



## 2025 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

In 2022, the Diocese of Lincoln began a new tradition of honoring outstanding educators in our Catholic schools. The Diocese of Lincoln Educator of the Year Awards are now presented annually at the Bishop's Saints & Scholars Dinner, held in the fall.

The 2025 Educator of the Year Award Winners will be announced during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-May 9). Recipients will receive their awards at the Bishop's Saints & Scholars Dinner in the fall on October 12, 2025.

The Diocesan Education Award Categories are as follows:

**St. Thomas Aquinas Award (Administrator of the Year)**

*Last Year's Winner: Sr. Mary Alma, St. James, Crete*

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award (Elementary Educator of the Year)**

*Last Year's Winner: Terri Schilmoeller, St. Teresa, Lincoln*

**St. John Cantius Award (Secondary Educator of the Year)**

*Last Year's Winner: Linda Kirkendall, Sacred Heart, Falls City*

**St. Catherine of Alexandria Award (Special Education/Underserved Communities Educator of the Year)**

*Last Year's Winner: Kaye Kreikemeier, North American Martyrs, Lincoln*

**St. John Bosco Award (Support Staff Member of the Year)**

*Last Year's Winner: Gery Kenney, Bishop Neumann, Wahoo*

Each recipient will receive a \$250 cash award plus \$250 for their school's library. Any member of our school communities (parents, teacher friends, administrators, students, etc.) may submit a nomination, so please help us share this nomination link with your local stakeholders (teachers, parents, parishioners, etc.). All school personnel, including priests and religious, of Diocese of Lincoln Catholic Schools are eligible to receive these awards. A small committee of clergy, religious, and lay professionals will select the winners.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON on FRIDAY, April 18, 2025.

USE THIS LINK, OR SCAN THE QR CODE --> TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR: <https://forms.office.com/r/bMrUHeeYfN>

