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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards ceremony on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at The Gathering. A reception, tasty finger foods and a delicious cake bar was held along with the 2020 awards ceremony.

Missouri State Representative for the 151st District Mr. Herman Morse and Missouri State Senator for the 25th District, Mr. Jason Bean, presented proclamations to the winners along with Alisha Trammell, Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive who handed out the awards.

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"The Educator of the Year award is one of the hardest awards for us to choose. It is true, our educators go above and beyond for their students and last year, we saw some rock star teachers," commented Maddie Guethle, Chamber Director. "Our 2020 recipient stood out because she not only excelled last year, but from day one of her teaching career. Mrs. Whitney Horton is a kindergarten teacher at Southwest Elementary."

"Mrs. Horton has a true talent by being able to take a class of 20 students and meet each students' individual needs. She gives everyone of her students a unique kindergarten experience that will help instill a love for learning. Mrs. Horton has a vibrant personality and creates an energetic learning environment. When we showed up unannounced to surprise her with the award, it was the 100th day of school. You could tell Mrs. Hortons level of dedication as she too dressed up in celebration and her students were busy crafting."

Pictured from left are Senator Jason Bean, Whitney Horton and Representative Herman Morse.

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