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LOCAL TEACHERS WIN \$150,000 CASH AWARDS

The Beaumont Foundation of America is pleased to announce the 15 recipients of the 2015 Reaud Excellence in Education Award. Since 2009 the Foundation has recognized superior teachers whose dedication and leadership inspire both students and fellow educators. The awards provide public acclaim and financial rewards to these teachers who are furthering excellence in education throughout Southeast Texas.

Wayne A. Reaud, Chairman of Board, stated, "Education is the key to a better future and great teachers are the key to education. Our winners are outstanding representatives of excellence in education." These great teachers are first nominated by their campus committees. The winners are selected by the Beaumont Foundation and will be honored at a May 5 awards banquet. Each will receive \$10,000 in recognition of exemplary contribution to the lives of their students.

The 2015 Reaud Excellence in Education Recipients

Elementary:

John F. Williams, Sr., Blanchette Elementary, Beaumont ISD
Tamra A. Smith, Highland Park Elementary, Nederland ISD
Cynthia F. Burton, Orangefield Elementary, Orangefield ISD
Tara R. Robinson, China Elementary, Hardin-Jefferson ISD
Susan Wright, Jean C. Few Primary School, Jasper ISD

Middle School:

Jacob B. Jett, Marshall Middle School, Beaumont ISD
Leslie A. Broussard, Central Middle School, Nederland ISD
Cherry M. Lemire, Vidor Jr. High School, Vidor ISD
Daphne T. McIntire, St. Mary Catholic School/Orange, Diocese of Beaumont
Jason Drake, Woodville Middle School, Woodville ISD

High School:

Mia LaBove-Thomas, Ozen Magnet High School, Beaumont ISD
Dr. Natalie Bonner, Memorial High School, Port Arthur ISD
Meri Elen Jacobs, West Orange-Stark High School, West Orange-Cove CISD
Christi S. Thomas, Hardin-Jefferson High School, Hardin-Jefferson ISD
Judith L. Posey, Lumberton High School, Lumberton ISD