



## Press Release

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### Outstanding Educator Finalists Named

Pinellas County Schools has announced the 14 finalists in the 2010 Outstanding Educator Program. Finalists were named in each of five categories. A winner in each category and the 2010 Outstanding Educator will be announced during the Evening of Excellence (formerly Outstanding Educator Awards and the Hall of Honor) celebration at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 20, sponsored by the Pinellas Education Foundation.

The finalists are:

#### **Creativity & Innovation**

Vanessa Bowen	Marjorie Rawlings Elementary
Jeanne Gagliardo	Safety Harbor Middle
Kerry Giordano	Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle

#### **Commitment to Children & Families**

Lorrie Bennett	Frontier Elementary
Robin Hedman	Mildred Helms Elementary
Michelle Lampert	Palm Harbor Middle

#### **Ambassador of the Profession (two in this category)**

Marlene Frisse	Orange Grove Elementary
Courtney Mack	Blanton Elementary

#### **Commitment to Improvement of the Profession**

Marcene Juergens	Osceola Middle
Andrea Sanchez	Bay Point Elementary
Deborah Stevens	Bay Point Middle

#### **Inspiring Students to Performance at Higher Levels**

Rosemary Collins	Safety Harbor Middle
Lisa Fagan-Brown	James B. Sanderlin Elementary
Brooke Johannessen	Cross Bayou Elementary

Two administrators and a person from the business community observed the semifinalists in the classroom and then selected finalists in each category. A winner in each category and the overall Outstanding Educator will be announced at the Jan. 20 awards show.