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Sara Maxon named 2019 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Teacher

Sara Maxon was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2019 Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Teacher Award. Ms. Maxon teaches fourth and fifth grades at Concordia Academy in Omaha, Neb. She has introduced initiatives such as Passion Projects in which students develop their passion, learn more about it, and teach it to others. She has also implemented a hands-on science program and developed literature circles.

Sara earned a B. S. in elementary education from University of Nebraska, Omaha and has successfully completed the colloquy program. She has served Concordia Academy her entire ministry.

In support of Sara's nomination, her principal said, "Mrs. Maxon daily demonstrates care and concern for all of her students as she professes her faith in both word and action. The clear focus of her classroom is on the cross of Christ as she frequently and effectively professes her own faith and leads students to understand how God is very much alive and at work in their lives. She develops great rapport with her students and demonstrates a commitment to ensure that they are engaged and receive the best instruction possible. She is adept at understanding the social, emotional, spiritual, and cognitive needs of her students and employs a variety of instructional strategies to meet those needs."

One parent commented, "Mrs. Sara Maxon has exceptional qualities. She is filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The love, joy, peace, and patience she shows every day in the classroom are a cut above the typical teacher. Kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control in a teacher are what we pray for as parents. We are grateful our children have been blessed to have her to guide their faith and further their education. She has blessed us and so many families with her commitment to Christian education."

Sara's pastor said, "Sara exudes the joy of Jesus. She is kind and compassionate. She is an encourager. She always has a ready smile and goes about her ministry with a positive and cheerful spirit. I know that Sara has been active serving in the community in a variety of ways, for example, in fundraisers for Downs Syndrome. She enjoys a wonderful reputation as a teacher."

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