

## Local Teacher wins Golden Apple Award

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Site visits of teachers that are finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching are happening now, and that is a reason to celebrate! Tobe Turpin Elementary teacher Viola Hoskie is a finalist.

Becoming a finalist is a major accomplishment. Of the 215 elementary teachers nominated this cycle, only 16 have become finalists.

Hoskie expressed her gratitude during the Gallup McKinley County Schools Board of Education meeting Nov. 2.

"I feel thankful for the honor this evening," she said. "Not sure how I completely

feel about it because its like you are being honored for something that you really love to do. I really love teaching. I love my kids. I want the best for them."

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The next step for these incredible educators is a day-long site visit consisting of observations and interviews. It can be a nervous day, but the process makes the finalists feel deeply valued by their communities.

Help us celebrate the 2016 Finalists! Their schools and their communities should be very proud!

### **VIOLA HOSKIE, TOBE TURPIN ELEMENTARY, GALLUP**

**Darlene Arango**, Sierra Vista Elementary, Albuquerque

**Christine Biree**, Carlos Gilbert Elementary, Santa Fe

**Brenda Dominguez**, Amy Biehl Community School, Santa Fe

**Helen Garrett**, Cuba Elementary School, Cuba

**Grace Hawkins**, Monte Vista Elementary, Albuquerque

**Agapita Hopkins**, Chaparral and Painted Sky Elementaries, Albuquerque

**Paula Jackson**, Monte Vista Elementary, Albuquerque

**Christine Laffler**, Bandelier Elementary, Albuquerque

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**Stacy Lovell**, La Jicarita Community School, Penasco

**Patricia Martinez**, Kirtland Elementary, Albuquerque

**Roni Rohr**, El Dorado Community School, Santa Fe

**Janine Sammeth**, El Dorado Community School, Santa Fe

**Silvia Sosa de Chavez**, Dolores Gonzales Elementary, Albuquerque

**Amanda Tapia**, Alice King Community School, Albuquerque

**Krystal Wood-Kofonow**, Monte Vista Elementary, Albuquerque

Stay tuned for the announcement of the Seven Awardees in November.