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Two Denton ISD educators finalists for \$5,000 award

ATPE to announce Educator of the Year awards in July

DENTON, Texas — The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) is proud to announce that two Denton ISD employees are finalists ATPE’s Educator of the Year awards.

The finalists are Lee Elementary’s Reading Intervention Specialist Karsten Mitchell, Elementary Teacher of the Year finalist and Harpool Middle School’s seventh- and eighth-grade counselor Darlene Kent, Special Services Educator of the Year.

“ATPE is proud to have members who are committed to furthering public education,” Executive Director Gary Godsey said. “Regardless of who wins this year, all finalists have done an outstanding job and have shown their dedication to Texas schoolchildren.”

The ATPE Educator of the Year Awards acknowledges ATPE members who demonstrate exceptional or innovative capabilities in their respective education fields. Five recipients will be awarded \$5,000 at this year’s ATPE Summit Awards Banquet held at the Austin Convention Center.

The Educator of the Year Awards are divided into five categories:

- Administrator of the Year
- Associate of the Year
- Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Special Services Educator of the Year

A committee composed of ATPE members reviews all applications and selects up to three finalists for each category. The winners will be named following interviews with each finalist in July.

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The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) has been a strong voice for Texas educators since 1980. It is the leading educators' association in Texas with more than 100,000 members statewide. With its strong collaborative philosophy, ATPE speaks for classroom teachers, administrators, future, retired and para-educators and works to create better opportunities for 5 million public schoolchildren. ATPE is the ally and the voice of Texas public school educators.