

Mound Bayou Public Schools Alumni Association (MBPSAA) 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year Nominations

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'Teacher of the Year' nominations sought

Teachers do make an enormous impact on the lives of their students. As the demand for skilled workers continues to rise, the dedication and innovation of our teachers are essential to equip people of all ages for their future.

The MBPSAA wants "The Jewel of the Delta" Mound Bayou, Winstonville, the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi and America to remember how important it is to have dedicated and informed teachers in our classrooms. Teachers help students to read, write, count, to think analytically and critically and to compute. These skills are essential; yet, teaching them is only a part of a teacher's work. Good teachers instill in their students a life-long interest in learning. A good teacher gives young people a sense of their own possibilities, along with a respect for themselves and for others.

To paraphrase Oliver Wendell Holmes, the greatest teacher makes others believe in greatness. And they leave a lasting mark on the lives around them. And that's why it's easy for me to say teaching is such a profound profession.

Teachers are indispensable. The community asks a lot from them, and teachers are right to expect a lot from the community. We believe there is a role for the alumni association in public education. It's to promote and support the Mound Bayou Public School District. It's to serve as a positive force and an empowering influence for the academic and financial success of the Mound Bayou Public School District. It's to work with local residents to set the highest of high standards and to expect the best. It's to support organizations at the local level, with the full understanding that the best education emanates out of the classrooms when there is a partnership with families and collaboration of partner stakeholders in the community.

The role is to advocate, which the MBPSAA does. And the role is to support our teachers through the contribution of classroom resources as well as to understand that simple things can matter to teachers a lot, like this annual award. We'll take the side of quality education as we work hard to support the District in the provision of a *first-class education for every child*. And we mean every child served by the Mound Bayou Public School District!

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This award is special because it allows you, the person who sees teachers in their everyday lives, to decide who should be nominated. By taking the time to nominate your special teacher, you are helping to recognize and celebrate teaching excellence in the Mound Bayou Public School District.

The MBPSAA hopes that you will take this opportunity to nominate a teacher currently employed in the Mound Bayou Public School District who has made a positive difference in the lives of those around them.

Nominations for the Mound Bayou Public Schools Alumni Association 2008–2009 “Teacher of the Year” award will be **accepted through Friday, February 27, 2009**.

The Mound Bayou Public Schools Alumni Association recognizes one teacher at I. T. Montgomery Elementary School and John F. Kennedy Memorial High School for the contribution he/she has made toward the betterment of his/her school, students, or educational community. The Mound Bayou Public Schools Alumni Association awards each winner a Plaque. A plaque will be presented to each school with the name of each annual recipient included. The presentation of awards for the 2008-2009 school year will be at the **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET on Saturday, May 23, 2009**, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Alumni, teachers, students, parents and citizens may nominate any of the teachers in the Mound Bayou Public School District. **Self-nominations are also accepted.**

Nomination forms are available at I. T. Montgomery Elementary School, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, the Office of the Superintendent and may be obtained online at www.moundbayou.k12.ms.us or www.mbpsaa.org. Additionally, a request for a nomination form can be made by mail or sending an email to president@mbpsaa.org.

To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in a maximum of 750 words or less why this teacher should be the MBPSAA 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year. (If additional space is needed, please attach an additional page.)

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