

## PR Administrators Named to Malcolm Baldrige National Q

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The U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Kristen Justus, Ph.D., to the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige Award is the nation's highest honor for organizational innovation and performance.

Appointed by the NIST Director, examiners are responsible for reviewing and evaluating assessment-related tasks. The examiner board is composed of more than 325 leading organizations from across education, health care, and nonprofit (including government) organizations from across the country.

They must have a minimum of 10 years of qualification and peer recognition, demonstrated analytical skills. All members of the board must be familiar with the Baldrige Excellence Framework and the scoring/evaluation processes for the Baldrige application or other comparable examiner tasks.

Dr. Miller is a senior examiner with Baldrige. He has served as an examiner for eight years, including his first year as a national examiner. In 2019, she served as an examiner for the Mid-Atlantic awards regional program that serves Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Dr. Ju

In 2020, Hance Elementary School Principal Greta Kuzilla was selected as an examiner who is serving a second year as a MAAPE examiner.

Named after Malcolm Baldrige, the 26th Secretary of Commerce, the Baldrige Award recognizes excellence in organizational performance, recognizes the achievements and results of organizations in each of six categories: manufacturing, service, small business, education, health care, and government. The first group was recognized in 1988, 129 awards have been presented to 121 organizations including Adventist Health White Memorial, Los Angeles, CA (health care); Center for Organizational Research, Germantown, TN (nonprofit); Howard Community College, Columbia, MD (education); and Greeley Medical Center, Ames, IA (health care).

NIST manages the Baldrige Award in close conjunction with the private sector. The Excellence Framework: Proven Leadership and Management Practices for High Performance and other assessment tools. For information on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Award, send an e-mail to [baldrige@nist.gov](mailto:baldrige@nist.gov), or visit <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige>.