

In November 2012, long time District 200 board member Carolyn 'Sue' Palmore passed away after a four-year battle against pancreatic cancer. Sue was well-known in the community for her commitment to helping District 200 through dedicated service to helping the students and residents of Woodstock. Sue also served as the D200 liaison to the Education Foundation.

The District 200 Education Foundation wanted to find a way to honour Sue's memory. The foundation board decided to rename the Foundation's Award of Excellence in her memory. The award, now called the Sue Palmore Award of Excellence, is awarded each year to a recipient who has shown exemplary service to the students and staff of District 200.

At its December board meeting the D200 Education Foundation Board voted to award the 2015 Sue Palmore Award of Excellence to Miguel Rodriguez, a Supervisory Associate at Woodstock North High School. He was nominated by WNHS Principal Brian McAdow and other WNHS supporters.

"Miguel has given his heart and soul to the students and staff at WNHS," McAdow stated in his nomination application.

Miguel Rodriguez is deeply involved with helping students and advising Latino students on the benefits of continuing their education and helping them apply for scholarships and prepare for job interviews. He was instrumental in the forming of WNHS's Future Latino Leaders organization.

The award will be presented to Rodriguez at the Foundations' Annual Groundhog Dinner & Auction on Saturday, January 31 at the Village Banquet Hall in Union. Tickets for the dinner are available on the Foundation's website: <http://d200edfoundation.org>, at the D200 District Office, and from foundation members.