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City Honors Local Teaching Spirit

Individuals Nominated
For Lucy F. Simms Award

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HARRISONBURG — The Harrisonburg Education Foundation will recognize the city public school division's six educators of the year today.

The teachers also are candidates for the divisionwide Lucy F. Simms Educator of the Year Award, sponsored by the law firm Wharton, Aldhizer and Weaver.

The winner will be named June 5.

Lineweaver

Mathematics and computer science teacher Dave Lineweaver is the candidate from Harrisonburg High School, where he has spent 21 of his 36 years in the classroom.

"He has inspired and challenged generations of students, and he continues to do so today with deep commitment and enthusiasm," said a letter



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ter nominating Lineweaver for the award.

Lineweaver is also the author of a "Computer Mathematics Teacher's Guide" developed for the Virginia Department of Education.

Strawderman

Michael Strawderman is the candidate at Thomas Harrison Middle School.

According to a letter nominating Strawderman, the teacher "exemplifies the qualities that help middle

school students discover who they are and how they are developing into an integral part of world community."

The drama teacher at the middle school for 15 years, Strawderman builds community, responsibility, self-esteem and character in students as he inspires them to strive for performances that they did not know were possible, the letter said.

Slykhuis

At Keister Elementary School, fourth-grade teacher Julie Slykhuis is

the nominee.

According to her principal, Anne L.B. Lintner, the energy that Slykhuis "brings to her instructional delivery each day is an inspiration to our school community.

"She takes the time to develop real connections with students and families, increasing student motivation for learning and parent participation."

Horne

The educator of the year at Spotswood Elementary School is

Amanda Horne.

Horne is the English as a Second Language teacher. Horne created the Elementary Newcomers Program for the school division's third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.

The letter nominating Horne for the award said, "She advertises in a tranquil yet effective way how our school division is making great strides in serving the educational needs of our first-time English language learners."

Miller

Stone Spring Elementary School named second-grade teacher Suzanne Miller as its educator of the year.

"She goes far above and beyond the regular school day to try and find ways to meet the needs of every child she teaches, to provide her students with the best education opportunities possible," said a letter nominating Miller.

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Miller, according to the letter, helps build up her co-workers' morale.

Smith

Waterman Elementary School named second-grade teacher Cheri Smith as its educator of the year.

Smith, with 30 years of classroom experience, is a strong advocate of her stu-

dents, said school Principal Gary Painter.

"She understands how children learn and develop, can provide learning opportunities that support their development and uses a variety of instructional strategies," Painter said in the school's letter nominating Smith.

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