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HONORING EMPLOYEE SERVICE AND 2024-2025 RETIREES



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- **3 Program of Events**
- 4 Years of Service
- 11 Honorees Kane County Educator of the Year & ISBE's Those Who Excel
- **18** Retirees
- **20 Honored Guests**

Reception

Appetizer Buffet | Musical Prelude

Awards Ceremony/Welcome

Superintendent, Dr. Robert Halverson

Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Norrell

Longevity Recognition

Years of Service 10 Years | **15** Years | **20** Years **25** Years | **30** Years

Kane County Educator of the Year & ISBE's Those Who Excel Honorees

Classroom Teacher | Classroom Teacher - Elementary & Pre K | Classroom Teacher - Middle School | Student Support Personnel | Early Career Educator | Educational Service Personnel | Administrator | Teams

Retirement Recognition

Closing Ceremony

10 Years

Ashley R. Alarcon Waldo Middle School

Veronica Amador Simmons Middle School

Matthew J. Barajas Waldo Middle School

Chad Beager Brady Elementary School

Viridiana Y. Bermudez Andrade Administrative Center

Elizabeth M. Beste Hermes Elementary School

Megan E Bockenhauer Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy

Lefon Bowens Simmons Middle School

Kathleen M. Bracken Gates Elementary School

Brooke A. Brenner Hermes Elementary School

Jessica P. Bundra Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Brianna M. Caputo Oak Park Elementary School

Paula A. Cardona Administrative Center

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Roberto Cerda Brady Elementary School

Zhanna V. Charniauskaya East Aurora High School

David J. Chiros Simmons Middle School

Angelica Contreras Oak Park Elementary School

Kaitlin R. Cooper O'Donnell Elementary School

Kari L. Del Fiacco Simmons Middle School

Amanda L. Fishleigh Beaupre Elementary School

Lorraine Garciacano Dieterich Elementary School

Stephen S. Geati East Aurora High School

Ashley N. Genslinger Benavides STEAM Academy

Jacqueline Gibson Cowherd Middle School

Barbara A. Goldsborough Hermes Elementary School

Christopher A. Hayes O'Donnell Elementary School

Kathleen R. Hayes Gates Elementary School James A. Heredia Dieterich Elementary School

Christine M. Herring Gates Elementary School

Aishia T. Jefferson Krug Elementary School

Norma A. Jimenez Gates Elementary School

Henry G. Johnson Dieterich Elementary School

Angelica M. Juarez Ortega Allen Elementary School

Jessica Juarez Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Fleur E. Kellison Simmons Middle School

Chad O. Kelly East Aurora High School

Molly E. Kim Johnson Elementary School

Susan J. King Allen Elementary School

Nicholas T. Kukuc East Aurora High School

Vincent F. Lopez Jr East Aurora High School

Sherri A. Macatangay East Aurora High School Edith N. Martinez Hermes Elementary School

John E. McCue East Aurora High School

Camille A. McKay Waldo Middle School

Erika L. Medgyesi East Aurora High School

Anna Julia Melendez East Aurora Extension Campus

Brisa N. Mendez Galvan Administrative Center

Lesly L. Merlo Allen Elementary School

Adam P. Michels Simmons Middle School

Juliana N. Montoya East Aurora High School

Christine L. Moore Rollins Elementary School

Ramon Moreno East Aurora High School

Stefanie S. Nelson Benavides STEAM Academy

Kyle T. Neville East Aurora High School

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Roberto W. Nieves Johnson Elementary School

Alison M. Nile Rollins Elementary School

Teresa Nunez East Aurora High School

Jennifer M. Ortiz Bardwell Elementary School

Erica Pang Benavides STEAM Academy

Carmen L. Partida Benavides STEAM Academy

Anna E. Perry Bardwell Elementary School

Alexander R. Proano Simmons Middle School

Lourdes Raices Waldo Middle School

Rosaura S. Ramirez Waldo Middle School

Andrew D. Rathje Waldo Middle School

Claribel L. Rios Cowherd Middle School

Mayra A. Rios East Aurora High School

Tiffany M. Scott Gates Elementary School **Sheena T. Seranella** East Aurora High School

