APS Celebrates 2012 Principals of the Year

Congratulations to Nancy Klinedinst and Starla Sieveke-Pearson, principals at Yale Elementary School and Aurora Frontier K-8, respectively, who earned the 2012 APS Distinguished Principal of the Year honors.

The award recognizes principals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and success at their schools. Klinedinst, who is in her fourth year at Yale, said her wide range of experiences have been her best teacher.

“With experience also comes understanding for motivation behind behaviors of adults as well as children, and in this business of education, it is all about the people,” Klinedinst said.

Sieveke-Pearson has been in education for 25 years. She credits her success to her intense study of leadership theories and to the people she learned from along the way.

“I borrow from the best, with pride,” Sieveke-Pearson said. “I am not a perfect leader – far from it; I am a human leader who leads with a wacky combination of heart and intellect.”

Montview Earns National Title I Distinguished School Designation

The Colorado Department of Education recently named Montview Math and Health Sciences Elementary School a National Title I Distinguished School.

Recognized for closing the achievement gap between student groups, Montview earned the designation based on the success of its educational programs and student progress. Only two schools in Colorado earn this honor each year.

“This award is a symbol to honor the incredible talent, skill and daily work of our Montview teachers,” Principal Michelle Barone said. “Our entire staff works together to support our goal of helping each student have a better life because they attended Montview.”