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Local Principal, John S. Haynal, Among America's Best

Nevada school leader is honored for sustaining strong schools during National Principals Month.

ALEXANDRIA, VA—September 30, 2016—John S. Haynal is among 58 outstanding elementary and middle school principals from across the nation and abroad who have been named as [2016 National Distinguished Principals](#) (NDP) by the [National Association of Elementary School Principals](#) (NAESP). Haynal is principal of Roundy Elementary School, Vegas Verdes Elementary School, and Wynn Elementary School in Las Vegas, Nevada. The NDPs will be honored Oct. 7 at an awards banquet at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., as part of a two-day program.

Established in 1984, the National Distinguished Principals program recognizes public and private school principals who make superior contributions to their schools and communities. The principals will also have the opportunity to share best practices. The 58 principal honorees are selected by NAESP state affiliates and by committees representing private and overseas schools.

NAESP Executive Director Gail Connelly congratulated the class of outstanding principals, noting their significant influence on the students, schools, and communities they serve. "Principals are uniquely positioned to impact the academic, social, and emotional success of all students," she said. "These exceptional leaders have proven their commitment to providing a high-quality, well-rounded education in their schools. The National Distinguished Principals program recognizes these well-deserving principals for their extraordinary passion, dedication, and contribution to their schools, their students, and their communities."

It is particularly fitting to acknowledge the work of principals in October because it is National Principals Month, which was established to recognize and honor the contributions of school principals and assistant principals toward the success of the nation's students, and encourage awareness of their significance.

NOTE: A list of the 2016 NDPs and their biographical information can be accessed at www.naesp.org/2016-class-national-distinguished-principals.

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Established in 1921, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) leads in the advocacy and support for elementary and middle school principals in the United States and internationally. NAESP supports principals as the primary catalysts for creating lasting foundations for learning through policy and professional development, advocacy, programs, and resources for effective instructional leadership. NAESP advances the profession on behalf of all principals, providing specialized support and mentoring for early career principals. Key focus areas include pre-K-3 education, school safety, technology and digital learning, and capacity-building educator evaluation. For more information about NAESP, please visit www.naesp.org.