Matthew B. Sheahan East Aurora High School

Jessica T. Sheldon East Aurora Extension Campus

Pamela M. Simonek Simmons Middle School

Timothy R. Snyder East Aurora High School

Crystal Sosa Benavides STEAM Academy

Shawnna M. Strausberger Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Kathryn E. Swanson Hermes Elementary School

Bryan M. Timm Simmons Middle School

Kristin M. Van Horn East Aurora High School

Ashley M. Vargas Hermes Elementary School

Sofia Vargas Dieterich Elementary School

Jessica S. Vega Krug Elementary School

Judson S. Vitton Resilience Education Center (REC) Christopher J. Walter East Aurora High School

Leslie O. Ward Simmons Middle School

Christine M. Warren East Aurora High School

Maridalia Zamudio Bardwell Elementary School

Jeffrey S. Zook Jr Buildings and Grounds Center (BGC)

15 Years

David J. Babyar Bardwell Elementary School

April L. Boldman Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy

Eric S. Curtis Simmons Middle School

Ricardo Delgado Simmons Middle School

Colette E. Enders Waldo Middle School

Alexander D. Furr Dieterich Elementary School

Jesusita Gutierrez Oak Park Elementary School

Christy R. Harding Bardwell Elementary School **Eva M. Helguera** Beaupre Elementary School

Brian M. Hendricks Brady Elementary School

Ryan O. Herlihy East Aurora High School

Alfonso I. Jaquez Cowherd Middle School

Kristin J. Jones Cowherd Middle School

Lauran M. Jordan Bardwell Elementary School

Rosalinda R. Juarez Waldo Middle School

Kristin A. Kelly East Aurora High School

Jason L. Lawrence East Aurora High School

Julia M. Linden Administrative Center

Jennifer E. Lipscomb Johnson Elementary School

Lupita Martinez Simmons Middle School

Leticia Mejia East Aurora Extension Campus

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Karl K. Mueller Simmons Middle School

Juana Nicasio Beaupre Elementary School

Ana P. Nunez-Barron Benavides STEAM Academy

Morgan L. Olzen Waldo Middle School

Christine Phillips Cowherd Middle School

Ruth M. Ponce Early Childhood Center

Kristen N. Reed Allen Elementary School

Mary Beth Risden Simmons Middle School

Jonathan C. Simpson Allen Elementary School

Julio C. Tapia Simmons Middle School

Susan Torres Administrative Center

Edith Vargas Cowherd Middle School

Melissa A. Zulli Rollins Elementary School 20 Years

Gemma Alcalde Dieterich Elementary School

Raquel Blas Flores Hermes Elementary School

Jill A. Calhoun Benavides STEAM Academy

Wesley L. De Cicco East Aurora High School

LeAndrew Edwards East Aurora High School

Jacqueline Elliott Allen Elementary School

Jose A. Gasca Dieterich Elementary School

Jeffrey S. Hansford Bardwell Elementary School

Kelly G. Hastings Rollins Elementary School

James C. Jeffries Oak Park Elementary School

Maria G. Lesak Bardwell Elementary School

Cynthia C. Martinez Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy Lisa M. McCain East Aurora High School

Susan M. McCarron East Aurora High School

Debra L. Moarn Rollins Elementary School

Victoria E. Patrick Brady Elementary School

Kristi J. Pokornowski Oak Park Elementary School

Aviva Pollack-Paradise Dieterich Elementary School

David A. Rericka East Aurora High School

Anthony. Rhoden Oak Park Elementary School

George R. Rodriguez East Aurora High School

Rosa N. Saucedo Buildings and Grounds Center (BGC)

Jennifer L. Schlaiss O'Donnell Elementary School

Jennifer L. Shriber Bardwell Elementary School Manuel Sotelo Lopez Cowherd Middle School

Jeffrey J. Strah Buildings and Grounds Center (BGC)

Diana Uribes Cowherd Middle School

Sterling L. Williams East Aurora High School

25 Years

William A. Anderson East Aurora High School

Joseph P. Blasing Buildings and Grounds Center (BGC)

