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## Arkansas Winners of Presidential Awards for Excellence Announced

**LITTLE ROCK** — Two Springdale teachers were recently named recipients of the 2020 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Lindsay Hall, a third-grade math teacher at Bernice Young Elementary School in Springdale, and Lisa Taylor, a fifth-grade science teacher at Willis D. Shaw Elementary School in Springdale, were selected for the honors.

The National Science Foundation, on behalf of The White House, oversees the program that recognizes outstanding teachers who have demonstrated a commitment to professional development, innovative teaching techniques, and technology use in their classrooms. Each recipient will receive a \$10,000 award, presidential citation, and a trip to Washington, DC, to attend recognition events, professional development activities, and an awards ceremony.

“Congratulations, Ms. Hall and Ms. Taylor, on receiving this national honor,” Arkansas Department of Education Secretary Johnny Key said. “All of us here at the department join your co-workers and students in saying how proud we are of you. Because of your excellence in the classroom and dedication to learning, your students will be prepared for life beyond high school. Thank you for the positive example you set for everyone at your school and in your community.”

Each year math and science educators are nominated on the state level. State finalists then have the potential to receive national recognition. A national committee comprised of scientists, mathematicians, and educators reviews all state finalists and recommends up to 108 teachers to receive PAEMST awards in mathematics, science, and computer science. Winners are chosen from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. territories, and schools operated in the United States and overseas by the Department of Defense Education Activity.

To learn more about the awards program, go to <https://www.paemst.org/>.

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Pictured (l to r): Lindsay Hall and Lisa Taylor

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