**Professional Milestones of Completers**

While not an exhaustive list, the following table provides information regarding professional milestones of EPP completers from 2012-2018. The milestones included on the list speak highly of the quality of EPP completers. The Horizon Award recognizes exemplary first-year teachers in the state of Kansas. The EPP regularly has candidates recognized with this outstanding award. A number of EPP completers have received teacher/educator/administrator of the year awards.

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| **Academic Year** | **Professional Milestone of EPP Completers (Graduates)** |
| **2012-2013** | * Two 2013 Horizon Award Winners   Note: The Horizon Award recognizes exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. |
|  | * Outstanding Elementary Art Educator of the year 2012-13 by the Kansas Art Education Association |
|  | * Three of the eight finalists for Kansas Teacher of the Year 2013 were graduates of Emporia State University. |
|  | * Kansas School Superintendents’ Association (KSSA) Annual Service Award 2013 |
| **2013-2014** | * Global Award from Apple Computer with induction into the 2013 Global Class of Apple Distinguished Educators (ADEs) |
|  | * 2013 Kansas Speech Communication Association Outstanding Educator at the Secondary Level |
|  | * Three of the twelve 2013 Javits-Frasier Scholars Awards from the National Association for Gifted Children |
|  | * Eight 2014 Horizon Award Winners |
|  | * 2013-2014 Campus Teacher of the Year (physical education alumnus) |
| **2014-2015** | * Kansas History Teacher of the Year |
|  | * 2014 Kansas Art Education Association Outstanding Elementary Art Educator of the Year |
|  | * 2014 Kansas Art Education Association Outstanding Secondary Art Educator of the Year |
|  | * One Horizon Award Winner |
|  | * Four of the eight finalists for 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year were graduates of Emporia State University. |
| **2015-2016** | * Graduate named a Teachers for Global Classrooms Program Fellow by U.S. State Department |
|  | * Award of Excellence from the Kansas Association for Gifted, Talented and Creative |
|  | * Eight 2016 Horizon Award Winners |
|  | * One finalist for Kansas Teacher of the Year 2016 was an ESU graduate |
|  | * Elementary education alum published a children’s book |
|  | * Arkansas Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year |

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| **2016-2017** | * Three alums inducted into the Kansas Teachers’ Hall of Fame |
|  | * Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country.) |
|  | * Two of the eight finalists for Kansas Teacher of the Year were ESU graduates; one ultimately was named 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year. |
|  | * 2017 Superintendent of the Year and 2017 Counselor of the Year |
|  | * 2017 Central District SHAPE America Adapted Physical Educator of the Year |
|  | * Five Horizon Award Winners |
| **2017-2018** | * Four of the eight finalists for Kansas Teacher of the Year were ESU graduates; the 2018 Kansas Teacher of the Year was an ESU graduate. |
|  | * 2017 Raytheon Global Mentoring Excellence Award |
|  | * 2017 National High School Girls Track and Field Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track Field and Cross Country Coaches’ Association |
|  | * 2017 Kansas Music Educators Association High School Music Teacher of the Year for the Southeast Kansas District |
|  | * 2018 Kanas Superintendent of the Year |
|  | * 2018 Kansas Principal of the Year |