

## Dr. Kimberly Smith Excellence in Education Award Announced

April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Wakefield Educational Foundation honored exemplary students, staff and volunteers from all schools in the Wakefield Public School district. In attendance were two surprise guest speakers, A.J. Beebe, Director of Guidance at Wakefield Memorial High School, and former Superintendent, Dr. Steve Zrike.

These guests shared heartfelt praise, a tear or two, and some humorous bits of their rich histories with Dr. Smith. They then joined WEF in presenting retiring Superintendent Dr. Kim Smith with a special award. WEF thanked Dr. Smith for her long-time collaboration and support of WEF.

Prior to the event, Dr. Smith selected a member of the faculty whom she wanted to recognize and prepared her presentation for the unaware recipient. To her wonderful surprise, this award that she presented was in her name: the Dr. Kimberly Smith Excellence in Education Award. This award was presented to Galvin Middle School Principal Mr. Colantuoni, who was surprised and honored to receive the first Dr. Kimberly Smith Excellence in Education Award.



WEF Directors Elizabeth Russell and Colleen Guida with Dr. Kim Smith, Mr. Adam Colantuoni and Dr. Steve Zrike, following the presentation of awards.

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Mr. Adam Colantuoni with Dr. Kim Smith, as they hold their matching awards in Dr. Smith's name.



Dr. Steve Zrike, former WPS Superintendent and surprise guest speaker with Dr. Kim Smith, WPS Superintendent.