

NORTHWEST DISTRICT KMEA OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>ADM</u>
<u>1997</u>	Jen Wolf Colby	William Deitz Ellis	Susan Nelson Decatur	Julianne Groom CCC	
<u>1998</u>	Marianne Schlatter Tipton	Neal Russell Oberlin	Julianne Samuelson Quinter	Dr. James Murphy FHSU	
<u>1999</u>	Linda Lang Hays	Marc Webster Ell-Saline	David Will Norton	Dr. Phillip Shuman CCC	
<u>2000</u>	Joleen Cunningham Victoria Lori Davidson Russell	Craig Manteufel Hays-Inst.	Diane Flood Hays-Vocal		
<u>2001</u>	Kim Munyon Phillipsburg	Bill Schick Phillipsburg	Michael Harbaugh Beloit Anita Fillingim Lincoln\		
<u>2002</u>	Jean Ann Cooner St. Francis	Pat David Northern Valley			
<u>2003</u>			Connie Reishus Plainville		
<u>2004</u>	Birkley Barnes Goodland	Renetta Dawson Ellis			
<u>2005</u>	Paula Huser Hays	Denise Shoff Oakley	Deanne Spanier Goodland	Jeff Jordan FHSU	Jim Mull Goodland
<u>2006</u>	Jeannette Sommer Plainville	Joan Grover Osborne	Randy Berls Goodland		
<u>2007</u>	Peggy Anchutz Russell Lori Davidson Russell				Rick Riffel Phillipsburg
<u>2008</u>	Jerrilee Shuman Oakley	Vesta Jo Still Logan	Elise Peterson Hays	Dr. Laura Andrews FHSU	
<u>2009</u>	Gloria Blackwell Hays	Johnny Matlock Hays	Claudia Potter Hill City		Tom Meagher Hays
<u>2010</u>	Talley Hickman Lucas/Luray	Marcus Bishop Hays	Michael Harbaugh Beloit	Tony Schroer CCC	David Cough Russell

<u>2011</u>	Kathy Jamison Wakeeney	Deanne Langness Goodland	Carol Whisman Palco	Kay Werth FHSU	Sharon Gregory Russell
<u>2012</u>	Paulette Wildeman Stockton	Annette Kennedy Phillipsburg	Kathy Amrein TMP	Pat Zieglemeir CCC	Bill Dewitt TMP
<u>2013</u>	Randy Sauer Hays	Kristi Reneberg Thunder Ridge	Janelle Antholz Golden Plains	Dr. Lane Weaver FHSU	
<u>2014</u>	Jennifer Otten Colby	Bill Schick Phillipsburg	Stacy Williams Ellis	Brad Dawson FHSU	Galen Walter Russell
<u>2015</u>	Jennifer Ruder Norton	Don Mordecail Norton	Barbara Elbrach Rock Hills (State)		
<u>2016</u>	Gloria Blackwell Hays (State)	Joey Nickols Colby	Kristi Vetter Beloit	Terry Crull FHSU	Lisa Gehring Plainville
<u>2017</u>	Susan Keith Ellsworth	Tamra Cochran Norton (State)	Joan Crull Hays	Pat Ziegelmeir CCC	Stacey Green Stockton
<u>2018</u>	Alisha DeBey Smith Center	Jill Nickols Colby	Janet Sechaffer Sylvan Grove (State)	Jeff Jordan FHSU	Toby Countryman Quinter
<u>2019</u>	Randy Sauer Wakeeney	Deanne Langness Goodland	Kayla Wombacher Rawlins Country (State)	Laura Andrews FHSU	Matt Smith Rawlins County
<u>2020</u>	Cindy Root Claflin	Vesta Jo Still Phillipsburg	Julianne Samuelson Quinter (State)	Michael Mayer CCC	Martin Stoud Hays High
<u>2021</u>	Jenny Tally Oberlin	Kristi Vetter Beloit (State)	Kathy Conway Osborne	Dr. Ivalah Allen FHSU	Shelly Angelos Brewster
<u>2022</u>	Megan Reiner Stockton (State)	Kelsey Pinkerton Phillipsburg	Emily Stefan Goodland	Ben Cline FHSU	Keith Hall Kensington/Agra
<u>2023</u>	Tally Hickman Natoma- (State)	Kelli Burus Osborne	Michael Karnes Golden Plains	Randy Berls Colby CC	Kurt Brown Jennings
<u>2024</u>		Barb Elbracht Rock Hills	Alan Brockmeier Plainville Randy Sauer Wakeeney	Timothy Rolls FHSU	Tom Albers Hays MS

****Randy Sauer was chosen to represent NW KMEA on the state level and was chosen as the State KMEA Outstanding Music Educator for the 2024-2025 school year.**

2025

Brad Persinger
Oberlin

Vesta Jo Still
Phillipsburg

John Cannon
Ellsworth JR/SR

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Special Note

The ones that have state in parentheses are the ones sent to represent Northwest District on the State Level.

CCC= Colby Community College

FHSU=Fort Hays State