

SCHOOL TALK

Group honors C.R. school officials

Educators named outstanding administrators for Area 10

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CEDAR RAPIDS — Four administrators from the Cedar Rapids school district have been recognized by the School Administrators of Iowa as outstanding Area 10 administrators for 2006.

Honorees are:

• **Central Office Administrator of the Year: Jay Marino** (see photo), associate superintendent for accountability and organizational effectiveness.

• **Elementary Administrator of the Year: Kathleen Reyner** (see photo), principal, Viola Gibson.

• **Middle School Principal of the Year: Steve Archibald** (see photo), Taft.

• **Fine Arts Administrator of the Year: Melissa Gilbert** (see photo), principal, Johnson School of the Arts.

To be eligible, nominees must have served as a school administrator for a minimum of five years. Other criteria include evidence of outstanding contributions to the well-being of the educational community and evidence that the individual is respected by his or her colleagues and the community at large.

The nominees will be reviewed by a committee of their peers in preparation for state awards, which will be announced in January.



Jay
Marino



Kathleen
Reyner



Steve
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Melissa
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Staff awards

CEDAR RAPIDS — **Stacy Haynes-Moore** of Jefferson High School has achieved certified journalism educator status from the Journalism Education Association. Journalism certification recognizes teachers who meet national standards of preparation to teach high school journalism classes and advise student media.

MARION — **Gregory Semler**, associate principal at Marion High School, was named Assistant Principal of the Year for Iowa District 10 by the School Administra-



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Monroe kindergartners (from left) Deshawn Hurt, Jayson Williams and Cameron Williams play on new playground equipment during recess Friday at Monroe Elementary School in southeast Cedar Rapids. A third piece of equipment has been added to the school grounds. Half of the funds for the roughly \$20,000 project came from a Fighting Obesity Through Play matching grant from Premier Recreation Products Inc. Monroe's parent-teacher association raised the other half, approximately \$10,000, by earmarking about a third of its past three annual fundraisers to the project, said Scott Gay, 25, PTA Purchasing Committee Representative.

tors of Iowa.

The group has 15 districts in the state.

Semler also was one of three finalists for a state award, the 2007 Iowa Assistant Secondary Principal of the Year, which went to Sioux City Middle School As-

sistant Principal Nancy Fendig.

Semler has been an assistant principal in the Marion Independent school district since 2005. Before that, he was with the Springville school district for 16 years.

School Talk is a weekly listing of school-related honors and achievements. To submit an item, e-mail Kristina Gleeson at kristina.gleeson@gazette.com or write her at P.O. Box 511, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.