

# 2019

National Distinguished Principals®





# Congratulations to the 2019 NAESP National Distinguished Principals

Each year, NAESP's National Distinguished Principals® (NDP) program honors outstanding elementary and middle-level administrators for setting high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities.

NAESP NDPs represent pre-K through grade 8 public schools from all across the country, as well as principals in U.S. private schools and the U.S. Department of State Office of Overseas Schools. Public school elementary and middle-level principals are nominated by peers in their state, and final selections are made by committees appointed by each of NAESP's state affiliate offices. Honorees from private schools and overseas schools are selected by special committees.

NAESP is proud to welcome these school leaders to the 2019 class of National Distinguished Principals. To learn more about this year's class, visit [naesp.org/NDP19](http://naesp.org/NDP19).





# Representing Public Schools



**Michael V. Wilson**  
Glen Iris Elementary School  
Birmingham County Schools  
South Birmingham, Alabama



**Douglas F. Gray**  
Anchorage PAIDEIA  
Cooperative School  
Anchorage School District  
Anchorage, Alaska



**Karen K. Coleman**  
Boulder Creek Elementary School  
Gilbert Unified School District  
Mesa, Arizona



**Shelly R. Poage**  
John Tyson Elementary School  
Springdale Public Schools  
Springdale, Arkansas



**Gina Richard**  
Star City Middle School  
Star City School District  
Star City, Arkansas



**Robert C. Effa Jr.**  
Grant Elementary School  
Grant School District  
Redding, California



**Lorynda J. Sampson**  
Northridge Elementary School  
St. Vrain Valley School District  
Longmont, Colorado



**Alicia Sweet Dawe**  
West Vine Street and  
West Broad Street Schools  
Stonington Public Schools  
Pawcatuck, Connecticut



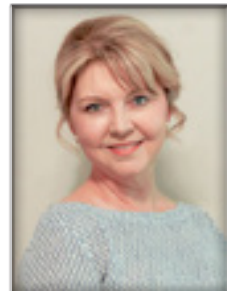
**Kirsten S. Jennette**  
Blades Elementary School  
Seaford School District  
Seaford, Delaware



**Tracy McLaughlin**  
Discovery Oaks Elementary School  
Clay County School District  
Orange Park, Florida



**Richard L. Bazemore**  
Thomas G. Scott Elementary School  
Monroe County Schools  
Forsyth, Georgia



**Connie S. Stovall**  
Dawson County Junior High School  
Dawson County Schools  
Dawsonville, Georgia



**Stacie SG Kunihisa**  
Kanoelani Elementary School  
Leeward School District  
Waipahu, Hawaii



**Tim Lowe**  
William Howard Taft  
Elementary School  
Boise Independent School District  
Boise, Idaho



**Michael J. Merritt**  
Gardner Grade School  
Gardner Grade School District 72C  
Gardner, Illinois



**Mark B. Heiden**  
Creekside Elementary School  
Franklin Community Schools  
Franklin, Indiana



**Candace A. Lynch**  
Johnson STEAM Academy  
Cedar Rapids Community  
School District  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa



**Eric J. Sacco**  
Clifton-Clyde Grade and  
Middle School  
Clifton-Clyde USD 224  
Clifton, Kansas



**Derrick P. Harris**  
Bell Elementary School  
Wayne County School District  
Monticello, Kentucky



**Clay Gleason**  
Hollis Elementary School  
Bonny Eagle School District  
Hollis, Maine



**Edward C. Cosentino**  
Clemens Crossing Elementary School  
Howard County Public School System  
Columbia, Maryland



**Linda A. Balfour**  
H. Olive Day School  
Norfolk Public Schools  
Norfolk, Massachusetts



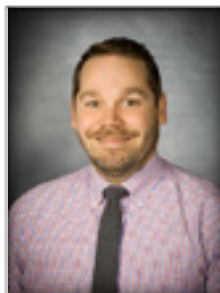
**Glenn J. Gualtieri**  
Bailey Lake Elementary School  
Clarkston Community Schools  
Clarkston, Michigan



**Eric M. Skanson**  
Cold Spring Elementary School  
Rockville-Cold Spring-Richmond  
School District  
Cold Spring, Minnesota



**Lee C. Pambianchi**  
Northshore Elementary School  
Rankin County School District  
Brandon, Mississippi



**Lance C. McClard**  
North Elementary and  
Millerville Attendance Center  
Jackson R-2 School District  
Jackson, Missouri



