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**United Supermarkets & Mrs Baird's Bread honor three Amarillo area teachers
as Teachers on the Rise for February**

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

Congratulations to our winners from February: **Jessica Hernandez** of Emerson Elementary School (Amarillo ISD), **Ronnie Hamilton** of Bonham Middle School (Amarillo ISD), and **Abbie Champond** of Tascosa High School (Amarillo ISD).

"Our teachers go above and beyond every single day, and it feels great to shine a spotlight on their hard work," said Abie Rampy, director of public relations for The United Family. "This program is one of our favorite ways to celebrate the heart of our communities, and we can't wait to see the amazing educators who will be honored in the last few months of the school year."

"With more than 800 nominations this school year, we are hearing about great accounts of outstanding educators in Panhandle classrooms," said Shane Sumrow, the program's director. "We encourage students and families to continue sending in nominations all school year. There is still plenty of time to submit a nomination for your favorite teacher this spring."

Winning teachers receive a \$100 United Supermarkets gift card, a \$100 Amazon gift card from Horse Creek Boutique in Spearman for classroom supplies, a \$25 gift card to Tyler's Barbecue in Amarillo, and a gift basket 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 also sponsored by Atmos Energy, who hosts the program's year-end banquet.

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

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