

# 2024 Excellence in Education *Celebration*

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Welcome to the 2024 Excellence in Education Celebration!

Tonight, we are honored to celebrate students for their academic achievement, leadership and resiliency; educators, administrators, faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond to help students achieve success; and community partners, business leaders and volunteers for their commitment to supporting and leading initiatives that help prepare students for college, career and life.

The Northern Kentucky Education Council is committed to uniting education, business and community partners in Northern Kentucky to advance student success and wellbeing. Join us in building even greater capacity so that our region continues to be a place where students can dream big and fulfill their aspirations! Together we can ensure every student reaches their full potential.

Thank you for celebrating with us!

**Randy J. Poe, Ed.D.**

Executive Director  
Northern Kentucky Education Council

**Mike Borchers**

Chair, Northern Kentucky  
Education Council

Superintendent, Ludlow  
Independent School District





**WELCOME**

Dr. Randy Poe, NKYEC

Mike Borchers, NKYEC/Ludlow Independent School District

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Dr. Ginni Fair, Northern Kentucky University

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Career and Technical All-Stars

Student Leadership

Against All Odds

St. Elizabeth Scholarships

Extraordinary Service

One to One Distinguished Service

Golden Apple

A.D. Albright Outstanding Teachers of the Year

A.D. Albright Administrator of the Year

Robert J. Storer Visionary Leadership

Business Engagement of the Year

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## 2024 MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Ginni Fair joined Northern Kentucky University (NKU) as the Dean of the College of Education in July 2020. Prior to coming to NKU, she served as professor and chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) where she was instrumental in developing and implementing the strategic plan for EKU's College of Education. Throughout her career, Dr. Fair has successfully contributed to the Educational Professional Standards Board, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Council for Postsecondary Education, and Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

An active leader in Kentucky, Dr. Fair served as a university representative in the Kentucky Leadership Network for Southeast/Southcentral Cooperative. She also assisted with the development of the newly adopted English/Language Arts standards for Kentucky students. Dr. Fair served on the Kentucky Reading Association Board and currently serves as a member of the Board for the Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. She has also served the profession more broadly as a reviewer for multiple organizations, including the International Reading Association, Association for Middle Level Education, and the Learning Communities Journal. Dr. Fair earned her Ed.D. in Instruction and Administration from the University of Kentucky.



### **Ginni Fair, Ed.D.**

Dean and Professor  
College of Education  
Northern Kentucky University



### CAREER AND TECHNICAL ALL STARS

The Career and Technical Academic All-Star Award recognizes Northern Kentucky high school seniors who excel in their career or technical field/pathway.



**Weslee Alsip**

Walton-Verona High School



**Emily Ashcraft**

Newport High School



**Charlie Brockman**

Campbell County High School/Campbell County Area Technology Center



**Grace Reynolds**

Highlands High School/Campbell County Area  
Technology Center



**Liza Simpson**

Grant County High School



### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Student Leadership Award honors Northern Kentucky high school seniors who are visionary, goal oriented, and serve as role models for their peers.



**Reese Barlow**  
Pendleton County High School



**Owen Borden**  
Highlands High School



**Jaylin Payne**  
Owen County High School





**Angie Thomas**  
Dayton High School



**Diego Torres**  
Dixie Heights High School



**AGAINST ALL ODDS**

The Against All Odds Award recognizes high school seniors who have overcome incredible obstacles, yet never stopped striving for success.



**Michael Bowman**  
Holmes High School



**Jessele Hernandez**  
Newport High School



**Lacyann Howard**  
Newport High School



**Mohammad Khalawi**  
Dayton High School



**Alexzander Wehring**  
Dixie Heights High School





**ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP**

The St. Elizabeth Healthcare Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors interested in pursuing a career in a healthcare field.

**Chanuthmi Abeyasinghe**

Highlands High School

**Stephanie Agustin**

Newport High School

**Jaden Allen**

Dixie Heights High School

**Brooke Balsley**

Scott High School

**Morgan Bonno**

St. Henry District High School

**Madelyn Brauch**

Beechwood High School

**Jacob Brown**

Covington Catholic High School

**Avery Geiman**

Walton-Verona High School

**Brianna Hall**

Scott High School

**Chloe Haskamp**

Ignite Institute

**Khaled Karazon**

Ludlow High School

**Morgan Kash**

Lawrenceburg High School

**Mia Kent**

Notre Dame Academy

**Malachi Kirtley**

Dixie Heights High School

**Harper Mahan**

Dixie Heights High School

**Kyndra Neuspickel**

Pendleton County High School

**Emma Orth**

Dixie Heights High School

**Skyler Osborne**

Grant County High School

**Anna Pohlman**

Notre Dame Academy

**Kennedy Ryan**

Walton-Verona High School

**Isabella Saalfeld**

Holy Cross District High School

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### EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

The Extraordinary Service Award recognizes school staff that exhibit extraordinary service, make a positive difference each day, have a heart for people and lead by example.



**Jillian Chambers**  
Newport Intermediate School



**Rian Embry**  
Grant's Lick Elementary School



**Kristy McNally**  
Newport Independent Schools



The One to One Distinguished Service Award recognizes volunteers, collaborators or partners for their dedication to supporting the Council's One to One programs and their commitment to supporting student success. This year's honorees have served as One to One Coaches for 10 or more years.



**Lee Ellen Bass**

**Carole Bowen**

**Tom Cislo**

**Mary Kay Connolly**

**Evelyn Dietz**

**Paula Ebert**

**Betsy Glick**

**Theresa Goedde**

**Karen Harden**

**Susan Hart**

**Janet Hatter**

**Sharon Hilinski**

**Pat Humble**

**Robert Janes**

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★ ★ 2024 GOLDEN APPLE AWARD HONOREES

The Golden Apple Award honors elementary, middle, and high school teachers in Northern Kentucky that are exceptional educators and respected leaders.



**Maria Ahlers**  
Beechwood Elementary School



**Carol Basinger**  
New Haven Elementary School



**Elizabeth Beimesche**  
Moyer Elementary School



**Jillian Booth**  
Johnson Elementary School



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and the vision to see  
obstacles as opportunities."*

*Anonymous*

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Congratulations to this year's  
award winners!



**2024 GOLDEN APPLE AWARD HONOREES**



**Tricia Kues**  
Cline Elementary School



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Mary A. Goetz Elementary School



**Meredith Patton**  
Southern Elementary School



**Mandy Peters**  
Owen County Elementary School

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**Megan Rahn**  
Arnett Elementary School



**Courtney Scott**  
Southgate Independent School

**Southgate**  
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*Congratulations  
on receiving the  
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Courtney!*

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Campbell County Middle School



