



THE CYNTHIA WOODS MITCHELL
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EDUCATORS IN **ACTION** AWARDS



2026 RECIPIENTS



The Educators in Action awards honors performing and visual arts educators nominated by their directors or principals, not only for their excellence as teachers, but for the leadership, dedication, and commitment they bring to their students and school community.

Leslie Fernandez

Kingwood Middle School | Humble ISD

Visual Arts Educator

Nominated By: Sandra Newton



Leslie is an exceptional art educator and department chair at Kingwood High School who has built a thriving program. She sponsors the art club and also serves as the Humble Independent School District lead middle school art teacher, supporting both students and fellow educators with professionalism, creativity, and compassion. Leslie is known for her optimism and genuine care for her students, creating an environment where they feel supported and encouraged through both artistic and personal challenges. Her dedication, leadership, and caring heart make her an outstanding educator and mentor.

Congratulations, Leslie!

Sarah Nagy

Youngblood Intermediate | Alief ISD

Performing Arts Educator

Nominated By: Jessie James



Sarah inspires students through her consistent commitment to excellence, creating a supportive learning environment where students feel encouraged to succeed and grow as musicians. Her orchestra program reflects both high expectations and outstanding student achievement, while her dedication extends far beyond her own classroom through her support of campus and district fine arts programs and orchestra events. Sarah consistently steps in wherever she is needed, demonstrating humility, reliability, and servant leadership in all that she does. Her positive impact on students, colleagues, and fine arts programs across the district makes her highly deserving of recognition.

Congratulations, Sarah!