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## Normal Park Museum Magnet School Recognized For Teaching Excellence

Friday, May 09, 2014

Where there are great students, you are likely to find great teachers; where there are both, you will find great principals. It is in this spirit that the Education Consumers Foundation recognizes Principal Jill Levine for her role in making Normal Park Museum Magnet School one of the most effective schools in the state of Tennessee, as measured by Tennessee's Value-Added Assessment System. The ceremony will take place at the school on Friday at 2 p.m., and the public is invited.



"Ms. Levine and her staff have done an excellent job in helping their students learn," said Commissioner of Education Kevin Huffman. "Their record of performance attests to the hard work and dedication of the principals, teachers, students, and parents."

Every year, the Education Consumers Foundation selects 18 elementary and middle school principals to receive its Value-Added Achievement Awards based on the most important school measurement available: Learning gains across the entire student body, as measured by Tennessee's Value-Added Assessment System. TVAAS measures achievement gain in a way that permits schools to be compared regardless of the makeup of the student body. Schools whose students make the greatest annual gains in achievement earn the highest value-added scores; superior school-wide performance reflects superior teaching, teamwork, and leadership

Normal Park Museum Magnet School is one of the state's top performers on TVAAS, ranking 29th in the state among 539 K-8 and middle schools, and is the third place winner of the Value-Added Achievement Awards among K-8 and middle schools in East Tennessee. Ms. Levine was also recognized last year through the awards program.

According to Dr. J.E. Stone, president of the Education Consumers Foundation, "The leadership shown by principals like Jill Levine is remarkable; it illustrates what can be accomplished regardless of the wealth or poverty of the student body. With TVAAS, people are able to see exactly what each school contributes to the success of its students, not just the test score averages that are so heavily influenced by demographic and socioeconomic differences. These are the schools that do the best job of helping students 'be all they can be,' regardless of their strengths and weaknesses, their advantages and disadvantages."

"We are proud to see Jill Levine and the staff of Normal Park Museum Magnet School being recognized for their dedication and hard work," said Rick Smith, Hamilton County director of schools. "They have created a learning culture in which every student is able to reach their potential. We watch schools' value-added performance closely, and Normal Park's superior

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performance clearly demonstrates that they are doing an exceptional job in serving their students.”

**How the winners were selected**

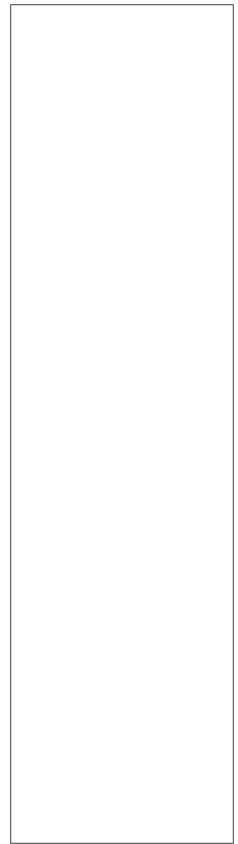
Each year, the Education Consumers Foundation ranks Tennessee elementary and middle schools according to their value-added performance. Rankings are made using schools’ letter grades for reading/language arts, math, science, and social studies; reading/language arts and math scores are double-weighted to reflect the importance of these areas. A “grade point average” is calculated, with a complementary measure – the raw TVAAS value of schools’ reading/language arts and math scores – used as a secondary factor.

In all, 18 winners were selected from among Tennessee’s nearly 1,300 public elementary and middle schools. First, second and third place awards are given in two categories, Elementary and Middle schools, in each of Tennessee’s three regions: East, Middle, and West.

Because the awards recognize high quality leadership, only schools where the principal has served for at least five years were considered.

The winning principals each receive a certificate, a banner and a cash award: \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place. Additional information about the winners, including school performance charts, is available at [www.education-consumers.org](http://www.education-consumers.org).





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Lee University senior Clark Beckham won ArtistSignal's Top Artist of the Month competition for April. The victory was announced upon final tallying of the votes. ArtistSignal is a social ... (click for more)



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**Lee Alum Win Webby Award**

**Lee's Moodley Selected To Participate In CIC Seminar**

**Chattanooga State Receives Outstanding Program Award**

**Breaking News**

**Woman Charged With Death Of Toddler In Fetanyl Case**

A Chattanooga woman has been charged in the death of a toddler in a case in which it was ruled that he died from a Fetanyl pain patch being placed on his back. Jaquelin Ann Escareno, 50, of 7655 Boriss Dr., is charged with criminally negligent homicide in the death of Demarcus Bryant. The 23-month-old child was found dead in his crib. Ms. Escareno is a relative of ... (click for more)

**Woman Accidentally Shot When Friend Attempts To Unload A Handgun**

A woman was shot on Thursday night. At approximately 11:45 p.m., Chattanooga Police responded to 124 South Moss Ave. for a person shot. Officers discovered that the woman was accidentally shot in the foot while a friend attempted to unload a handgun. The victim suffered a single gunshot wound to her foot and refused EMS transport, but was transported by a family member ... (click for more)

**Dalton Police Seek Man For Stealing Purse, Charity Jar**

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**Opinion**

**I'm Actually More Like My Mom**

A lot of people know me as Zach Wamp's son, and I'm proud of that. But the truth is, I'm actually more like my mom, Kim. In the midst of politics' silly season, it's good to remind ourselves that some things matter more. Like honoring our moms on Mother's Day. Growing up, my mom and I became the best of friends, in part because my dad had to be in Washington four days ... (click for more)

**Remember Those Who Endure Mother's Day - And Response**

For weeks now we've been seeing ads for Mother's Day gifts as well as store display urging people to do something special for the mothers they love so much...mothers who also love them. Although mothers should be shown appreciation every day, it's nice that one day a year is set aside as a special reminder...but at the same time that day is like a knife in the heart for many. ... (click for more)

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