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Six MTSD Teachers to be Recognized as MMABSE Teacher of the Year

MEQUON, Wis. — MEQUON, Wis. — The Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators will recognize six MTSD teachers as a 2017 “Teacher of the Year.” They include Nicole Brown, Susan Dotzauer, Lorin Kelly, Stacey Knight, Cindy Nolette and Christina Rauch.

The MMABSE Teacher of the Year is presented to one teacher in every Milwaukee Public Schools building and other metropolitan Milwaukee area schools, including the Mequon-Thiensville School District. In order to qualify, teachers must have taught for at least five years and demonstrated exemplary skills in educating students in order to enhance educational opportunities for all students. Teachers are nominated by their building principal.

Nicole Brown is a 6th grade ELA & science teacher at Lake Shore Middle School. “Nicole goes above and beyond for students at Lake Shore. She is phenomenal when co-planning and co-serving all students here,” said Principal Keona Jones.

Susan Dotzauer is a 2nd grade teacher at Oriole Lane Elementary who, according to Principal Mary Jo Tye, “is enthusiastic and engaging and utilizes ‘best practice’ strategies to assist ALL students in learning.”

Lorin Kelly is a physical and health education teacher at Homestead High School. Principal Brett Bowers says, “Ms. Kelly is a model educator in terms of her commitment to all students, her passion for teaching, and her dedication to professional growth and development.”

Stacey Knight is a school social worker at Steffen Middle School. Described as a “light of hope and strength for many,” Principal Deb Anderson says, “Her persistence in advocating for ALL students provides them with an optimism to embrace each new day!”

Cindy Nolette is a 3rd grade teacher at Donges Bay Elementary who Principal Alli Rudich characterizes as “passionate about student success.” “She creates an environment of respect and trust where students thrive as learners and people.”

Christina Rauch is kindergarten teacher at Wilson Elementary. “Ms. Rauch is a kind and caring teacher who knows her students well. She works hard to understand their needs and celebrate their strengths,” says Principal Joey Sulsberger.

MMABSE’s 15th Annual Teacher of the Year recognition gala will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Wisconsin District Center in Milwaukee.

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