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**United Supermarkets & Mrs Baird's Bread honor six Lubbock area teachers as Teachers on the Rise for December & January**

LUBBOCK, Texas — The United Family and Mrs Baird's Bread® announced the December and January winners of the fifteenth annual Teachers On The Rise program. Since the program's launch 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 and deserve special recognition.

Congratulations to our winners from December: **Tamara Riley** of Abernathy Elementary School (Abernathy ISD), **Emelia Jones** of Dunbar College Preparatory Academy (Lubbock ISD), and **Randa Wuerflein** of Levelland High School (Levelland ISD).

Congratulations to our winners from January: **Ashley Carthel** of Plainview North Elementary School (Plainview ISD), **Sara Bading** of Shallowater Middle School (Shallowater ISD), and **Jennifer Garcia-Frazier** of Lubbock High School (Lubbock 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 all the amazing educators who will be honored in the months ahead."

"With more than 800 nominations already this school year, we are hearing about great accounts of outstanding educators in South Plains 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, 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 sponsored by the Texas Tech Club and Atmos Energy.

To nominate a teacher from your school, visit [www.TeachersOnTheRise.com](http://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:** [@LUBBTOTR](https://www.instagram.com/LUBBTOTR) / **Facebook:** [@LubbockTeachersOnTheRise](https://www.facebook.com/LubbockTeachersOnTheRise)

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