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### **Foundation honors Community Unit School District 200 teachers**

The NEW 200 Foundation honors six Community Unit School District 200 teachers at the 2016 Distinguished Teacher Awards on April 26.

The event, which doubled as a pizza-tasting party, raised \$13,000 for the nonprofit foundation. Awardees included Melissa DeCarlo (front, from left), Franklin Middle School; Todd Jones, Wiesbrook Elementary School; Cindy Mielke, Lowell Elementary School; Tod Harper, Edison Middle School; Robert Griegoliet, Wheaton North High School; and Joanne Wegscheid, Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

NEW 200 was formed in 1992 as an independent foundation that works directly with District 200 to bridge the gap between budget limitations and the desire to expand educational opportunities for students in Wheaton, Warrenville, and surrounding communities. NEW 200 provides the necessary funding to help enhance the learning experiences of District 200 students and inspire them to become enthusiastic and engaged learners. The volunteer-run foundation serves more than 1,000 educators and 13,400 students (grades K-12).

**Photo 1** - NEW 200 Foundation President Andy Johnson (back, from left) and foundation board members Jennifer Merck, Bob Hupp, Kristin Chmiel, Mark Bridges and Pamela Paulsen join the honorees.

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