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**NEW 200 Education Foundation to Recognize Six District 200 Teachers
April 26 Event Also Raises Funds for Support Our Students Grants**

The public is invited to attend the NEW 200 Education Foundation's second annual Distinguished Teacher Awards and Pizza Tasting Event on Tuesday, April 26 at Wheaton North High School (701 W. Thomas Street*). Admission to the fundraiser is \$8 for advance sale tickets and \$10 at the door for adults; \$5 for advance sale tickets and \$6 at the door for children between the ages of 3 and 10; and no charge for children, age 2 and younger. This year there is a family rate of \$26 in advance and \$32 at the door. Advance sale tickets may be purchased online at [Eventbrite](#).

As part of the admission fee, guests can enjoy a variety of pizzas and other food from several local restaurants. Pizza Tasting also includes raffle items, a silent auction, and musical selections performed by a string quartet. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the *Support Our Students* grants which are awarded to teachers for innovative teaching methods as well as initiatives designed to help at-risk students.

At 7 pm, the NEW 200 Education Foundation will present the 11th annual Distinguished Teacher Award to six teachers. Nominated by district students, parents/guardians, alumni, staff or members of the community, the awards recognize educators who enrich the educational experiences of District 200 students. The foundation received more than 100 nominations this year.

2016 Distinguished Teacher Award recipients include:

Elementary School Teachers

Todd Jones, 4th Grade, Wiesbrook
Cynthia Mielke, 2nd Grade, Lowell

Middle School Teachers

Melissa Chadwick-DeCarlo, Language Arts, Franklin
Tod Harper, Science, Edison

High School Teachers

Robert Griegoliet, Special Education, Wheaton North
Joanne Wegscheid, Orchestra, Wheaton Warrenville South (also teaches at Edison)

The restaurants participating in Pizza Tasting include Barone's Pizza of Glen Ellyn, Chick-fil-A, Domino's, Evviva Bar & Eatery, Gia Mia Pizza Bar, Jake's Pizza, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, Maciano's Pizza and Pataria Winfield, and Rosati's Pizza. The event is sponsored by GCA Services Group, Showalter Roofing Service, Inc., and Foresters Financial.

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).

*Attendees should enter the school at either door #1 or #16.

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