Laura F. Chavez Bardwell Elementary School

Nicole R. Clarke Hermes Elementary School

Hermelinda R. Contreras Gates Elementary School

Sandra Evans East Aurora High School

Jennifer M. Garcia Allen Elementary School

Maria G. Guillen Resilience Education Center (REC)

Sonia E. Magana Administrative Center

Annette R. McMahon Oak Park Elementary School

Sandra Monarrez Administrative Center

Tracy L. Patel Hermes Elementary School

Lisha A. Pauli East Aurora High School

Lisa E. Pena Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy 30 Years

Cynthia Bustos Bardwell Elementary School

Susan R. Collins Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Francisco De Los Santos East Aurora High School

Sara L. Hernandez Bardwell Elementary School

Christine Martinez Rollins Elementary School

Araceli Perez Johnson Elementary School

Jerry L. Poquette Krug Elementary School

Genoveva Ramirez Benavides STEAM Academy

35 Years

Traci Martinez Bardwell Elementary School

Classroom Teacher

Eileen A. Acosta ★ Cowherd Middle School

Jennifer R. Cody ★ East Aurora High School

Sandra De Los Santos ★ Johnson Elementary School

Amanda L. Fishleigh ★ Beaupre Elementary School

Ashley N. Genslinger ★ Benavides STEAM Academy

Amy K. Johnson ★ Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Anna I. Mann ★ Oak Park Elementary School

Camille A. McKay ★ Waldo Middle School

Bethany M. Morton ★ Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy

Antonia Ochoa ★ O'Donnell Elementary School

Victoria E. Patrick ★ Brady Elementary School

Sebastian M. Rodriguez ★ Bardwell Elementary School

Elizabeth Schulz ★ Dieterich Elementary School Kane County Educator of the Year Nominee 2025

ISBE Those Who Excel Nominee 2025

Abigail E. St. Germain ★ Early Childhood Center

Scarlott A. Stein ★ East Aurora Extension Campus

Jessica Torres ★ Krug Elementary School

Rachel M. Wrigglesworth ★ Hermes Elementary School

Classroom Teacher Elementary

Ashley Bjes \star O'Donnell Elementary School

Jill Calhoun 🛧 Benavides STEAM Academy

Brianna Caputo \star Oak Park Elementary School

Ivan DeSantiago 🛧 Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Karina Hernandez ★ Rollins Elementary School

Maria G. Rodriguez 🛧 Brady Elementary School



Classroom Teacher Middle School

Emily McGinnis 🛧 Simmons Middle School

Camile McKay × Waldo Middle School

Early Career Educator

Elizabeth M. Anaya ★ Early Childhood Center

Diego Barocio \star \star O'Donnell Elementary School

Felicia E.C. Berg ★ Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Alyssa M. Canaday \star \star Allen Elementary School

Deyaneth N. Castanon ★ Hermes Elementary School

Giselle Cordero \bigstar Gates Elementary School

Ana Cuevas ★ Oak Park Elementary School

Gabriela De Loera \star Oak Park Elementary School

Ingrid P. Esparza ★ Johnson Elementary School **Christopher Fabbri** ★ Benavides STEAM Academy

Frida Garcia-Gonzalez ★ Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy

Kayla M. Huffman $\star \star$ Brady Elementary School

Guadalupe Juarez 🔶 Simmons Middle School

Jennifer Lopez ★ Simmons Middle School

Claribel Marungo ★ Krug Elementary School

Kayla Ocon ★ East Aurora High School

Melanie M. Phipps ★ Bardwell Elementary School

Claudia Resendiz 🛧 Hermes Elementary School

Cristian Rios \star East Aurora High School

Lucas Sherrin ★ East Aurora Extension Campus

Nicholas C. Soto ★ Waldo Middle School

Jazmin D. Tapia $\pm \pm$ Dieterich Elementary School

Berenice Torres ★ Beaupre Elementary School Ivanelly Vargas 🔶 Early Childhood Center

