

# Top ECHS grads select best teachers

The top 21 graduates and their best teachers were honored at a banquet at the high school last Wednesday. The event was started about ten years ago with the top 10 students selecting their favorite teachers. In previous years, the banquet included up to the top 15 or 16 students. The larger number of students this year was due to the number of honor students in the class. When the group began as freshmen, there were 31 honor students.

The students are not given any criteria, except that they could not select administrators or classified staff, including bus drivers, aids, and cooks.

Danny Wood, a teacher who has been honored many times, received a standing ovation after say-

ing that FMD teachers will never be chosen by the top graduates (because they are not FMD students). He mentioned how hard the FMD teachers worked with their students.

Two students chose their parents as their best teachers. Amy Hall had no choice but to teach her daughter, Bethany, because she was the only first grade teacher at South Irvine Elementary. Andrew Farmer was in his mother's math class at Estill High School. He said her impact on school doesn't end in the classroom. She is a Beta Club sponsor, which assists with the Backpack Buddy Program. Principal Blain Click's son, Caleb, was among the 21 top students. He could not nominate his father who is an administrator.



Kaisee Riddell and Terry Edwards



Andrea Banks and Austin Blackwell



Debbie Anders and Kenlie Chandler



Jimmy Bonny and Caleb Click



Kayla Conrad and Jill Barnett



Danny Wood and Hannah Bottorff



Lynn Miller and Whitney Ferrell



Melissa Gross and Paige Horn



Christian Tipton and Sara Goosey



Greg Horn and Gage Dixon



Carolyn Perkins and Andrea Webb



Amy Hall and Bethany Hall



Tonya Beard and Jocelyn Hodges



Barbara Brandenburg & Mikaela Garber



Jeremy Simpson and Kayla Isfort



Sherry Murphy and Jordan Rose



Elizabeth Hughes and Jay Winkler



Lynette Ballard and Kennedy Flynn



Mickey Tucker and Abby Reed



Renee Wainscott and Brandon McKinney



Amy Farmer and Andrew Farmer