

Fayette County teacher receives Lexmark's Educating Excellence award

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- Lexmark International, Inc., a global technology leader, has honored a Lexington, Kentucky, teacher with the company's first Educating Excellence award of the 2016-2017 school year in Central Kentucky.
- The program recognizes outstanding Central Kentucky-area elementary, middle and high school science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers.
- Lexmark representatives surprised Rachel Matthews, a Gifted and Talented program teacher at Maxwell Elementary School in Lexington, Ky., with an Educating Excellence award presented in front of peers and students at her school. Matthews received a \$1,000 cash award for her classroom.
 - Matthews believes in using the scientific method and inquiry-based learning strategy whenever possible. She designs instruction so students explore unknown topics through experimentation and hands-on activities. For example, her students design carnival games using their knowledge of force, motion and physics. Other STEM activities and projects Matthews has conducted include 3-D designs built from school milk cartons, robotics challenges and spectrum-of-light experiments.

Supporting Resources

- [Video of surprise award for Rachel Matthews](#)
- [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, engineering 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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