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**Outstanding Teachers from Yavapai County
to be honored April 22**

Prescott –Outstanding teachers from grades pre-kindergarten through high school will be honored at 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, during the 22nd annual Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony and Banquet at the Prescott Resort.

Organized by the Yavapai County Education Foundation (YCEF), the event brings together educators and their supporters from virtually every community in Yavapai County so their achievements and successes can be acknowledged publicly, said Tim Wiederaenders, YCEF president.

Nominees in different categories—K to fifth grade; sixth grade to eighth grade; cross-grades specialists K to eighth grade; cross-grade specialists ninth to twelfth grade; high school; and the outstanding first-year teacher—will be cited for their excellence in the classroom during the 2015-2016 school year.

From among these finalists, one will be honored as the Yavapai County Teacher of the Year.

A cumulative total of over \$20,000 in grant money will be awarded to category winners and finalists.

The 67 nominees from across Yavapai County district, charter and private schools were nominated by administrators and school leaders. Those nominated completed a rigorous application and interview process before finalists in foregoing categories were determined.

Also to be honored is Mrs. Kathleen Fleenor, former Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School District Superintendent. Fleenor will receive the YCEF Lifetime Achievement Award” for her meritorious service to the education community in Yavapai County.

The Yavapai County Education Foundation, a non-profit, non-governmental organization, has as its primary mission the promotion and support of quality education throughout the county, Wiederaenders explained.

“The TOY event is a leading edge program for the YCEF,” he said.

The awards dinner also is supported financially by Lamb Chevrolet, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona, Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold and other community and county organizations.

A list of TOY Finalists and nominees is as follows:

James	Anderson	Prescott High School	Nominee
Robin	Andre	Prescott Mile High Middle School	Finalist
Blair	Bachman	Del Rio Elementary	Nominee
Jill	Barteau	Other	Nominee
Bradley	Basista	Mountain View Elementary School	Finalist
Yvonne	Berry	Coyote Springs Elementary School	Nominee
Tiffany	Boehle	Prescott High School	Finalist
Steven	Booher	Heritage Middle School	Nominee
Veronica	Borgen	Dr. Daniel Bright Elementary School	Finalist
Lacy	Brown	Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School	Nominee
Cristina	Brownfield	Del Rio Elementary	Finalist
Lindsey	Buckle	Bradshaw Mountain Middle School	Nominee
Kate	Butcher	Skyview Charter School	Nominee
Lydia	Cademartori	Liberty Traditional School	Nominee
Richard	Carter	Park View Middle School	Nominee
DaLee	Caryl	Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center	Nominee
Tammy	Catalano	Cottonwood Middle School	Finalist
Bethany	Corona	Granville Elementary School	Nominee
Sara	Dawson	Liberty Traditional School	Finalist
Oouida	Dorr	Mingus Union High School	Finalist
Kaitlin	Fletcher	Territorial Early Childhood Center	Nominee
Colleen	Ford-Holskin	Prescott High School	Finalist
Allen	Foster	Chino Valley High School	Finalist
Emma	Gifford	Granite Mountain Middle School	Nominee
Judy	Gilliam	Dr. Daniel Bright Elementary School	Nominee
Jennifer	Griffith	Lincoln Elementary School	Nominee
Buddy	Habeck	Prescott Mile High Middle School	Finalist

Cheremie	Hawkins	Territorial Early Childhood Center	Nominee
Jessica	Hellweg/Heinbaugh	Park View Middle School	Nominee
Paul	Helmken	Granite Mountain Middle School	Nominee
Lisa	Hendrickson	Skyview Charter School	Nominee
Miles	Holder	Chino Valley High School	Nominee
Gabriel	Holland	Big Park Community School	Nominee
Katie	Huffaker	Granite Mountain Middle School	Nominee
Danielle	Huntress-Rosenberg	Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary School	Nominee
David	Johnson	Coyote Springs Elementary School	Nominee
Kristen	Kauffman	Tri-City College Preparatory High School	Nominee
Marla	Kayser	Taylor Hicks Elementary School	Nominee
David	Kingsley	Chino Valley High School	Nominee
Michele	Kishlansky	Abia Judd Elementary School	Finalist
Brittany	Kominska	Coyote Springs Elementary School	Finalist
Heather	Langley	Mountain View Preparatory	Nominee
Rob	Lynch	Heritage Middle School	Nominee
Casey	Managhan	Mountain View Elementary School	Nominee
Ronald	Mayer	Liberty Traditional School	Nominee
Michelle	McCabe	Coyote Springs Elementary School	Nominee
Paige	Merrell	Abia Judd Elementary School	Nominee
Kathleen	Mezeske	Tri-City College Preparatory High School	Nominee
Pradip	Misra	Bagdad Middle/Senior High School	Nominee
Jamy	Myrmel	Humboldt Elementary School	Finalist
Taylor	Nelson	BASIS Prescott	Nominee
Francisco	Ortiz y Davis	Bradshaw Mountain High School	Finalist
Ian	Owens	Prescott Mile High Middle School	Nominee
Ashlee	Porter	Lincoln Elementary School	Nominee
Thomas	Reinsmith	Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center	Nominee
Sean	Rietz	Bradshaw Mountain Middle School	Nominee
Shelley	Soifer	Taylor Hicks Elementary School	Finalist
Tara	Stafford	Heritage Middle School	Nominee
Carly	Starr	West Sedona Elementary School	Nominee
Sharon	Stevenson	Glassford Hill Middle School	Nominee
Jennifer	Turner	Acorn Montessori Charter School - West	Nominee
Christina	Tymchak	Abia Judd Elementary School	Nominee
Rebecca	Vess	West Sedona Elementary School	Nominee
Mike	Westcott	Mingus Union High School	Finalist
Jenna	Williams	Mayer Elementary School	Nominee
Karen	Willis	Liberty Traditional School	Nominee
Valerie	Young	Bradshaw Mountain High School	Finalist