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2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR TO BE NAMED; TEACHER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED

Who: Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton
Interim Commissioner of Education Wayne Lewis
Valvoline Inc. Chairman Sam Mitchell

What: The announcement of the 2019 Valvoline Inc. Teacher Achievement Awards to 24 teachers statewide, along with the Kentucky Elementary Teacher of the Year, the Kentucky Middle School Teacher of the Year, the Kentucky High School Teacher of the Year, and the overall 2019 Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

When: **Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 10 a.m. ET**

Where: Berry Mansion, 700 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Ky.

Through a partnership between Valvoline Inc. and the Ky. Dept. of Education, 21 Teacher Achievement Award winners will receive a cash gift of \$500; two of the three Kentucky Teacher of the Year finalists will receive a cash gift of \$3,000, and the overall Kentucky Teacher of the Year will receive a cash prize of \$10,000, along with an exciting professional development opportunity.

2019 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Semifinalists

Elementary school semifinalists:

- NyRee D. Clayton-Taylor, Phillis Wheatley Elementary, Jefferson County
- Ashley Whitehead-Judd, Tyner Elementary, Jackson County
- Amanda Klare, Beechwood Elementary, Beechwood Independent

Middle school semifinalists:

- Larry Bailey, Ashland Middle, Ashland Independent
- Jessica Dueñas, Oldham County Middle, Oldham County
- Kerri Stanfield, Mason County Middle, Mason County

High school semifinalists:

- Christy Bickett, North Bullitt High, Bullitt County
- Tiffany Marsh, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, Fayette County
- Susan E. McLaughlin, Lafayette High, Fayette County

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2019 Valvoline Teacher Achievement Award Winners

The 24 winning teachers are:

Elementary School

- NyRee D. Clayton-Taylor, Phillis Wheatley Elementary, Jefferson County
- Lindsey Deppenbrock, Wellington Elementary, Fayette County
- Megen Gearhart, Olive Hill Elementary, Carter County
- Ashley Whitehead-Judd, Tyner Elementary, Jackson County
- Amanda Klare, Beechwood Elementary, Beechwood Independent
- Candace A. Nickles, Beaver Creek Elementary, Knott County
- Matthew Pollock, Brandenburg Primary, Meade County
- Samantha Tabor, Concord Elementary, McCracken County

Middle School

- Larry Bailey, Ashland Middle, Ashland Independent
- Jessica Dueñas, Oldham County Middle, Oldham County
- Scott Dunn, Meece Middle, Somerset Independent
- Hope K. Foster, Murray Middle, Murray Independent
- Christina O'Bryan Howard, College View Middle, Daviess County
- Brooke Powers, Beaumont Middle, Fayette County
- Kerri Stanfield, Mason County Middle, Mason County
- Emmanuel A. Stone, Shelby County West Middle, Shelby County

High School

- Kelli Akers, Betsy Layne High, Floyd County
- Christy Bickett, North Bullitt High, Bullitt County
- Cayeann Cowan, Robertson County High, Robertson County
- Steve Easley, Daviess County High, Daviess County
- Tiffany Marsh, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, Fayette County
- Susan E. McLaughlin, Lafayette High, Fayette County
- Jeremy Phillips, Madison Central High, Madison County
- Abigail A. Wheaton, Union County High, Union County

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