Israel Vazquez 🛧 Waldo Middle School

Susan Whildin + Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Mikayla M. Williams ★ 🛧 Cowherd Middle School

Joseph Wulff 🛧 Beaupre Elementary School

Isabel Zamudio ★ Bardwell Elementary School

Educational Service Personnel

Velia Acosta \star Oak Park Elementary School

Yannet Alcantara 🛧 Allen Elementary School

Carlos G. Apantenco \star Administrative Center

Alejandra Barraza ★ ★ Brady Elementary School

Rhonda Bass 🛧 Simmons Middle School

Marisol Berrios ★ Dieterich Elementary School Kane County Educator of the Year Nominee 2025



ISBE Those Who Excel Nominee 2025

Cody Bezik ★ Waldo Middle School

Cynthia Bustos ★ Bardwell Elementary School

Joana Camarillo ★ Krug Elementary School

Veronica Escalante ★ Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy

Jessica Fisher ★ Waldo Middle School

Deondre H. Floyd ★ East Aurora Extension Campus

Maria Gaytan ★ Oak Park Elementary School

Nicholas S. Geati ★ Hermes Elementary School

Paola Havinga \star O'Donnell Elementary School

Timothy T. Hollins ★ 🛧 Cowherd Middle School

Marisol Loera Flores ★ O'Donnell Elementary School

Marilyn Luna ★ Benavides STEAM Academy

Jaqueline Nunez 🛧 Bardwell Elementary School

Miranda Palacios ★ Administrative Center

Johana M. Pineda ★ Beaupre Elementary School

Alejandro Ramos 🛧 Gates Elementary School

Cristina Rivera ★ Simmons Middle School

Noemi Saenz Morales ★ Johnson Elementary School

Laura M. Salas de Cantu ★ Allen Elementary School

Magdalena Williams ★ East Aurora High School

Student Support Personnel

Jennie A. Andersen-Drake ★ East Aurora High School

Gabriela Arriaga ★ East Aurora Extension Campus

Danielle M. Balles \star \star Benavides STEAM Academy **Donna M. Barry ★** O'Donnell Elementary School

Sonia Borjon ★ Beaupre Elementary School

Teresa L. Braden ★ Brady Elementary School

Maureen Brenner Mitchell ★ 🛧 Simmons Middle School

Nataly Cajamarca 🛧 Administrative Center

Stephanie A. Donnelly **★** Dieterich Elementary School

Gabriela P. Flamenco ★ Waldo Middle School

Geneva Groleske $\star \star$ Johnson Elementary School

Lucie Groleske 🛧 Rollins Elementary School

Anne Halsema 🛧 East Aurora High School

Kathleen R. Hayes 🛧 Allen Elementary School

Ashley M. Hogan ★ Krug Elementary School

Erin Howard \bigstar O'Donnell Elementary School

Rachel J. Jenkins ★ Cowherd Middle School Maria G. Lesak 🛧 Bardwell Elementary School

Mayra A. Loera ★ Early Childhood Center

Angela Meeks 🛧 Dieterich Elementary School

Pamela E. Miller ★ Early Childhood Center

Eric J. Nielsen 🛧 Cowherd Middle School

Nina Nielsen ★ Allen Elementary School

Katherine Schroeder \star \star Brady Elementary School

Tiffany Scott 🛧 Gates Elementary School

Shawnna Strausberger $\star \star$ Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Jennifer Sullivan 🛧 Waldo Middle School

Teresa G. Varner ★ Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy

Mari Walbridge ★ 🛧 Oak Park Elementary School

Kathryn Ward ★ ★ Hermes Elementary School Kane County Educator of the Year Nominee 2025

