

# HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

## HISD to host Educator of the Year Awards

**WHAT:** A two-part event to celebrate HISD’s “rock star” teachers

**WHO:** All teachers of the year at each campus, all campus beginning teachers of the year and educator of the year honorees

Elementary School Teacher of the Year finalists:

**Neftaly Gonzalez** from Oates Elementary School, **Anabel Lopez** from Ketelsen Elementary School, **Lisa M. Rice** from C. Martinez Elementary School, **Rosa Oviedo** from Neff Early Learning Center, **Briana Poindexter** from Grissom Elementary School, **Barbara Smith** from Sinclair Elementary School

Secondary Teacher of the Year finalists:

**Aric Barnes** from Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center High School, **Kimberly Brooks** from Westbury High School, **Rose Durant** from Kashmere High School, **Sharon PeBenito** from Edison Middle School, **Chelsea Reynolds** from Pin Oak Middle School, **Yabei Yin** from Mandarin Immersion Magnet School

Beginning Teachers of the Year:

**Sarah Arvidsson** from Seguin Elementary School, **Patricia Biles** from Revere Middle School, **Christen Smajstria** from Heights High School

Principals of the Year:

**Lola Perejón** from Helms Dual Language Elementary School, **Gretchen Kasper-Hoffman** from Tanglewood Middle School

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 15

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. in-person celebration for North, Northwest, and West area teachers

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in-person celebration for Achievement 180, East, and South area teachers

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. virtual event recognizing the Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year, Teachers of the Year, Beginning Teachers of the Year, and other educator of the year honorees

**WHERE:** Delmar Stadium  
2020 Mangum Rd, 77092

View virtual event online at <http://www.houstonisd.org/eoy>

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