**HISD honors the year’s best educators and principals**

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| **What:** | The Houston Independent School District will honor this year’s top teachers and principals who contribute daily to the success of students at the Educators of the Year banquet on Friday, May 20 at the Bayou City Event Center.  Nearly 2,000 teachers from all 283 HISD schools will be in attendance, including the 15 finalists for the districtwide Elementary, Secondary and Beginning Teacher of the Year awards. Teacher of the Year winners will receive a $3,500 cash award and advance to the state’s regional Teacher of the Year competition. Awards will also be presented to the year’s best principals.  Additionally, the district will award a third-grade teacher with a $1,000 prize as part of the Emily Scott Evans Award, designed to honor an educator known for encouraging students to get excited about learning and cultivate respectful relationships with peers and adults.  For the second year in a row, a teacher will be honored with the Fan Favorite Award. The award allowed HISD staff, students, and alumni to vote online for their favorite campus-based teacher of the year. The teachers with the most votes will be announced during the banquet.  The title sponsor for the sold out celebration is Cigna Health Insurance. You can learn more about this year’s finalists by clicking [here.](http://blogs.houstonisd.org/news/2016/05/16/meet-the-finalists-for-teacher-of-the-year-and-beginning-teacher-of-the-year/) |
| **Who:** | HISD Board of Education Trustee **Wanda Adams**,Trustee **Diana Dávila,** Trustee **Rhonda Skillern-Jones,** Interim Superintendent **Ken Huewitt,** Chief Human Resources Officer **Gloria Cavazos,** KPRC meteorologist **Khambrel Marshall,** and HISD teachers, principals and additional staff. |
| **When:** | **Friday, May 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** |
| **Where:** | Bayou City Event Center  9401 Knight Rd., 77045 |