**Tonya Fox**  
Williamstown High School



**Kevin Listerman**  
Highlands High School



**Steven McNabb**  
Tichenor Middle School



**Carl Roberts**  
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**Sarah Shamblin**  
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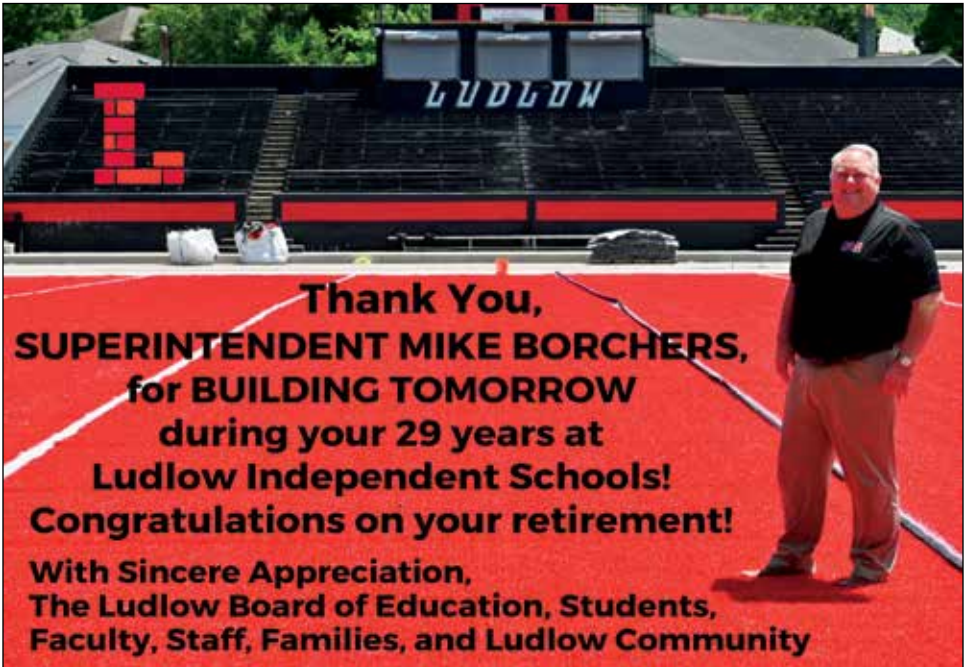
***Congratulations  
to this year's  
honorees!***

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The A.D. Albright Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award is presented to a visionary individual that sets an example of professional excellence, promotes education, and works with community partners to advance student success.

**Mike Borchers**

Ludlow Independent School District





The Robert J. Storer Visionary Leader Award honors postsecondary leaders for their involvement in and contributions to ongoing education initiatives, advocating for a world-class educational system, and sharing their resources, knowledge, and skills.



**Mark and Casey Guilfoyle**  
Thomas More University



**Mallis Graves**  
Gateway Community and  
Technical College



**Dr. Ginger Blackwell**  
Northern Kentucky University



## 2024 BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT OF THE YEAR HONOREE

The Business Engagement of the Year Award is presented to area businesses engaged with a Northern Kentucky school, dedicated to improving student achievement through high impact partnership activities.

**AnyWeather Roofing and Bray Construction Services**  
Phil Griffin & Brandon Bray  
Campbell County School District



## 2024 COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR HONOREE

The Community Partner of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding nonprofit organization in Northern Kentucky that has shown exemplary leadership by facilitating partnerships, outreach and impact within local public school districts.

**The Chelsea Ryan Foundation**  
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## 2024 EDUCATION LEGACY HONOREES

The Education Legacy Award honors administrators who have dedicated their professional careers to student success in Northern Kentucky. This year's honorees have served as superintendents at various districts across the region and share a deep-rooted commitment to supporting the social and emotional needs of their students. They have made lasting impacts through the implementation of innovative programs and services and through the long-lasting relationships they've developed with faculty, staff, students and families in the communities they serve.



**Mike Borchers**  
Ludlow Independent  
School District



**Jay Brewer**  
Dayton Independent  
School District



**Mike Clines**  
Diocese of Covington



**Matt Morgan**  
Grant County School  
District



**Matt Turner**  
Boone County School  
District



The Champion for Education Award recognizes individuals, businesses, community members or school board members who have demonstrated ongoing dedication to the success of students and the betterment of education in Northern Kentucky.

**Karen Byrd****Boone County Board of Education**

Karen Byrd has served as a member of the Boone County Board for 27 years and is currently serving a second term as KY School Boards Association Director at large. During her time at Boone County, she was appointed to serve on the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council by Governor Ernie Fletcher.

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREE**

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes individuals that have dedicated their lives to improving student success and enhancing the Northern Kentucky community through education.

**Dr. Jon Draud**

Dr. Draud's education career spans 50 years serving in various roles including teacher, principal, superintendent, school board member, university professor and Kentucky Commissioner of Education. He is a dedicated public servant, currently serving in his fourth term as Kenton County Commissioner. In addition, he has served as Northern Kentucky Republican State Legislator and a member of the Crestview Hills City Council.



**Durrán Alexander,**

Centennial Talent Strategy

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