



## **Second Baptist Church hosts First Recognition and Awards Ceremony for African American Educators**

African American educators in Evanston schools will be honored at a ceremony hosted by the historic Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson Ave, Evanston, IL .

According to Rev. Michael Nabors of Second Baptist Church “154 years after slavery ended- education has never been more important for African Americans and their communities. From the moment of liberation from bondage, education and blacks were joined together in a marvelous journey towards excellence and success. We delight in sharing our appreciation and respect for those African American educators in Evanston, who continue in this grand tradition. And we believe the best is yet to come.”

The African American Educator Award recognizes and honors African American 6 educators, teacher, support personnel, and administration, who have made outstanding contributions to public elementary and secondary education in School Districts 65 and 202. Nominees have actively collaborated with the professional learning community, parents and families, inspiring students with diverse backgrounds and varied learning styles. They have earned the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues, playing an active and useful role in the local and school communities.

Monique Parsons, 202 School Board stated that, “Growing up in Evanston, I benefited from being taught by teachers who looked like me, and upheld the values instilled in my household. African American teachers inspired me beyond the classroom, and it was through them that I believed I could be anything I wanted to be. When we honor our educators, who shape the world, we transform a nation towards high expectations and hope”.

The African American Educators Recognition and Awards Ceremony will take place Sunday, February 26th during the 10:30 am worship service at Second Baptist Church. Nominations for the awards will be accepted through January 29, 2017 and can be submitted online at [tinyurl.com/sbcteacherawards](http://tinyurl.com/sbcteacherawards), by email to [karendavis@secondbaptistchurch.org](mailto:karendavis@secondbaptistchurch.org), or to [sbcteacherawards@gmail.com](mailto:sbcteacherawards@gmail.com). Mail nomination forms to Second Baptist Church, African American Educators Selection Committee, 1717 Benson Ave, Evanston, IL. 60201.

Sincerely,  
The SBC African American Educator Awards Committee

**Second Baptist Church  
African American Educator Award  
Educator Nomination Form**

**NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

The African-American Educator Award recognizes and honors 6 educators: teacher, support personnel, and administration, who have made outstanding contributions to public elementary and secondary education in School Districts 65 and 202. A selection committee comprised of educators both retired and current from Second Baptist Church will evaluate and select the nominees.

The entire school district staff including students can nominate an educator.

Nominees will be notified of their award in February. Awards will be presented at the Second Baptist Church 10:30 worship service on February 26, 2017. A reception for the awardees and all educators recognized and their families and friends, will be held in the reception hall immediately after the service.

There will be a total of 6 awards granted with 3 categories awarded in each Evanston public School District.

**Evanston/Skokie School District 65:**

- Support Staff
- Classroom Teacher
- School Administrator

**Evanston Township High School District 202:**

- Support Staff
- Classroom Teacher
- School Administrator

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- **Support Staff (Unlicensed)**--Includes aides, safety staff, cafeteria workers, custodians, secretaries, bus drivers, crossing guards and others.
- **Classroom Teacher (Licensed)**--Preschool, elementary, junior high/middle school, high school teacher who spends more than 50 percent of the time instruction students (includes reading specialists)
- **School Administrator**--Principals, assistant principals, directors, department chairs, coordinators or others whose responsibility are more than 50 percent administrative.

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African American Educator Award Nomination Form**

Educator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Matter:(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why you believe this nominee's work was extraordinary and deserves this recognition. For example, share an experience that you and/or others have had with this nominee that was impactful. Use back of page if needed.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination form deadline is January 29, 2017 to SBC**

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