

## **KANSAS TEACHERS OF PROMISE**

Each year, Kansas colleges and universities that offer teacher preparation programs are invited to identify and select two teacher education students as Teachers of Promise. These students are invited to participate in a specific professional learning and recognition opportunity. Currently, 23 institutions offer teacher preparation programs, and most participate in these opportunities. Bethany College's Teacher Education Coordinators committee has chosen two outstanding teaching candidates for this prestigious Kansas State Department of Education's Teacher of Promise award each semester when possible. These candidates are selected for their professional commitment, achievement, and leadership while in their teacher preparation programs. The award is given at the Kansas Teacher of the Year (KTOY) banquet in the fall semester, and at the Kansas Exemplary Education Network (KEEN) ceremony in the spring semester. These awards are one of the several honors presented by the Kansas State Department of Education to help recruit and retain the best Kansas teachers for Kansas children.

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/Communications-and-RecognitionPrograms/Teachers-of-Promise>

## **BETHANY COLLEGE'S TEACHERS OF PROMISE**

2026-2027

MacKenzie Yoder (Elementary Education)

Addison Copeland (Elementary Education)

2025-2026

Jaelyn Grim (Elementary Education)

Pedro Sanchez (Instrumental Music Education)

2024-2025

Katherine (Katie) Kueker (Elementary Education)

Sophie Craft (ELA Education)

2023-2024

Rylee Paramore (Elementary Education)

Elena Martinez-Galvan (Math Education)

2022-2023

Lyric Green (Elementary Education)

Samantha Broom (Elementary Education)

2021-2022

Abigail Rishel-Barnett (Vocal Music PreK-12)

Marcelle Manatrey (Elementary Education K-6, ELL, Special Education)

2020-2021

2019-2020

Sam Reed (English Education 6-12)

Isaiah Fabrizio (Elementary Education K-6, ELL endorsement)

Emily Ballantyne (English Education 6-12)

Katherine Fowler (Art Education PreK-12)

2018-2019

Alyssa Montoya (K-6 Elementary Education and ELL endorsement)

Azucena Duarte (PreK-12 Physical Education and Health + Special Education)

Hannah Imm (6-12 English Teaching)

Rocky Krueger (K-6 Elementary Education)

2017-2018

Bianca Adams (K-6 Elementary Education and Middle Level Math + Special Education)

Christian Cooper (PreK-12 Instrumental Music)

Larrah Bills (K-6 Elementary Education, ELL and Special Education)

Sydney Johnson (PreK-12 Vocal Music)

2016-2017

Kristen Hanks (6-12 Math Teaching)

Landon Slipke (PreK-12 Vocal Music)

Jason Drouillard (6-12 English Teaching)

Eileen Vlavis (6-12 Math Teaching)

2015-2016

Amelia Fabrizio (6-12 Social Science Teaching)

Kaitlyn Norton (K-6 Elementary Education)

Kaitlyn Ralston (K-6 Elementary Education)

Tabatha Ihnken (PreK-12 Art)

2014-2015

Nicholas Junker (6-12 Social Science Teaching)

Samantha Voorhees (6-12 Math Teaching)

Madison Shetlar (PreK-12 Art)

Macey Dinkel (K-6 Elementary Education and ELL)

These preservice teachers were also recognized and featured on the Bethany Insight Newsletter

<https://www.bethanylb.edu/alumni/insight/>