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### **Horace Mann and Illinois Principals Association Announce Illinois Assistant Principal of the Year**

Horace Mann and the Illinois Principals Association are pleased to announce that Tim Chipman, Assistant Principal at Jacksonville High School in Jacksonville, IL, has been named the 2017 Illinois Assistant Principal of the Year. The award recognizes Assistant Principals who have demonstrated a positive impact on their students and learning community. Criteria for the award include:

- Demonstrates a positive impact on education and advocacy for children
- Ensures the school climate is positive and reflects high staff and student morale
- Demonstrates creativity and imagination in bringing about positive change
- Willing to take risks to improve student learning
- Moves actively to implement the goals and objectives of the school
- Works collaboratively with teachers and other staff to improve the educational program and student achievement
- Anticipates emerging problems and acts effectively to resolve them
- Involves the community in the life of the school and uses community resources for students.

Tim Chipman has been an active member of the Illinois Principals Association for three years. Locally, he participates in the Jacksonville High School Crimson Community Connection, Jacksonville School District Sesquicentennial Committee, Jacksonville Symphony Society, and the Morgan County CROP Walk. Chipman has been named a Jacksonville Journal Courier "20 under 40" recipient and previously received the Kiwanis Service Award, Rotary Paul Harris Fellow award, and Illinois College Young Alumnus Award. He has also served as a keynote speaker for the 2015 Mayor's Unity MLK Memorial Breakfast and the 2016 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Volunteer Awards.

Professionally, Chipman has served on the Illinois State Board of Education Language Arts Assessment Advisory Council, West Central Illinois School Leadership Initiative Cohort, PARCC Item Review Committee, ISAT Item Writing Committee, and previously presented at the Allerton English Articulation Conference and Illinois State Speech Coaches Workshop.

The Assistant Principal of the Year winner was selected from a pool of region nominees provided by the 21 Regions of the Illinois Principals Association. Mr. Chipman will be recognized at the IPA's annual Education Leaders Fall Conference in October 2017 and will receive a \$1,000 honorarium.

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