

DAVID & FLORENCE TROUT FAMILY EDUCATOR AWARD

This award was established in 2007 by Dr. Monroe and Sandra Trout in honor of Dr. Trout's parents, David and Florence Trout, and his brothers and sisters – Helen, David, Robert, Elizabeth, William, Herman, Charles, Arthur, Theodore, Harold, Pauline, Chester, and Hazel. The purpose of the award is to recognize a full-time FVL teacher each year for his/her efforts in and out of the classroom. The award money is to be used by the educator to pursue professional growth opportunities to advance his/her education and benefit the FVL student body. The use of the remaining portion of the award is left to the discretion of the educator. Educators can be nominated by students, parents, school administration, or fellow teachers. All full-time FVL faculty are eligible for this award except the principal, who chairs the Selection Committee.

Nomination forms are available online and in print during each award cycle. Criteria includes how the teacher impacts students in the classroom, the FVL family, and the church or community at large. Nominations must include at least one letter of recommendation from someone besides the person making the nomination. It can be a student, parent, FVL graduate, teacher, pastor, or community leader. All nominations are to be submitted to the FVL principal.

Selection Timeline:

- ✓ **October – January** – Nominations open and given to FVL Principal.
- ✓ **March** – Principal finalizes nomination packet with letters of recommendation.
- ✓ **May:** Selection Committee meets to select *Educator Award*.
- ✓ **Senior Awards/May Faculty Dinner:** *Educator Award* announced and ½ of the monetary award given to winner to be used at his/her discretion.
- ✓ **One year after announcement:** *Educator Award* winner prepares and shares with principal his/her professional growth activity that utilizes at least ½ of the monetary award. Principal needs to approve. *Educator Award* winner serves the following year on the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee includes a Faculty/Staff Committee member, an Academic Program Committee member, the Principal, the previous year's winner of the Educator Award, the Student Council President and one other Student Council member (junior class/if SC president is a male, junior would be female and vice versa), and the NHS President. The winner of this award is announced at Senior Awards, the May Faculty Dinner, and recognized in the FVL publications. Once a person has been selected for the award, he/she will not be eligible to receive it again for five years. The Educator Award winner will have his/her name and date noted on a plaque which will commemorate this award.

PLEASE FIND NOMINATION FORM ON PAGE 2.

