Local principal recognized with honor (KAIR)--Special honors for a local high school principal.

The recognition is given to Monika King, principal of Atchison's Maur Hill-Mount Academy, selected recently to receive the 2018 AdvancED Excellence in Education Award.

According to a news release issued by the private, Catholic high school, King was recognized with the award "for her dynamic role in Maur Hill-Mount Academy's revitalization."

The release says that since the time she became principal in 2010, King "has incorporated new educational systems into the school, including a new flex-mod schedule. Since her time at the school, grade point averages, test scores, and college scholarship amounts have all increased substantially."

School President Phil Baniewicz, in the release, calls King "deserving" of the recognition due to her "amazing job at increasing the academic rigor" at the school and for "continually striving to improvement."

He calls King "one of the main reasons [Maur Hill-Mount Academy] has excelled like it has in the past eight years."

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