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Two UChicago UTEPers Named 2021 Finalists for Illinois Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching

Congratulations to our two UChicago UTEPers who have been named 2021 finalists for the Illinois Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching! Alli Bizon, a first- through third-grade teacher at the Suder Montessori Magnet Elementary School, graduated with UTEP cohort 9, and Ashley McCall, a third-grade teacher at Chavez Multicultural Academic Center, is one of UTEP's clinical instructors.

Bizon and McCall were 2 of 32 pre-k through third-grade finalists — just 4.5% of a record-setting 708 nominations received from 67 counties in Illinois. The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching honor outstanding teachers for having lasting, positive effects on students' lives and school communities. Teacher finalists demonstrate — in their teaching and results — significant positive impacts on their students' growth and learning.

Each finalist who is ultimately named a recipient of the Golden Apple Award will receive a \$5,000 cash award in addition to a spring sabbatical at Northwestern University. Learn more: <https://www.goldenapple.org/news/2021-golden-apple-awards-finalists-announced>