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Two area principals honored in Nashville

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Two area educators were presented Monday with Value-Added Achievement Awards by the Education Consumers Foundation during the foundation's annual awards ceremony in Nashville.

Teresa Leonard, principal of Boones Creek Elementary, was awarded first place in the elementary school division for East Tennessee, while J.R. Campbell, principal of Little Milligan, was awarded third place in the K-8/middle school division for East Tennessee.

Leonard and Campbell were among the 18 principals from nearly 1,300 public elementary and middle schools across the state who were honored at the ceremony held at the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The event honors principals who are doing a superior job as determined by Tennessee's Value-Added Assessment System, or TVAAS, which measures achievement gain in a way that permits schools to be compared regardless of the student body's makeup. Schools whose students make the greatest annual gains in achievement earn the highest value-added scores.

Rankings are made using schools' letter grades for reading/language arts, math, science and social studies. Reading/language arts and math scores are double-weighted to reflect the importance of these areas. A grade point average is calculated using the three-year average Literacy/Numeracy Growth Index as a secondary factor. The winning principals each receive a certificate, a banner and a cash award: \$3,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third place.

Only schools where the principal has served for at least five years were considered.

For more on the awards, visit www.education-consumers.org.

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