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Five RCSD Employees Recognized as Educators of the Year

(May 24, 2023) The Rochester City School District is proud to recognize five employees as Educators of the Year. The third annual Educator of the Year awards ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2023, during a Board of Education recognition ceremony at 131 West Broad Street. The event will be broadcast on the District's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

The Office of Human Capital began this initiative in 2021 as a way to recognize excellence within the District. The initiative honors staff members who exceed expectations and provide meaningful and supportive teaching and learning experiences for RCSD students. Nominations are advanced by their peers, students, parents, community members, and supervisors. A selection committee then reviews nominees and the supporting materials provided by each candidate.

The following individuals are being recognized in five categories:

Building Leader Educator of the Year

Uma Mehta, Principal, Rochester Early College International High School

Secondary Educator of the Year

Olivia Garber, Social Studies Teacher, James Monroe Upper School

Elementary Educator of the Year

Angie Ferris, 4th Grade Teacher, The Flower City School No. 54

Special Subject Educator of the Year

Amy Graham, Art Teacher, Abelard Reynolds School No. 42

Support Staff Educator of the Year

Elizabeth Cooper, In-School Suspension (ISS) Teaching Assistant, Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7

Angie Ferris will now be eligible to enter the New York State competition for Educator of the Year.