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2019 GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING FINALISTS SELECTED



Three elementary teachers from Clovis Schools have been selected as 2019 finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Of the over 300 nominations, Shelly Grim and Christi Hartley (Arts Academy at Bella Vista) and Roxanne Mitchell (Sandia Elementary School) were selected as finalists.

The Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico (GAFNM) exists to improve the quality of education across New Mexico through the recognition, recruitment and professional development of outstanding teachers.

Nominations are collected from teachers, students, administrators, parents and the community to create a pool of worthy candidates for this prestigious award. Nominations are then reviewed and scored multiple times and last week a team of educators came to Clovis for a classroom visits.

In the spring 2019, the GAFNM will honor seven of the sixteen elementary school teacher finalists (grades preK-5) at the Gold Apple Tribute to Teacher Excellence.

Recipients will receive a \$1,500 cash prize and a \$4,000 professional development account.

For more information on the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico, please visit their website at: <https://www.goldenapplenm.org/>

The mission of the Clovis Municipal Schools, an alliance highly committed to educational excellence, is to equip each student with the knowledge and skills needed for a productive life of creative thinking, continuous learning, and exemplary character through challenging and engaging learning experiences led by a dedicated, unified team in vital partnership with family, church, and community.