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Five school districts gather with Army to honor their best at the Excellence in Education Reception

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa. – Army War College leaders will honor top educators of the region’s five school districts and Saint Patrick’s School, while celebrating school administrators’, counselors’, and teachers’ commitment and selfless support for military children. Army War College parents will join Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Tony Cucolo for the **Excellence in Education Reception in their home, Quarters One, Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m.**

The Army War College is sponsoring the fifth annual reception to highlight the unique relationship between schools and the military children who live a challenging life of many moves and many school transitions.

The exceptional principals, teachers, and counselors who educate military children have been identified for honors by the superintendents of Carlisle, Big Spring, Cumberland Valley, Mechanicsburg and South Middleton school districts and Saint Patrick’s School.

Employees of the Carlisle Barracks Child, Youth, and School Services will be recognized for close collaboration with parents and schools in providing educational summer and after-school programs.

They will be joined by school board representatives, Army leaders, and military parents to salute the work of these top educators.

These school districts have made a special, additional commitment by becoming members of the Military Child Education Coalition several years ago. On a daily basis, administrators, teachers, coaches and counselors have shown commitment to military children and other children whose parents live a transient life through thoughtful policies and a relentless focus on children’s success and well-being.

List of honorees:

Carlisle Area School District

Mr. Bruce Rowland, Teacher

Mrs. Sue Biondo-Hench, Teacher

Mr. Eric Sands, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kristen Furness, Teacher

Mr. Michael Gogoj, Assistant Principal

Mr. Mark Smeltz, Teacher

Mrs. Diane Reisinger, Teacher

Mr. Jeffrey R. Bell, Principal

Ms. Danielle M. Bailor, Teacher

Ms. Kathi Smith, Teacher

Cumberland Valley School District

Mr. Joseph Shirvinski, Principal

Sgt. Richard Vargas, CV JROTC

Col. John Kardos, CV JROTC

Mrs. Lisa Fones, School Counselor

Mrs. Laura Jones, Teacher

South Middleton School District

Mrs. Sharon Giselman, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Tara Trostle, Librarian

Mrs. Jennifer Chamberlin, Teacher

Ms. Amy Necci, Teacher

Big Spring School District

Mr. Steve Smith, Principal

Mr. Scott Anderson, Teacher

Mr. William August, Principal

Mr. Scott Penner, Teacher

Mechanicsburg School District

Mr. Nicholas Butt, Counselor

Ms. Cheryl Dellinger, Teacher

Mrs. Brenda Schmidt, Counselor

Mr. Daniel Williams, Teacher

Saint Patrick School

Mrs. Jill Brown, Teacher

Tieman Child Development Center – Leaderkenny Army Depot

Ms. Ronda Cover

Ms. Martha Farner

Moore Child Development Center – Carlisle Barracks

Ms. Marlene Quinn

Mrs. Susan Keller

Youth Services – Carlisle Barracks

Mrs. Amy Magnuson

Ms. Meriah Swope

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