

Two Fayette County teachers receive Lexmark's Educating Excellence award

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- Lexmark International, Inc., a global technology leader, has honored two Lexington, Kentucky, teachers with the company's Educating Excellence award.
- The program, formerly known as INSPIRE, recognizes outstanding Central Kentucky-area elementary, middle and high school science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers.
- Lexmark representatives surprised the following teachers with an Educating Excellence award presented in front of peers and students at their schools:
 - Linda Dewees, a math teacher at Henry Clay High School.
 - Dewees strives to make math lessons fun and interesting for her students through class competitions and hand-built three-dimensional models that help them comprehend concepts. She records her lessons on video and posts them online, enabling review and better understanding. She also started a STEM club for girls at the school, promoting careers in STEM fields.
 - Nami Stager, a STEM teacher at Wellington Elementary School.
 - Stager provides many opportunities for her students to explore how STEM works in the world around them. She engages them with tools like robotics and programming software to problem solve while concurrently promoting creative thinking. For example, her students created a machine using LEGO® motors and sensors, and programmed the device using free software from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She also leads the school's STEM club to further explore STEM concepts and techniques with students.

Supporting Resources

- Videos of surprise awards:
 - [Linda Dewees](#)
 - [Nami Stager](#)
- [Educating Excellence](#) website

About Educating Excellence

Lexmark rewards outstanding K-12 educators in both the Central Kentucky and Kansas City communities for excellence in STEM (science, technology, engineer and math) education. The Educating Excellence program recognizes deserving teachers from September through May with \$1,000 cash awards.

Fellow educators, administrators, students and community members may nominate any K-12 teacher they believe is worthy of the award. Eligible nominees in Central Kentucky must teach in one of the following counties: Anderson, Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford. Nominations can be made on the [Educating Excellence](#) website.

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