



CAMDEN EDUCATION FUND SURPRISES 2025 RISE TEACHER AWARD WINNERS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS



As a Part of National Teacher Appreciation Week, Camden Leaders Visited Teachers' Classrooms to Present \$5,000 Awards

On Friday May 9th during national Teacher Appreciation Week, Camden Education Fund (CEF) surprised teachers in their classrooms to celebrate this year's recipients of the 2025 RISE Teaching Award, a citywide distinction honoring three outstanding teachers across Camden's district, charter and renaissance schools.

To learn more about the surprise see news coverage from:

- [FOX 29 | Good Day Philadelphia Shines a Spotlight on Camden's 2025 RISE Award Educators \(also above\)](#)
 - [ABC 6 | 2025 RISE Award Winners Presented with \\$5,000](#)
 - [NBC 10 | Three Teachers in Camden Receive Quite the Surprise](#)
 - [CBS 3 | CBS 3 Celebrates Camden's RISE Award-Winning Educator](#)
 - [TapInto Camden | Surprise! Camden Education Fund Shocks, and Honors, Three City Educators with RISE Award](#)
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The three winning recipients each received a \$5,000 prize, a Certificate of Achievement from the City of Camden, a congratulatory video, and a surprise classroom visit from Mayor Victor Carstarphen, Camden Education Fund CEO, Giana Campbell, and other local elected officials notifying them of their selection.



Selection for the 2025 RISE Award began in November when Camden Education Fund sought nominations from school principals across the city. Principals nominated teachers, who were then invited to complete applications, including reflections on their teaching practices and recommendations from colleagues, students, or families. An independent committee of veteran educators reviewed all RISE applications and selected the finalists. The committee then observed lessons and reviewed teachers' lesson reflections to evaluate each finalist.



Watch CBS 3 Coverage of Surprise Teacher Visit!

This is the fifth year of the RISE Award. Both this year's and previous winning teachers represent the diversity of education offerings in the city. They include elementary, middle, and high school teachers; district, charter, and renaissance teachers; general education, special education, and bilingual/ESL teachers.



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