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Local Teacher Surprised with Educator Award and Cash Prize at Martin, Tennessee School

Martin Primary's Brandie Roberts honored with 2025 Tennessee Early Educator Award

MARTIN, Tenn. – In a surprise classroom visit, Brandie Roberts, a Pre-K Educational Assistant at Martin Primary, was honored as one of only 10 statewide recipients of the annual Tennessee Early Educator Awards. The statewide awards program, launched by [Tennesseans for Quality Early Education \(TQEE\)](#), honors outstanding early childhood educators for their impact on the lives of Tennessee's youngest learners.

The Martin educator was surprised during class on Thursday, September 25th, celebrating the moment with her colleagues and students. Roberts and the other award winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize, an all-expenses-paid trip to Nashville, and a shopping spree at Lakeshore Learning to celebrate their contributions to early education in the state.

"These 10 honorees represent the excellence, commitment, and care that make early learning possible," **said Blair Taylor, CEO of TQEE.** "Now in our second year, it is truly a privilege to present these awards and give well-deserved recognition to the extraordinary educators who help shape Tennessee's future from the very beginning."

The Tennessee Early Educator Awards highlight the importance of early childhood care and education professionals who work with children from birth through third grade. Of the 10 educators selected for the award, 5 are recognized for their work in birth through preschool programs, and 5 for teaching in kindergarten through third grade.

Backed by a range of sponsors, including [Lakeshore Learning](#), [Ballad Health](#), [Hyde Family Foundation](#), [Niswonger Foundation](#), Nancy and Harold Dishner, [the Boyd Foundation](#), and [Crisp Communications](#), these awards provide well-deserved recognition to the early education profession and underscore the critical role of high-quality early learning to Tennessee's education outcomes.

TQEE will continue to announce the remaining award recipients from across the state through September 29th on their TN Early Educator Awards website tqee.org/educators/early-educator-awards/.

Awardee Details:

- **Brandie Roberts** | Educational Assistant, Pre-K | Martin Primary | Martin

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