

# CCISD honors teachers making a difference

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Two Clear Creek ISD teachers, well loved by their students and well respected by their peers have been named the district's Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year.

Nicola Clemmer, a science teacher at Creekside Intermediate and the Secondary Teacher of the Year, offers her students real life experiences, taking them on field trips "to expose them to the real world."

She also told the audience

that growing up she had no ambition to go to college but finally found her way. Now her goal is to reach the kids who sit in the back of the room, and her peers think she's doing a rather good job at that. This is her 10th year of teaching.

Jennifer Foley of Walter Hall Elementary, in her fourth year of teaching, is the Elementary Teacher of the Year and one who sees teaching as "a journey filled with many different eye opening experiences.

"Each year around 25 new faces walk through the class-

room door. When they walk in, they are not just bringing backpacks with them but many different personalities and ability levels, too. Every student is different and should be valued because of their differences."

Both received standing ovations from the crowd.

The other four finalists are:

■ Annamary Given of Sandra Mossman Elementary

■ Deedy Payne of North Pointe Elementary

■ Edna Meeks of Clear Creek High

■ Todd Parsons of Clear Falls High

"The strength and talent of our teaching workforce is what makes the Clear Creek School District an exceptional place to learn, work and live," the superintendent told the crowd of educators and Rotarians at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City.

"The teachers we are honoring today represent our commitment to our children. They are the best in their craft. You will quickly realize they truly love what they do every day."



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The 2012 Clear Creek ISD Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, Jennifer Foley, left, of Walter Hall Elementary and Nicola Clemmer of Creekside Intermediate are congratulated by Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith.