Elementary - Jayme Armstreet
Pine Forest Elementary - Tiffany Halvorsen
River Pines Elementary - Natalia Albacete
Shadow Forest Elementary - Jennifer Burgess
Summerwood Elementary - Retta Bleiberg

Timbers Elementary - Wendy Curtis
Whispering Pines Elementary - Crystal Medina
Willow Creek Elementary - Stephanie Clarke
Woodland Hills Elementary - Christina Bos
Atascocita Middle - Gia Jones
Creekwood Middle - Atifa Manzoor
Humble Middle - Danielle Draemer
Kingwood Middle - Gina Daigle
Riverwood Middle - Anne Sims
Ross Sterling Middle - James Polomsky, Jr.
Timberwood Middle - Kischma Channette
Woodcreek Middle - Brianne Gonzales
Atascocita High - Colin Catoe
Humble High - Jinnie Rodriguez - Stanley
Kingwood High - Keith Page
Kingwood Park High - Kristen Lynam
Summer Creek High - Samuel Pollard
Quest Early College High School - Holly Schoettlin
Cambridge School - Shari Newman
Career & Technology Ed. Center - Nanci Andrews
Disciplinary Alternative Ed. Program - Joe Callaghan