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## News Release

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### Nominations are in for 2009 Crystal Apple Awards

Salem, Ore., Oct. 8, 2009 – Fifty-five local educators have been nominated for a Crystal Apple Award, an annual honor celebrating education excellence in Salem-Keizer.

The 2009 list of nominees includes teachers, counselors, instructional assistants, office managers and administrators, all the professionals who help make a school tick. Of the 55 nominees, 50 are employees of the Salem-Keizer School District and five are from area private schools.

Between now and the event, a Crystal Apple delegation will visit each nominee's work place to present a nomination certificate and crate of school supplies.

The Crystal Apple Awards recognize excellence in education by honoring those making a significant impact in the lives of children. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual event is set for November 12 at Salem's historic Elsinore Theater.

The 2009 celebration will again feature a red carpet walk for nominees, broadcast live inside the theater. Tom Hewitt, Judson Middle School drama teacher and local actor and comedian, will emcee.

Tickets are on sale now for \$15 per person. They can be purchased at the Elsinore Box Office, by phone with a credit card at (503) 375-3574, online at [www.ticketwest.com](http://www.ticketwest.com), and at all Tickets West locations. All seating is reserved.

In 1996, Salem Chamber business representatives teamed with local educators to begin the Crystal Apples as a way to encourage and recognize education excellence in Salem-Keizer schools.

Presented by the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation in collaboration with the Salem-Keizer School District and the Salem and Keizer Chambers of Commerce, the Awards celebrate and recognize those teachers, administrators and support staff who exceed all expectations of their profession and who engage community in their work. Since its

inception, the Crystal Apple Awards has been replicated in communities throughout the United States. For more information, go to [www.skeducationfoundation.org](http://www.skeducationfoundation.org).

**13th Annual  
Crystal Apple Awards  
Nominees**

***Jon Ballantyne***

Teacher  
South Salem High School

***Bob Barnes***

Office Manager  
Eyre Elementary School

***David Best***

Teacher  
Stephens Middle School

***Christine Bowlby***

Teacher  
Swegle Elementary School

***Jason Brownell***

Teacher  
Salem Academy

***Marlo Cleary***

Teacher  
McNary High School

***Stacie Creighton***

Teacher  
North Salem High School

***Joyce Davenport***

Administrative Assistant  
Abiqua School

***Rosalba Diaz***

Community School Outreach Coordinator  
Washington Elementary School

***Brian Eriksen***

Teacher  
South Salem High School

***Adria Farina-Miller***  
Teacher  
Richmond Elementary School

***Jana Fitzpatrick***  
Teacher  
Gubser Elementary School

***Laura Foley***  
Teacher  
South Salem High School

***Jennifer Foster***  
Instructional Coach  
Scott Elementary School

***Melinda Freshour***  
Instructional Assistant  
Yoshikai Elementary School

***Judy Gasbarro***  
Teacher  
Salem Academy Elementary

***Karri Gordon***  
Teacher  
Sprague High School

***Stephanie Griffith***  
Teacher  
Lamb Elementary School

***Myrna Gudeman***  
Instructional Coach  
Hoover Elementary School

***Libby Hamler-Dupras***  
Teacher  
Myers Elementary School

***Laurie Hatfield***

Teacher  
Sprague High School

***Brenda Hauswirth***

Teacher  
West Salem High School

***Luann Hayes***

Teacher  
Salem Heights Elementary School

***Suzanne Hill***

Sign Language Specialist  
Salem Heights Elementary School

***Tonya Hodsdon***

Office Manager  
Chapman Hill Elementary School

***Jody Horner***

Instructional Coach  
Grant Elementary School

***Lee Horton***

Instructional Assistant  
Houck Middle School

***Karen Koepl***

Teacher  
Sprague High School

***Mary Kruger***

Teacher  
Kennedy Elementary School

***Michael Maghan***

Assistant Principal & Athletic Director  
McNary High School

***Rene Manley***

Counselor  
Candalaria Elementary School

***Scott May***

Teacher

Crossler Middle School

***Emanuel McGladrey***

Teacher

Claggett Creek Middle School

***Lisa Meyer***

SASI Operator - Microcomputer Technician

North Salem High School

***Jan Moch***

Office Manager

McNary High School

***Rose Morales***

Teacher

Crossler Middle School

***Michael Murdock***

Teacher

Sprague High School

***Julie Nordlien***

Instructional Assistant

Parrish Middle School

***Janice Olinger***

Teacher

Brush College Elementary School

***Janice Paul***

Teacher

Queen of Peace Catholic School

***Becki Peloquin***

Instructional Assistant

Gubser Elementary School

***Tracy Phipps***

Teacher

Sprague High School

***Kelley Pierson***

Teacher

Whiteaker Middle School

***Linda Pooleon***

Instructional Assistant  
West Salem High School

***Shannie Rediger***

Teacher  
Chapman Hill Elementary School

***Shari Schmidt***

Bookkeeper  
Whiteaker Middle School

***Karen Spiegel***

Coordinator  
Salem Keizer School District HR Office

***Shawn Stanley***

Teacher  
West Salem High School

***Scott Stenlund***

Teacher  
Myers Elementary School

***Lauren Stephenson***

Teacher  
Whiteaker Middle School

***Kelly Swartzentruber***

Teacher  
McKinley Elementary School

***Andy Thomas***

Teacher  
Whiteaker Middle School

***Christina Tracy***

Teacher  
Howard Street Charter School

***Robert Weber***

Principal  
Blanchet Catholic School

***David Whetzel***  
Teacher  
Gubser Elementary School

**About the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation**

The Salem-Keizer Education Foundation is a catalyst for enhancing the education of Salem-Keizer public school students by providing resources for creative and innovative programs and materials, educating and mobilizing the community, and sustaining collaborative partnerships that support its goals.

The Awesome 3000 all-youth fun run is the organization's signature event. The annual event is recognized as one of the largest children's runs in the nation. Awesome proceeds and foundation sponsorships go toward some \$50,000 in grants each year for original and motivational school programs. More than 800 grants totaling over \$750,000 have been awarded to educators since 1982.

For more information about the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, visit the website:  
[www.skeducationfoundation.org](http://www.skeducationfoundation.org).

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