

The Annual *Big Apple Awards* Citywide Call for Nominations Help Parents & Families Celebrate Amazing Teachers at Your School!

Dear Parent Coordinator,

We are excited to announce the nomination period for the New York City Department of Education's eighth annual *Big Apple Awards* – recognizing outstanding teachers who inspire students, model great teaching, and enrich their school community.

We need your help to highlight some of our City's best teachers and celebrate the dedicated teachers who serve our 1.1 million students. Please consider making a nomination yourself, and helping to spread the word to others.

To make a nomination, visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/bigappleawards>.

Nominations accepted through Monday, December 2

How can you help showcase teachers in your school community? Please consider the following steps:

- **Distribute the *Big Apple Awards* postcards to students, families, teachers, and staff members**
- Share the opportunity via school and community announcements, newsletters, or list-servs
- Use social media to share the nomination link using #ThankATeacherNYC

Why nominate a teacher?

- Show your appreciation for a dedicated educator who has made an impact in your school
- Contribute to a citywide conversation about teaching excellence and showcase great work happening in your school
- Ensure the teacher you nominated is considered for the *Big Apple Awards* selection process and additional DOE recognition opportunities throughout the year
- Provide the potential opportunity for the teacher you nominated to be celebrated by the Chancellor and spend the 2020-21 school year participating in the Big Apple Fellowship and serving in the Chancellor's Teacher Advisory Group

Who is eligible for the *Big Apple Awards*?

- **All full-time public school teachers at NYC district schools, charter schools, and early education centers can be nominated**; teachers who inspire students, demonstrate exceptional instructional practice, display outstanding leadership in and out of the classroom with colleagues and their school community, and support the key areas of our Equity & Excellence for All work
- The Big Apple Awards will also accept nominations of **DOE College and Career Counselors**, to recognize counselors who have gone above and beyond to support their students in postsecondary attainment
- **Everyone is welcome to nominate someone today** – We encourage students and their families, teachers, school staff, school leaders, and community members to thank the teachers who do exceptional work every day on behalf of our students with a nomination

Please share this information about the *Big Apple Awards* with your school community and consider a teacher you would like to nominate yourself. Your support of this program and the work you do on behalf of your school community is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The *Big Apple Awards* Team

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