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DR. LAWRENCE C. HAWKINS
EDUCATOR of the YEAR
AWARD

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Western & Southern Financial Group Announces Award Finalists

Eleven CPS educators have been selected as contenders for the 2009 Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award.

CINCINNATI — April 15, 2009 — Western & Southern Financial Group (Western & Southern) today announced finalists for its 2009 Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award.

Western & Southern established the Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award in 2007 to inspire and reward excellence in Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) educators. Finalists for the 2009 award were chosen from a group of 23 teachers and administrators who were nominated by their peers.

The 2009 finalists include:

Stephen Sippel

Academy of Multilingual Immersion Studies

Angela Roddy

Consulting Teacher
Cincinnati Public Schools

Joseph Kollner

Schiel Primary School for Arts Enrichment

Laura Greene-White

Cincinnati Arts & Technology Center

Diana Crawford

Withrow University High School

Stacey Hill-Simmons

Hoffman-Parham School

Lisa Jones-Warmack

Winton Hills Academy

Dr. Stephanie Morton

Western Hills University High School

Kathryn Yunker

Sands Montessori School

Angela Cook

Kilgour School

Lillian Carter

North Avondale Montessori School

This distinguished award honors one educator a year who has elevated the educational process in Cincinnati's public schools to an exceptional level through personal commitment, dedicated focus and outstanding results. The 2009 award recipient will be announced at a luncheon ceremony at The Guilford Institute downtown on May 5, and they will receive a personal check for \$10,000 from Western & Southern.

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“It is with great pleasure that we recognize these outstanding educators and administrators for their dedication and commitment to helping students grow into productive citizens in their communities,” said John F. Barrett, chairman, president and chief executive officer for Western & Southern. “The Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins Educator of the Year Award seeks to recognize and reward individuals who are driven by their passion and commitment for excellence in education.”

The award’s namesake, Dr. Lawrence C. Hawkins, served as a member of the board of directors for Western & Southern and was a renowned educator in Cincinnati. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Cincinnati, as well as a doctorate in education. Dr. Hawkins worked as both an educator and administrator in CPS before joining the UC faculty where he founded the College of Community Affairs. He was promoted to vice president of continuing education and metropolitan affairs and then again to executive vice president of administration. Dr. Hawkins served on several local community and business boards and was named a Great Living Cincinnati in 1989 by The Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

Past recipients of the award include Kimya Moyo from Aiken College & Career High School in 2008 and Sharon Johnson from Withrow University High School in 2007.

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Cincinnati Public Schools has 58 schools spread around a 90-square-mile district and is moving forward strongly on raising student achievement inside the classroom and rebuilding/renovating its school buildings into modern learning environments. Serving approximately 34,680 students in preschool through 12th grade, Cincinnati Public Schools is Ohio’s third-largest public school district and Hamilton County’s largest. Over recent years, the school district has demonstrated continuous improvement in overall district performance, reading and math scores, graduation rate, student attendance and high school academic performance. Cincinnati Public Schools has held the Continuous Improvement rating for four years in a row.

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