



The Birnadine Mack Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the \$1000 award winners for 2022!

Western Division- Breanna Brewer (Delta)

Southern Division- Danielle (Dani) Flores (Colorado Springs)

Northeast Division- Micah Schnellinger (Loveland)

Metro Division- Sarah Siddens (Littleton)

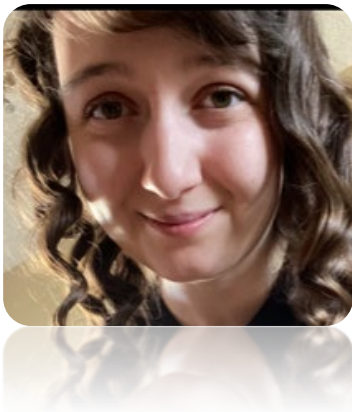
There were 102 applicants this year, indicating the great need for continuing education among active Colorado public school employees.

Thanks to Foundation board members Marie Antalek, Leonard Nelson, Mike Clem, LuAnn Long and Mary Lynn Jones for all their time and effort. Also, a big thank you to Paul Van Camp, who manages the on-line application process.



My name is Breanna Brewer, and I am incredibly honored to receive the Western Division 2022 scholarship from the Birnadine Mack Scholarship Foundation. I have lived in Delta, Colorado for most of my life and graduated from Delta High School in 2006. I love living in western Colorado with my husband, Mark, my six children, Gavin, Nathan, Tallyn, Rebecca, Braxton, and Mark II. In my free time I enjoy spending time outside camping, fishing, four wheeling, paddle boarding, and exploring the beautiful area I am blessed to call home.

I currently work at Garnet Mesa Elementary School in Delta, Colorado where I have worked for 6 years as a special education/kindergarten paraprofessional. Shortly after I began working at Garnet Mesa Elementary School, I realized how much I loved working with students, seeing them grow, helping them reach their goals, and creating lasting positive relationships with their peers and teachers, I decided to enroll at Grand Canyon University in 2019 to pursue a degree in elementary education and special education. I will graduate from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education degree in December 2022. Upon graduation, I plan to continue my employment at Garnet Mesa Elementary School.



My name is Danielle Flores, and I currently work at an alternative high school as an educational assistant and health tech. My passion has always been helping others and being the person everyone can count on. My goal is to become a teacher so that I can make a difference in the future of our community's children. I am excited to continue my educational path towards a bachelor's degree, and possibly, a master's! Thank you for this opportunity. Words cannot explain how thankful I am to be a recipient! Thank you so very much!



Micah Schnellinger is a 7th grade English Language Arts teacher at North Valley Middle School in La Salle, Colorado. He has taught at NVMS for the past five years, and is passionate about literacy. He is deeply committed to guiding his students to become stronger readers, writers, and overall critical thinkers. He recently began working on his Master's degree in English Education at the University of Northern Colorado. He hopes to use his Master's degree to build and strengthen his instructional practices, as well as to help him develop into a strong teacher leader at his school.



Sarah Siddens is in her sixth year teaching First Grade at Gust Elementary School in Denver Public Schools. She loves watching students find their love of learning and exploring the world around them. When she is not at school, she enjoys hanging out with her two Golden doodle pups (Atlas and Onyx) and adventuring in the mountains. The scholarship funds are enabling Sarah to pursue National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards; a certification "designed to develop, retain, and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide"