

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

JANUARY 13, 2014

**MARY KAY CRONE ▪ GREG LEADER
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Celebrate Excellence / Teacher of the Year

- **Open to- Current teaching, counseling & administrative staff**
- **Criteria for selection-**

This award goes to a teacher who goes above and beyond in their teaching with an individual exemplary class, exhibiting sustained excellence in teaching encouraging intellectual curiosity and creativity, while inspiring departmental colleagues.

Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Open to- Retired teaching, counseling, administrative staff and employees**
- **Criteria for selection-**

A retired staff member whose contributions to the district continue to make a substantial impact through long-standing service to the Sycamore Community School.

Innovation Award

- **Open to- Current teaching staff**
- **Criteria for selection-**

This award goes to a teacher who puts innovation and creativity at the forefront of teaching, being an early adapter to new technology and teaching methods. Their curriculum inspires students to think critically and innovatively to facilitate learning.

Make a Difference Award

- **Open to- Current teaching, counseling, administrative staff and employees**
- **Criteria for selection-**

The Make a Difference award will be given to a person who has had an extraordinary and profound impact on the life a a student or students in our district.

Gives Back to the Community Award

- **Open to- Current teaching, counseling, administrative staff and employees**
- **Criteria for selection-**

This award recognizes a staff member who demonstrates commitment to a non-profit organization outside of our Sycamore Community Schools.

Outstanding Volunteer Award

- **Open to- Volunteers in Sycamore Community Schools**
- **Criteria for selection-**

This award recognizes a volunteer who has shown a dedication and commitment to the school's programming that supports student and family life in the Sycamore Community Schools. The recipient is someone who has volunteered in the district in multiple capacities over many years.

NOMINATION PROCESS

WHO – Anyone may nominate someone for annual awards, including other faculty and staff members, parents, students or members of the Sycamore community.

WHAT/WHERE – Nomination forms will be made available on the Sycamore website and packets will be onsite at the district office and in the main office at each school.

WHEN – All nominations must be submitted by January 31st to be considered for that year's awards.

RECIPIENT SELECTION PROCESS

January 31st – All nominations are submitted

Early February – Nominations are delivered to awards committee

Awards Committee votes on award winners from nominees

SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EVENING OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA

- **Event to be held in mid-Spring at a banquet facility, such as Cooper Creek, perhaps on a Thursday evening**
- **RSVP event will include dinner or heavy hors d'oeuvres**
- **Event invitees to include:**
 - **Sycamore Schools administrators and School Board**
 - **Government leaders from Blue Ash, Montgomery and Symmes Township**
 - **Local media**
 - **Award recipients and nominators**
 - **Corporate event sponsors**
 - **General public – tickets available for nominal fee**

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- **100% of district costs for event would be underwritten by corporate sponsorship and ticket sales**
- **Evening would feature:**
 - **Superintendent's welcome**
 - **Local celebrity emcee – ideally, with ties to Sycamore schools, such as Cammy Dierking or Krista Ramsey**
 - **Key note speaker or remarks by corporate presenter**
 - **Award presentations**

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Award Presentation:

- **Nominator is invited (optional) to say a few words about the recipient and the reason for their nomination**
- **Corporate sponsor of the award would present an engraved plaque to the recipient of the award**
- **Brief acceptance by recipient**
- **Annual award recipient's name to be engraved on an plaque for each award that would be on display in the district office**

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Benefits of Event:

- **Great PR for the district**
- **Brings together the Sycamore community**
- **Recognize and motivate Sycamore staff and faculty**
- **Enhanced partnerships with business community**