**Marlin K. Lewis**  
Hamilton Middle School  
Hamilton School District #3  
Hamilton, Montana





**Kris T. Friesen**  
York Elementary School  
York Public Schools  
York, Nebraska



**Amy Negrete**  
Marion Cahlan Elementary School  
Clark County School District  
North Las Vegas, Nevada



**Molly McCarthy**  
Riddle Brook School  
Bedford School District  
Bedford, New Hampshire



**Pamela M. Hernandez**  
John F. Kennedy Elementary School  
Jamesburg Public Schools  
Jamesburg, New Jersey



**Melissa S. Galaz**  
Sonoma Elementary School  
Las Cruces Public Schools  
Las Cruces, New Mexico



**Doreen J. McSain**  
Glenwood Elementary School  
Vestal Central School District  
Vestal, New York



**David P. Dunn**  
Martha Brown Middle School  
Fairport Central Schools  
Fairport, New York



**Melissa P. Fields**  
Perquimans Central School  
Perquimans County School District  
Winfall, North Carolina



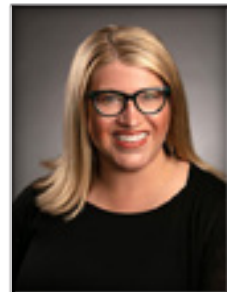
**Dave Steckler**  
Red Trail Elementary School  
Mandan Public Schools  
Mandan, North Dakota



**Patti M. Schlaegel**  
Granby Elementary School  
Worthington City Schools  
Columbus, Ohio



**Cathey A. Bugg**  
Heritage Elementary School  
Edmond Public Schools  
Edmond, Oklahoma



**Kourtney K. Ferrua**  
Wascher Elementary School  
McMinnville School District  
Lafayette, Oregon



**Kristopher M. Vancas**  
Benner Elementary School  
Bellefonte Area School District  
Bellefonte, Pennsylvania



**Patricia A. Cousineau**  
Warwick Neck School  
Warwick School District  
Warwick, Rhode Island



**Rhonda Rhodes**  
Taylors Elementary School  
Greenville County Schools  
Taylors, South Carolina



**Matt Alley**

West Central Elementary School  
West Central School District  
Humboldt, South Dakota



**Stacy D. Edwards**

Andrew Johnson Elementary School  
Kingsport City Schools  
Kingsport, Tennessee



**Brian K. Partin**

Ross N. Robinson Middle School  
Kingsport City Schools  
Kingsport, Tennessee



**Christal Calhoun**

Tool Elementary School  
Malakoff Independent School District  
Tool, Texas



**David G. Pendergast**

Vae View Elementary School  
Davis School District  
Layton, Utah



**George R. Dustin-Eichler**

Dothan Brook School  
Hartford School District  
White River Junction, Vermont



**Nathaniel R. Provencio**

Minnieville Elementary  
Prince William County  
Public Schools  
Woodbridge, Virginia



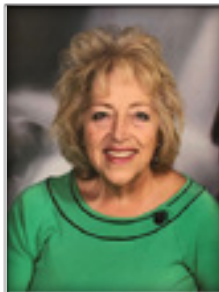
**Alfonso C. López**

Lewis and Clark Elementary School  
Wenatchee School District #246  
Wenatchee, Washington



**John E. Jorden**

Ritchie Elementary School  
Ohio County School District  
Wheeling, West Virginia



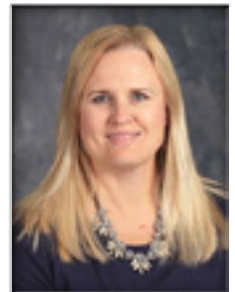
**Deborah L. Starr**

Kermit 6-8 Middle School  
Mingo County Public Schools  
Kermit, West Virginia



**Michele M. Trawicki**

Marcy Elementary School  
Hamilton School District  
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin



**Keri L. Shannon**

Stocktrail Elementary School  
Campbell County School District 1  
Gillette, Wyoming

## Representing Private Schools



**Tammy Kirkpatrick**  
First Lutheran School  
Torrance, California



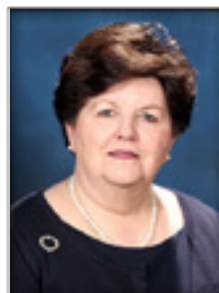
**Habeeb M. Quadri**  
Muslim Community Center Academy  
Morton Grove, Illinois



**Matt R. Grosser**  
St. Mary School  
Diocese of Covington  
Alexandria, Kentucky



**Jack V. Nelson**  
St. George Catholic School  
Diocese of Baton Rouge  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



**Deborah C. O'Neil**  
St. Bernadette School  
Diocese of Worcester  
Northborough, Massachusetts

## Representing U.S. Department of State Overseas Schools



**Paola Torres de Pereira**  
Academia Cotopaxi, American  
International School  
Quito, Ecuador



**Rebecca D. Jobs**  
International School of Panama  
San Miguelito, Panama