



Press Release

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Galena Park I.S.D. Education Foundation Name Winners of the Beyond the Book Award

Houston, Texas: The Galena Park I.S.D. (GPISD) Education Foundation seeks to acknowledge employees who go above and beyond their core duties to teach our students and support the delivery of education through the Beyond the Book Award. We believe those involved in the educational process should strive to support GPISD's standard of 'Excellence in All, for All, by All' in service to District stakeholders including students, fellow employees and community members.

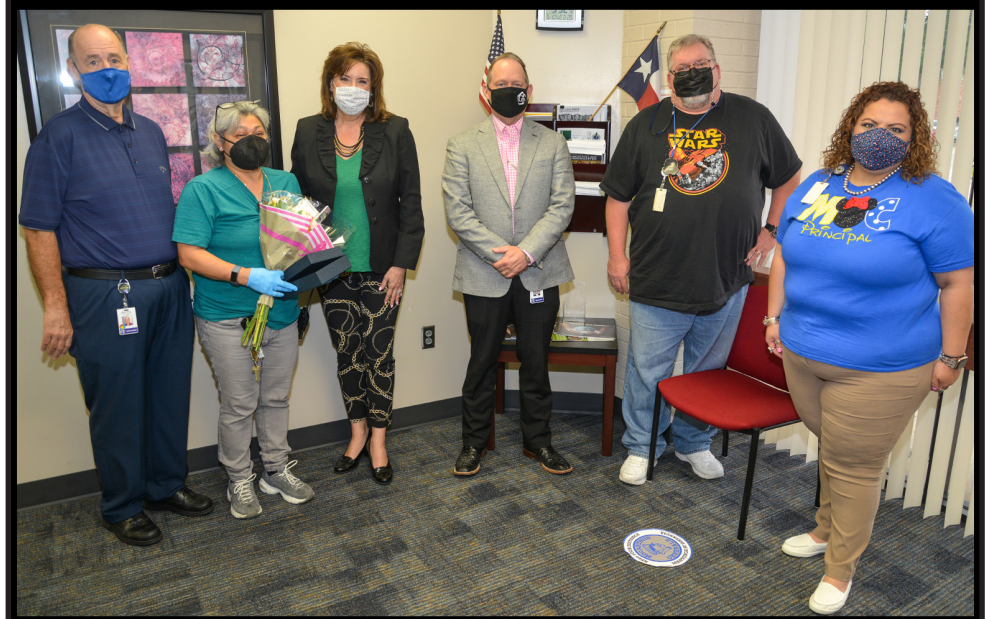
GPISD principals are given applications to nominate a district administrator, a support staff member and an elementary or secondary teacher. Once the applications have been submitted, the nominations are given to the Education Foundation Awards committee for the final selection.

The 2021 Beyond the Book Elementary Teacher winner is Emma Carrero, Sam Houston Elementary School third grade bilingual teacher. Ms. Carrero contributes to the success of her campus by not only being an amazing educator but also taking care of the emotional well-being of her students and fellow teachers. She was also voted as Sam Houston Elementary's Teacher of the Year.

The 2021 Beyond the Book Support Staff winner is Norma Guevara, MacArthur Elementary School head custodian. Ms. Guevara just wrapped up her first year as head custodian at MacArthur and has gone above and beyond to make sure the campus has stayed clean and sanitary.

The 2021 Beyond the Book District Administration winner is Dr. Mechelle Epps, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services. Dr. Epps has assisted in navigating GPISD through the COVID-19 pandemic. From developing a COVID-19 travel form to the COVID-19 Hotline for faculty and students, Dr. Epps has spent countless hours answering questions and providing our school community with updates throughout the school year.

Galena Park I.S.D. would like to congratulate the 2020-2021 Beyond the Book winners, who each received an engraved crystal book from the Foundation.



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