



## ***Press Release***

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### **East Lansing Educational Foundation Seeks Annual Education and Community Service Award Nominations**

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East Lansing, MI -- The East Lansing Educational Foundation (ELEF) is seeking nominations from the community for its annual education and community service awards. The deadline for nominations is January 23, 2011. The awards will be presented at the ELEF Eleventh Annual Awards Dinner and Golf Outing on May 12, 2011 at Eagle Eye Convention Center.

“Our community is key to the strength of our school system, “ says ELEF Co-President Joan Berardo. “The foundation is looking for nominations of those who serve our students and build a stronger East Lansing. These honorees are leaders who have earned our applause!”

Nomination forms for the following awards may be found at [www.eastlansingeducationfoundation.org](http://www.eastlansingeducationfoundation.org) . Individuals may make multiple nominations.

#### **Excellence in Teaching Awards-**

- Two awards for “Excellence in Teaching” are made, one to a teacher in the elementary division (K-6) and one to a teacher in the secondary division (7-12) of the East Lansing Public Schools
- Must be a current teacher in the East Lansing Public Schools

#### **Outstanding Alumni Honor Roll-**

- Must be an ELHS alum, or have spent the majority of their K-12 education in EL schools
- Must have accumulated a record of distinguished achievement and community service, not necessarily limited to service within the EL area
- Should function as a professional and/or personal example and/or inspiration to EL students

#### **Distinguished Alumni Award-**

- Same criteria as the Outstanding Alumni Honor Roll
- Has achieved distinction at the national or international level

#### **East Lansing Educational Foundation Awards-**

- Not required to be East Lansing alum
- Must have accumulated a record of service to East Lansing Public Schools or the East Lansing Educational Foundation

**Distinguished Community Service Award (Theda Assiff Award)-**

- Not required to be EL alum
- For ongoing, consistent, and outstanding service to the East Lansing Community

**Spartan Village G.L.O.B.A.L. Education Award-**

- Employee of East Lansing Public Schools. Nominees must demonstrate excellence in the following areas:
  - Preparation of children to participate in a diverse, global society
  - Collaboration with colleagues to learn and share knowledge and methods
  - Fostering family participation in educational and community settings
  - Celebrating the diversity of our international population and engaging them in the educational and community setting.
- Past recipients are ineligible for 5 years

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