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DCPS educators honored for Excellence in Teaching

Three DCPS educators have been honored as recipients of the 2020 Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Allie Lindow, a kindergarten and second grade teacher at Country Heights Elementary School; Laura Murphy, an eighth-grade language arts teacher at Daviess County Middle School; and Paul Bates, a life sciences teacher at Apollo High School, were nominated as representatives of DCPS elementary, middle and high school levels, and are among 217 educators statewide who are being honored by the 34th annual awards program. A traditional ceremony that would have been hosted by Campbellsville University was cancelled this year in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The award recognizes teachers who have demonstrated energy and enthusiasm for teaching; efficient scheduling of time; reliability; professional integrity and cooperation. These teachers have also shown imagination and originality in meeting the diverse needs of their classrooms, have worked toward continuous improvement, maintain strong relationships between school and community, and have demonstrated exceptional character.

Allie Lindow has taught at Country Heights Elementary School since 2015. She previously taught kindergarten at West Louisville Elementary School from 2011 until 2015. She received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 2011, as well as her master's in literacy specialist in 2015 from the University of the Cumberlands. She has also received National Board Certification in elementary and middle grades literacy.

Laura Murphy has taught at Daviess County Middle School since 2009. She is a 2009 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College, where she studied middle grades education/language arts and history. She also attended the University of the Cumberlands, where she was in the Teacher Leader program and graduated in 2014. She received her Rank I (Literacy Design Specialty) in 2016 from the University of the Cumberlands, where she is currently working toward obtaining her doctorate degree in education.

Paul Bates teaches life sciences for grades 10-12 at Apollo High School, where he has been a teacher since 1999. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1995 from Kentucky Wesleyan College, and a master of arts degree in education administration from Western Kentucky University in 2001. Bates received his Rank I in principalship from WKU in 2006.

“Allie, Laura and Paul are dedicated to our district’s mission of putting Kids First and ensuring a meaningful learning experience for all students in their classrooms,” said DCPS Superintendent Matt Robbins. “They truly exemplify the highest ideals of Excellence in Teaching as they make a difference in the lives of our students!”

Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Campbellsville University, said, “The Excellence in Teaching program is one of our most meaningful tributes to Kentucky teachers. Teachers deserve recognition for pouring themselves into the lives of our P-12 students. Teachers not only serve students in the classroom, but they make profound impacts in their students’ personal lives and on their future. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the best of the best in education!”

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