

In 2003, “My Teacher, My Hero” honors were created by Southwest Plaza and the Foundation in recognition of Jeffco Public Schools’ educators in the south end of Jefferson County. Teachers were recognized for their extraordinary efforts in the classroom.

In 2010 the event partnership decided to open My Teacher. My Hero. to the entire Jeffco Public Schools community. Honorees were nominated by their principals and peers and selected by the community partnership to represent Jefferson County high school, middle and elementary school teachers.

**Past Teacher Hero Honorees** (\*= *Still in Jeffco Schools*):



**2012**

- \***Jennine Tarpley**, *5th Grade, Westgate Elementary School*
- \***Larry Niemiec**, *6th, 7th, 8th Grade Science, Lincoln Academy*
- Lonnie Newton**, *Science: Biology, Marine Biology, Oceanography, Arvada West HS*
- \***Travis Macy**, *11th & 12th English and Technology, Evergreen High School*



**2011**

- (Foundation Board members Jason Astle and Lori Hoffner)
- Holly Seefried**, *2nd Grade, Westgate Elementary School*
  - \***Briant McKellips**, *Physics and Advanced Physics, D'Evelyn Senior*
  - \***Carla Sullivan**, *Family/Consumer Science, No. Arvada Middle School*  
(*Foundation Executive Director, Katie Tiernan*)



**2010**

- \***Susan Mogan**, *Music Teacher, Hackberry Hill*
- \***Sue Coveyduck**, *Physical Science, Manning Middle*
- \***Marsha Roman**, *Special Education, Columbine High School*



**2009**

- \***Stacey Evans**, *3rd Grade, Westgate Elementary*
- \***Chet Andes**, *Technology Education, Evergreen Middle*
- \***Lori Young**, *Math, Columbine High School*



**2008**

- \***Sally Santangelo**, *4th Grade, Kendallvue Elementary School*
- \***Greg Manier**, *Science, Conifer High School*
- \***Steve Martin**, *Instrumental Music, Falcon Bluffs Middle School*



**2007**

- \***Karen Callahan**, *Coronado Elementary School*
- \***Jody Slavick**, *ESL Teacher, O'Connell Middle School*
- \***Tammy Ahmed**, *Orchestral Music, Bear Creek High School*



**2006**

- Becky Bradley**, *Choral Music, Kendrick Lakes Elementary School*
- Jeffrey DeBuhr**, *Math, Evergreen Middle School*
- \***George Dinwiddie**, *Math, Columbine High School*



**2005**

- Kathleen Crowe**, *Special Education, Peiffer Elementary School*  
(*Dr. Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent, Jeffco Public Schools*)
- \***Terry McKerley**, *8th Grade English, Summit Ridge Middle School*
- \***Sophia Rodriguez**, *Science, Chatfield Senior High School*



**2004**

- \***Mari VanNatta**, *ESL, Alameda High School*
- \***Carina O'Hayre**, *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Mount Carbon Elementary*
- \***Terry Nonnemacher**, *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Bear Creek K-8*



**2003**

*(Barb Monsue, Foundation Board)*

**\*Lee Andres**, *Choral Music, Columbine High School*

*(Dr. Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent, Jeffco Public Schools)*

**Kathryne Vandamme**, *Summit Ridge Middle School*

**Thomas Sweetland**, *Technology, Governor's Ranch Elementary School*