



March 29, 2015

Mr. Steven Steinbruck
Omaha North High Magnet School
4410 North 36th Street
Omaha, NE 68111

RE: 19th ANNUAL "GOLDEN APPLE" AWARDS

Dear Mr. Steinbruck:

On behalf of the Omaha Chapter of the Brigham Young University Alumni we would like to congratulate you as a 2015 recipient of the "Golden Apple" Award.

In 1997, the Omaha Chapter of the BYU Alumni began honoring teachers in the western Iowa/Eastern Nebraska area for excellence in education. This Award is based upon our survey of the youth who are associated with BYU and/or who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the "Mormons." In your particular case, Jeshua Saxton wrote an essay nominating you for this Award. The Award is given to a teacher who not only teaches the standard curriculum but also teaches valuable principles about ethics, personal accountability, service and morality. We believe that you have raised the aspirations of numerous children and encouraged them to not only succeed in academics but also to excel in the more subtle -- but no less important -- aspects of character. We would like to recognize you as a credit to the Omaha Public School District and as a positive reflection of what is good and promising about our education system.

Brigham Young University is the largest private university in the Nation with an enrollment of approximately 35,000 students. It is one of the most academically challenging institutions in the country, and close to 70% of its student body is fluent in a second language. It is affiliated with the Mormon Church and seeks to educate students to not only succeed in a profession but to become positive contributing members of our society. We truly believe that the great measure of a person's worth is not based on one's professional stature in life but on how one conducts his or her life. It is those quiet moments in life when we seek to serve others, strengthen our children and families, improve ourselves or reach out to those less fortunate that we can see the value of character.

We will work with Mr. Gene Haynes to find an appropriate opportunity to present this award to you. Congratulations! We appreciate the fine example that you set for tomorrow's future -- our children.

Sincerely,

Dan Jones
BYU Alumni, Omaha Chapter Chairman