



BAIRD 2025 Excellence Awards

In Recognition of
Outstanding Educators

September 8, 2025 • 5:30 p.m.

Reception

Welcome—Jim Allen, Vice Chair of Baird

Greetings From the Mayor—Mayor Craig Greenberg

Remarks From the Superintendent—Dr. Brian Yearwood

Award Presentation—Carolyn Callahan, Chief of Communications, Emcee

Community Excellence Awards

Audwin and Rae Helton Teacher
Award

Nik Williams
Atkinson Academy

Bellarmine University Teacher
Award

Krishna Dhakal
Newcomer Academy

Bill Alden Special Recognition
Award

Dr. Katy DeFerrari
Jefferson County Public Schools
Chief of Staff

Class Act Federal Credit Union
Teacher Award

Kayce Gibbs
Dr. Grace James Academy of Excellence

Compassionate Schools Project
Award

Adrienne Moore-Davenport
Layne Elementary School

Evolve502 Champion Award

Andrea Atkins
Iroquois High School

Fund for the Arts Teacher Award

Denise Webb
Pleasure Ridge Park High School

Jefferson Community and Technical
College Foundation Counselor Award

Tonia Wiggins
Fern Creek High School

Junior Achievement Teacher Award
Karyn Staton

Layne Elementary School

Kentucky Science Center Teacher
Award

Gary Harper
W.E.B. DuBois Academy

Metro United Way Out-of-School
Time Leadership

Matthew Kaufmann
J. Graham Brown School

Metro United Way Early Care and
Education Award

Jessica Clayton
McFerran Preparatory Academy Early
Childhood

Unistar Purchasing Solutions/FRYSC
Award

Elvira Paguada-Gutiérrez
Hawthorne Elementary School

University of Louisville Teacher
Award

Mariah Love
Marion C. Moore School

YMCA Award for Youth
Development

Darren Atkinson
Fairdale Elementary School

Barbara Sexton Smith 5x5 School
Award

Kenwood Elementary





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Baird Teacher of Excellence Awards

Principal ES

Nicole Travis
Trunnell Elementary School

Principal MS

Gwen Snow
Newcomer Academy

Principal HS

Dr. Rebecca Nicolas
Fern Creek High School

Teacher ES

Katrina Pierce
Zachary Taylor Elementary School

Teacher MS

Krista Sipes
Hudson Middle School

Teacher HS

Justin Brown
Fern Creek High School

Special Education Teacher Award

Kimberly Miller
Wheeler Elementary School

PLC ES

Angela Wilson, Emily Wilkerson,
Pam McAndrew, Hannah Kissel
*Greathouse/Shyrock Traditional
Elementary School—First Grade*

PLC MS

Kirsten Snyder, Kirsten Moody,
Erin Herndon, Lindsey Robinson
Echo Trail Middle School—Math

PLC HS

Sydney Becker, Rachel Burns,
Brent Peters, Kathy Willingham,
Eric Koestel
*Fern Creek High School—
Tenth-Grade English*

Academic Instructional Coach

Kelly Milburn
Chancey Elementary School

Student Nominated ES

Marcy Klemenz
Norton Elementary School

Student Nominated MS

Kennita Ballard
Dr. Grace James Academy of Excellence

Student Nominated HS

Dustin Lamb
Waggener High School

FRYSC Champion

Dr. Kevin Gunn
Olmsted Academy North

Health Services Excellence Award

Stephanie Richardson
Semple Elementary School

Financial Literacy Leadership Award

Erin Glaser
Louisville Male High School

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