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Brian Young Selected for 2020 Distinguished Retired Lutheran Educator “EncourAGING” Award

Mr. Brian Young was selected to receive LEA’s Distinguished Retired Lutheran Educator EncourAGING Award. Brian lives in Bay City, Mich.

Brian graduated from Concordia University Chicago in 1967 and “officially” retired from the teaching ministry in 2008. He served as principal and teacher in schools in San Francisco, Calif., St. Joseph, Mich., and Bay City, Mich. In 1996, Brian was honored as Lutheran school principal of the year.

Brian said, “At the time of my retirement, I was privileged to initially develop and then chair a triennial ‘Joint Lutheran Schools Celebration’ event, four times bringing together in a large arena some 3000 students, teachers, and others from twenty-six Lutheran schools for major worship-celebration- entertainment-outreach event components.”

He serves as vice president of LEAP—Lutheran Education Advancement Plan, an “effort that brings together representatives from 22 Lutheran churches/schools, seeking cooperatively to ‘Advance Lutheran Education for Future Generations across the Great Lakes Bay Region.’” He chairs a LEAP Effectiveness Training for Education Boards Task Force, which assists boards in improving their work.

Brian’s nominators explained, “Brian is tireless in investigating, connecting, communicating his passion for well-run Lutheran schools. Brian was the long time principal at Immanuel Bay City. He served 15–20 years on the District NLSA Commission. His entire ministry is marked by a passion for excellence in Lutheran schools. He models Christ to those who meet him.”

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