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Ned E. Williams teacher named Texas Intern of the Year

Nikita L. Mumphrey, a fourth-grade teacher at Ned E. Williams Elementary School, was honored Monday as the CSOTTE (Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education) Texas Intern of the Year.

Mumphrey attended LeTourneau University's PACT program to obtain her teacher certification. During the 2009-10 school year – her first as a teacher – Mumphrey was supervised by university staff to determine how effective she was in the classroom through her lesson plans and interaction with students. During those observations, university and district officials agreed that Mumphrey should be nominated for the statewide honor. She was selected for the award by a panel of judges.

“We feel like we have an all-star cast of teachers at Ned E. Williams,” Principal Cynthia Wise said. “We knew early on that Ms. Mumphrey has a gift for managing a classroom and educating children.”

Mumphrey received her award Monday at the Fall CSOTTE conference in Houston.

“My students were simply phenomenal,” Mumphrey said. “I am so honored and humbled to have been granted this award.”

LeTourneau University has one of the largest private teacher certification programs in Texas. Of all LeTourneau graduates who took the 2009 State Board of Educator Certification test, 99 percent passed, according to the university's website.