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## Denver Teachers' Awards Honors Award Nominees

DENVER, CO (February 17, 2006) The Board of the Denver Teachers' Awards has announced the names of teachers who have been nominated for the 2006 Outstanding Teacher awards. A press reception for all nominees will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at the school district offices at 900 Grant Street.

This year's nominees are: Virginia Edwards, College View Elementary School; Malina Delve, Doull Elementary School; Bonnie Guggenheim, George Washington High School; Cheri Hilton, Gust Elementary School; Cynthia Madsen, Morey Middle School; Judith Manchak, University Park Elementary School; J. Michael Thornton, Denver School of the Arts.

Nominations are judged and scored by a committee of college professors and final selections are based on the results of their scores. Teachers who are selected are honored at a banquet on Friday, April 28, 2006, at the DoubleTree Hotel at 3203 Quebec Street in Denver. Each honored teacher receives \$1000 and their school receives \$500.

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“The nominations we receive reflect the high level of teaching and the passion for the profession that exists among teachers in the Denver Public Schools,” says Board President Norma Wick. “We want to be sure that their commitment and dedication is recognized.”

The Board also presents the Helen Phelps Award for outstanding volunteer contributions. Each year the board selects an individual and a company to receive this award. The 2006 nominees are: Devin Bertram, Lowry Elementary School; Ruth Montoya-Starr, Dora Moore K-8 School, Pat Smid, College View Elementary School; Southwest Denver Kiwanis Club and Blue Spruce Pioneer Club.

### **Denver Teachers’ Awards**

Denver Teachers’ Awards was started in 1957 by visionary Denver businessman, Charles W. Lerch. He was dedicated to strengthening our foundation of freedom and believed that the most effective way to do this was by encouraging quality education in the Denver Public Schools. The mission of the organization is to honor teachers of the Denver Public Schools and the vital role they play in our community.

The tradition has been continued by DTA board members who raise funds each year to support the organization and its work. Over the past 46 years, DTA has recognized over 400 teachers and distributed cash awards totaling \$237,000.

For more information about Denver Teachers’ Awards, visit [www.denverteachersawards.org](http://www.denverteachersawards.org) or call Sharon Tave at 303-399-3975.

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