



## Haviland Teacher Named Wal-Mart / Sam's Club Teacher of the Year

**May 6, 2004 Waterford, Mich.** - Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation named fifth grade Haviland Elementary Teacher Lynn Hinga Teacher of the Year during a surprise ceremony yesterday at the school. Hinga was selected for her outstanding contributions in education.

Hinga joined the Waterford School District in 1970 as a teacher at Burt Elementary School and moved to Haviland in 1992. Hinga earned her degree from Western Michigan University.

Hinga will receive a \$1,000 educational grant to benefit Haviland Elementary, a certificate, and plaque. Hinga will also have the opportunity to apply for state and national Teacher of the Year honors.

In its ninth year, the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Teacher of the Year Program recognizes numerous teachers nationally. The foundation will provide \$4.3 million this year alone to the schools of winning teachers.

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