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DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

One of the many ways that your contributions to the Annual School Fund has allowed us to support our staff has been through the “OLG Distinguished Educator Award”.

This award program was a great opportunity to recognize an OLG teacher or staff member who stood out in a child’s life and made a significant and positive impact through his or her educational ministry. The recipient was awarded a stipend for summer travel and professional development, pledging to return and share the experience with their classroom and school.

Our Award Winners:

Prior award winners have used their stipends in various to travel to national and international sites. Here are a few examples of what teachers brought back in recent years:

2019

ALL TEACHERS: In spring of 2020, donors approved a re-direct of funds to all teachers to be utilized for support of the rapid transportation of our school to COVID teaching.

2018

Mrs. Wilson: Studied the stories and places of Saints Bernadette and Therese of the Little Flower and brought this new learning back to our campus to expand all of our understanding of devotion and miracles.

2017

Mrs. Gazewood: Explored the geological wonders of three national parks: Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion. This trip was inspired by her own third grade teacher who shared about this area and instilled a lifelong interest in rock formations and in celebrating God’s creation. She brought back an engaging presentation to staff, curriculum materials and photos to share with the school which also allowed her to enhance her Pebbles, Sand and Silt unit in her classroom. You can check out the presentation she shared with the school [HERE](#).

2016

Ms. Hobbs: Journeyed to Ireland to study the culture, religious conflict, and history of the country. She also explored her own Irish heritage as it relates to American history and Irish immigration from the 1700s thru the 1900s. Back in the classroom, she tied her learning into current issues of immigration, religious intolerance, and Catholic Social Teaching. You can read more about her experience [HERE](#).

2015

Mrs. Heiger: Travelled to the Holy Land for an immersion in the historical, cultural and religious realities of the region and to gain first-hand experiences to enhance the 7th grade curriculum, focused on the "Life and Times of Jesus Christ" and Catholic Social Teaching, as well as 8th grade discussions of world-wide current events.

2013

Ms. Heidi: Used her award to learn new art and mural drawing techniques to bring alive our stairwells fabulous "salmon waterfall." She continued to use the skills she learned to create amazing backdrops for our school theatre programs. You can see pictures of the amazing mural [HERE](#).

2010

Mrs. Hoch: Experienced the *El Camino* and other elements of Spain, sharing with students and staff alike through art and knowledge in her classroom, and providing students with an El Camino-like experience of walking and praying. Learn more about her unforgettable experience [HERE](#).

To learn more about the program and other initiatives, the school and how you can support us, please contact Carla Mayuri, Development Director, at (206) 935.0651 Ext. 122 or at cmayuri@guadalupe-school.org.