

## 2019 News

### School District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence Honors 2019 Educator and Employee of the Year Winners

Algonquin, IL — The School District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence announced the 2019 Distinguished Educator and Employee of the Year at its annual awards celebration. Jesus Romero, who teaches a preschool class within Lakewood Elementary School, and Brandann Freeman, custodian at Perry Elementary School, were presented with the awards at Pinstripes South Barrington on April 16, 2019.

The event, which had more than 400 attendees, honored all teachers and school employees nominated by each of District 300's 26 schools, as well as recipients of 2019-20 Innovation and Large Project Grants from the Foundation. Grants awarded this year totaled over \$30,000.



**Educator of the Year Jesus Romero:**  
Innovative preschool teacher "pours his heart into his work"



**Employee of the Year Brandann Freeman:**  
Passionate listener & problem-solver always ready to help.

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**D300 Foundation Large Grant takes 60 students from the district's three high schools to the Starline Gallery in Harvard to participate in 5 different workshops.**



## Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser Raises Over \$21,000

Thank you to all our generous sponsors, donors and volunteers who helped make our event so successful. Our annual "Tee Up for Excellence in Education" golf outing fundraiser raised over \$21,000. Proceeds from this event will allow us to fund Innovation grants for individual classroom programs and Large grants for district-wide projects.



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## GDW Staff Awarded D300 Foundation for Educational Excellence Innovation Grants

Submitted by Dr. Melanie Gravel 3/14/19

Congratulations to Mrs. Brodie and Mrs. Graham for being awarded District 300 Foundation for Excellence Innovation Grants, totaling nearly \$3,000! Mrs. Brodie was awarded grants to help fund two upcoming projects, which include Calm Down Boxes and Summer Book Buddy Bags. Mrs. Graham was awarded a grant to assist in the funding of her Raised Planting project. These amazing GDW educators make us Wildcat proud for their dedication to bringing their innovative visions to our school. We are thankful for the support of the District 300 Foundation for Excellence and look forward to seeing these innovation grants come to life!





# See outstanding student artwork at District 300 Foundation show

Submitted by Diane Magerko

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**The artwork of select students from Community Unit District 300 will be on display at the seventh annual District 300 Foundation Art Show.** *Courtesy of School District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence*

The Community Unit District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence will present the seventh annual District 300 Foundation Art Show from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, showcasing outstanding student visual arts set against views of the Fox River in historic Old Town Carpentersville.

The District 300 Foundation Art Show open house will take place in the former Illinois Iron & Bolt Foundry building along the Fox River, 100 S. Lincoln Ave., which was renovated by Otto Engineering.

Admission is \$1, and all donations will benefit the Carpentersville Boys and Girls Club.

More than 1,000 pieces of student artwork will be on display, with college representatives on hand to offer guidance to those planning to pursue art as a career and to award scholarships to one student from each District 300 high school.

Students presented American Academy of Art scholarships at last year's show include Dundee-Crown student Anabell Mora, Jacobs High School student Mikayla Rea and Margaret Meyer from Hampshire High School.

"We are thrilled to be able to showcase the amazing talents of District 300 students in such a beautiful setting for community members to come and soak it all in," said D300 Foundation committee member Mary Gross.

For information, contact Diane Magerko, District 300 Foundation Performing and Fine Arts chairwoman, at (312) 310-9156 or [diane.magerko@d300.org](mailto:diane.magerko@d300.org).

To view previous D300 Foundation Art Show performances and artwork, visit [www.d300foundation.org](http://www.d300foundation.org) or find the group on Facebook.

The mission of the School District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence is to enhance and extend learning opportunities for all students in all District 300, which serves more than 20,000 students and is one of the largest districts in the state.

Since its founding in 2002, the foundation has raised well over half a million dollars for District 300 schools and students. The foundation focuses on four areas of impact: Literacy, Performing and Fine Arts, Science and Technology, and Student Leadership.

Funding for the foundation is raised through corporate partnerships, private donations, and foundation events. View some of the projects and grants the D300 Foundation has funded by visiting [www.d300foundation.org](http://www.d300foundation.org).