

Agenda Item: 1.b

Meeting Date: May 7, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Phyllis Gorshe, Library Director

Date: 2026-04-22

Subject: 15th Annual City of Dunedin Mayor's Top Apple School Awards

Presenter(s): Phyllis Gorshe, Library Director

Staff Recommendation: Announce winners and present awards of the City of Dunedin 15th Annual Mayor's Top Apple School Awards:
- "A" Schools - Academie Da Vinci Charter School, Curtis Fundamental Elementary, Dunedin Highland Middle School, Garrison-Jones Elementary, and San Jose Elementary;
- Achievement in the Arts - Orlando Pena - Academie Da Vinci Charter School;
- Excellence in Technology - Natalie Paul - Academie Da Vinci Charter School;
- Health and Wellness Initiative - Haley Kukoleck - San Jose Elementary School;
- Visionary Leadership - Commander Jones & Chief Johnson - Dunedin High School; and
- Golden Apple - Teacher of the Year - Mariangelie Vazquez Llanis - Garrison-Jones Elementary School.

Strategic Themes: City Services, Community Amenities and Good Governance

Boards & Committees: N / A

Budget Impact: Mayor's Top Apple and Dunedin School Awards are part of the City Commission annual budget.

Past Action: The City of Dunedin Commission has held the Mayor's Top Apple School Awards for fifteen (15) years.

Next Action: Share the winners and present the awards to the recipients at the Commission Meeting.

Attachments:

Background: The City of Dunedin Commission has held the Mayor's Top Apple

School Awards for fifteen (15) years to provide recognition for outstanding achievements by schools located within the City. Schools that receive an "A" grade, or went up a grade, are recognized with an award. There are also five (5) category awards to recognize accomplishments of significance in our Dunedin schools.

As such, the City's program provides several opportunities for recognition, both in overall grade achievement or maintenance, and in expanded categories of achievement within each school.