Nominee 2025

Team

8th Grade Team ★ Cowherd Middle School

Adventures Team ★ Early Childhood Center

Clinician Team ★ Waldo Middle School

Kindergarten Team ★ Hermes Elementary School

MTSS Team ★ Oak Park Elementary School

MTSS Team ★ Brady Elementary School

Physical Education Team ★ Simmons Middle School

Physical Education Team ★ Cowherd Middle School

Administrator

2025 Kane County Administrator of the Year Dr. David Ballard ★ Administrative Center

Krista Barenie \star Gates Elementary School

Courtney Bissell × Johnson Elementary School

Dr. Juan Corona $\star \star$ Rollins Elementary School

Dr. Lauren Cunningham \star Dieterich Elementary School

Tonetta Davis ★ O'Donnell Elementary School

Dr. Catrina Dorsey ★ Administrative Center

Alexa Garcia ★ Benavides STEAM Academy

Marisela Garcia $\star \star$ Oak Park Elementary School

Nelson Granadillo 🛧 Simmons Middle School

Katherine Harris $\star \star$ Early Childhood Center Anastasia Heimberger ★ Cowherd Middle School

Kelly Hills $\star \star$ Hermes Elementary School

James Los ★ Simmons Middle School

Kevin Marten $\star \star$ East Aurora High School

Mariza Martinez ★ Resilience Center

Wilson Morales ★ Dieterich Elementary School

Dr. Megan Murray ★ East Aurora Extension Campus

Paul Mutschler ★ ★ Brady & O'Donnell Elementary Schools

David Ontiveros \star \star Krug & Beaupre Elementary Schools

Walter Ornelas ★ Waldo Middle School

Susan Orozco 🔶 Early Childhood Center

Patricia Rangel 🔶 Benavides STEAM Academy

Eileen Roberts 🔶 Waldo Middle School

Laura Sandoval 🛧 🛧 Bardwell Elementary School Rosa Saucedo ★ Building & Grounds Center (B&G)

Stephanie Schmeising **†** Rollins Elementary School

Ines Sem ★ ★ Johnson Elementary School

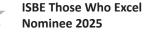
Jonathan Simpson $\star \star$ Allen Elementary School

Stephanie Steinbrecher $\star \star$ Aries "Jaybird" Gonzalez Child Center

Elizabeth Vivanco ★ Brady Elementary School

Marlon Williams ★ Fred Rodgers Magnet Academy

Veronica Zamora 🛧 Cowherd Middle School Kane County Educator of the Year Nominee 2025





Rhonda Bass Simmons Middle School

William L. Bryant East Aurora High School

Deanne S. Cooper Beaupre Elemetnary School

Ricardo Delgado Simmons Middle School

Jacqueline Elliott Allen Elementary School

Gladys G. Escalante O'Donnell Elementary School

Julie A. Gervais East Aurora Extension Campus

Stephen V. Harren East Aurora High School

Lucy A. Hawke Hermes Elementary School

Ana Lizzelle Jusino Rollins Elementary School

Sandra M. Katula Simmons Middle School

Mary L. Llamas Krug Elementary School

Luz Nelida Lopez Bonilla Brady Elementary School

Sonia E. Magana Administrative Center **Veronica Maravilla** Early Childhood Center

Susan M. McCarron East Aurora High School

Lesly L. Merlo Allen Elementary School

Pamela E. Miller Early Childhood Center

Maribel Miranda Gates Elementary School

Mary J. Niels Gates Elementary School

Mechelle L. Patterson Simmons Middle School

Guillermo E. Pedroni East Aurora High School

Tibisay Perez-Cancino Oak Park Elementary School

Catherine E. Piehl Rollins Elementary School

Jerry L. Poquette Krug Elementary School

Rosaura S. Ramirez Waldo Middle School

Maria DeLosReyes Rocha de Delgadillo Oak Park Elementary School

Marcela E. Rodriguez Hermes Elementary School



Maria L. Rojas Hermes Elementary School

Dennis L. Sroka Waldo Middle School

Dianne M. Thomas Administrative Center

Gregory R. Varney East Aurora High School

Don A. Williams East Aurora High School

Superintendent

Dr. Robert Halverson

Dr. Jennifer Norrell

Board of Education

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Mr. Saul Olivas	

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Maria Santabarbara	Eric Thorson
Brisa Mendez Galvan	Migdalia Torres
Viridiana Bermudez Andrade	Miranda Palacios

MC's Lisa Morales & Steve Megazzini

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Buildings & Grounds

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