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## **2026 BankWest Educator of Excellence Finalists**

Jennifer Allen	Buchanan Elementary
Hope Armstrong	Georgia Morse Middle School
Rodd Bauck	T.F.Riggs High School
Charis Blanchette	T.F. Riggs High School
Kelly Brandt	T.F. Riggs High School
Megan Deal	Kennedy Elementary School
Melinda Frank-Dolezal	T.F. Riggs High School
Teresa Johnson	T.F. Riggs High School
Chad Kringel	Buchanan Elementary
Joseph Lehman	Georgia Morse Middle School
Teresa Madsen	St. Joseph Elementary
Ann Noyes	Kennedy Elementary School
Gay Pickner	St. Joseph Elementary
Brittanie Rezac	T.F. Riggs High School
Kim Rogers	Georgia Morse Middle School
Steve Rounds	St. Joseph Elementary School
Christina Schaefer	T.F. Riggs High School
Jay Schwartz	T.F. Riggs High School
Michelle Strand	Georgia Morse Middle School
Rebecca Walsh	St Joseph Elementary
Paula Weeldreyer	Jefferson Elementary
Daniel Youmans	T.F. Riggs High School

## **Previous BankWest Educators of Excellence**

Daniel Youmans - 2025  
Guy Hunter - 2024  
Megan Deal - 2023  
Brittanie Rezac- 2022  
Teresa Johnson - 2021  
Vasthi Gibson - 2020  
Kelly Brandt - 2019  
John Kalda - 2018  
Jay Schwartz – 2017

BankWest Educator of Excellence nominations are made by the 2026 Pierre Educational Foundation Scholars of Excellence. The finalists will be honored and the 2026 BankWest Educator of Excellence winner will be announced on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at the Pierre Educational Foundation Evening of Excellence.