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United Supermarkets & Mrs Baird's Bread honor three Lubbock area teachers as Teachers on the Rise for March

LUBBOCK, Texas — The United Family and Mrs Baird's Bread announced the March winners of the thirteenth annual Teachers On The Rise program. Since the launch of the program in August, nominations have poured in from students and families across the South Plains, highlighting how teachers go above and beyond the call of duty, deserving special recognition.

Congratulations to our winners from March: Kacie Cotton of Cathelene Thomas Elementary School (Slaton ISD), Angelica Patiño of Alcove Trails Middle School (Frenship ISD), and Laurie Villanueva of Levelland High School (Levelland ISD).

"We are thrilled for this round of winners," said Abie Rampy, director of public relations for The United Family. "Teachers serve such a vital purpose in our communities and they are incredibly deserving of recognition. With only two months remaining, we encourage students to nominate their favorite teachers!"

"We know great things go on in area classrooms year-round," said Shane Sumrow, the program's director. "That's why we accept nominations through May 4th. So with just one more month to go, now is a great time for students and families to let us know how educators go above and beyond to make an impact."

Winning teachers receive a \$100 United Supermarkets gift card, lunch for two to the Texas Tech Club, and a gift box full of Mrs Baird's goodies. The students who nominate a winning teacher also receive a \$50 American Express gift card. Teachers On The Rise is supported by Atmos Energy, the year-end banquet sponsor.

To nominate a teacher from your school, visit www.MrsBTeacher.com. Follow the Teachers On The Rise Program throughout the school year, including the latest monthly winners on their social media pages: Instagram: [@LUBBTOTR](https://www.instagram.com/LUBBTOTR) and Facebook: [@LUBBTOTR](https://www.facebook.com/LUBBTOTR).

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