



## **Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE) Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award**

Dear Arkansas Teacher Educators, Placement and Internship Directors, and Colleges of Education Deans:

Every fall at our annual conference, the Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE) celebrate the Outstanding Mentor Teacher of the year. The Outstanding Mentor Teacher and two guests (usually a family member and a school administrator) are invited to join us for the awards luncheon and the Outstanding Mentor Teacher is asked to talk for about five minutes. As teacher educators, we heartily recognize the important roles that classroom teachers play as our valuable partners in candidate preparation.

The purposes of the Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE) Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award are to recognize expertise and reward excellence in the mentor's abilities to guide and support a teacher candidate during the candidate's placement or internship experience in an Arkansas P-12 classroom.

Teacher educators at all Arkansas teacher preparation institutions are invited to nominate candidates for the ArATE Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award. Finalists and the recipient will be selected by a committee appointed by the ArATE President.

Criteria for selecting the Outstanding Mentor Teacher include:

1. Dedication to the teaching profession as evidenced by consistently strong teaching evaluations and membership in professional organizations, involvement in professional meetings, and other professional activities.
2. Commitment to the placement or internship as evidenced by a willingness to collaborate with interns; cooperate with higher education field supervisors; attend and participate in placement and internship seminars, workshops, etc.
3. Demonstration of exemplary mentoring evidenced in the guidance and support for the candidate or intern to reflect on and analyze the learning process; diagnose and prescribe developmentally appropriate teaching/learning strategies; assess teaching and learning outcomes; modify practices willingly; and communicate results to learners and their families.
4. Modeling of exemplary teaching, reflectivity, and enhancement of self-efficacy articulated with the candidate/intern.

The ArATE Outstanding Teacher Award nominees must be able to show evidence of:

- a current Arkansas teaching license in the subject-field and/or grade level being taught while mentoring the placed teacher candidate or intern
- a minimum of five years of successful teaching experience
- a minimum of four semesters service as a mentor teacher and mentored the placed teacher candidate or intern during the current academic year

**Nominations for the Outstanding Mentor Teacher should be submitted online by completing the nomination form at the following link by June 1**

**<https://goo.gl/forms/wjgPIJsvmm4L8yC73>**

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