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TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Liz Lichtenberg's project-based teaching helps students grow

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Department of Education has selected **Elizabeth (Liz) Lichtenberg** as this year's New Hampshire Teacher of the Year. When asked about her thoughts on teaching, Lichtenberg states, "Every day we make small ripples in a deep and wide ocean. Some days it feels that our efforts are lost at sea, but we keep on trying. But some days, there is a small light off in the distance telling us to keep traveling forward, letting us know that we are at least moving in the right direction."

Lichtenberg has been moving in the right direction for her beloved students for many years

now. When she first started teaching years ago in California, within four years she was named the "Teacher of the Year" at her elementary school and received several awards from the local Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding educational programs.

After moving to New Hampshire and teaching in Portsmouth and now at Alton Central School, she continues to bring her love, compassion and joy for education to all the students she encounters every year.

According to her former principal, Sydney Leggett, "Liz is a brilliant, natural educator. She uses incredible insight and fore-

thought in her practice to ensure that long-term problem-solving — based on clear and focused research — forms the basis for decision-making.

She is highly respected by her peers and is a role model for other teachers to take risks, think outside the box and work with everything you have around you."

As an example of her "outside-the-box" thinking, Lichtenberg had her students build and plant a school community garden that utilizes their math, science and literacy skills. Then, with the help of the art teacher, the students created individual pottery soup bowls that were used to host the

"Fill Your Bowl" night, where the kitchen staff made soup from local produce and what was grown in the school garden. All proceeds from this event went to feed hungry children and families in the area.

In her classroom, Lichtenberg believes that project-based learning ties the curriculum together in meaningful and genuine ways. One can constantly observe her fourth-grade students involved in building, creating and analyzing, and growing in their knowledge and confidence that they can succeed. She really teaches them to believe in their potential for excellence.



ELIZABETH LICHTENBERG

2015 SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

Bow High students experience innovative curriculum

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Excellence in Education Awards (EDies) has selected Bow High School as the 2015 recipient of the NH Secondary School of Excellence Award.

Relevance and engagement, rigor and high standards, personalization of the learning environment, whole community involvement and empowered educators ... these

educational indicators — when done well — can turn a pretty good school into a GREAT one.

The EDies Board believes strongly that this is exactly the case at Bow High School.

At Bow, students are encouraged to explore and engage in the rich and innovative curriculum that prepares them well to compete and achieve across a wide-range of measures and to transfer that success in an

authentic and purposeful way.

The teachers and staff are fully committed to continuously improving the highly personalized learning environment at Bow.

The working partnerships they've developed with parents, community and especially the students have had a powerful impact on the quality of the teaching and learning at the school.



BOW HIGH SCHOOL

Ceremony honors NH's outstanding educators, schools

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Excellence in Education Awards, lovingly referred to as the EDies, is proud to celebrate its 22nd year of honoring teachers, administrators, volunteers and schools of excellence.

This gala event, held last night at the Center of New Hampshire Radisson Hotel in Manchester, is the result of a collaborative effort of a majority of the statewide education associations.

The EDies serve as a catalyst to highlight outstanding efforts of those being honored and uses their example to inspire and motivate others throughout the state.

This celebration of the best in education was the brainchild of businessman and State Board of Education member Fred Bramante, who, in 1993, approached the New Hampshire Teachers of the Year with the concept.

He felt that not enough was being done to thank those who are doing so much for our children. The Teachers of the Year agreed and decided to convene representatives from other statewide educational organizations to see if the concept was desirable.

The result was a unanimous "Yes!" and a steering committee was formed to plan the event. With lots of enthusiasm, this group established some broad criteria believing that the award winners should be selected by their peer groups, and knowing that the event would serve to provide greater recognition of these examples of excellence.

Also, the Board of Directors decided that it would be appropriate not only to recognize outstanding individual educators, but also to honor exemplary New Hampshire public schools. All public schools are invited to demonstrate their excellence using the school selection rubric, which can be found at www.edies.org under Application Materials.

We are grateful to the businesses and organizations that contribute their time and energy to the EDies.

Parker-Varney strives to empower students

THE EDIES ELEMENTARY School Selection Team has chosen Manchester's Parker-Varney School as the recipient of the 2015 NH Elementary School of Excellence due to its strong focus on creating a student-centered learning community.

Students are invested in their learning through the establishment of personal learning goals, maintenance of their own data notebooks and participation in student-led parent conferences. They are involved in many project-based learning activities, such as a recycling program and raising funds for the Liberty House.

Students participate daily in the Innovation Learning Lab and What I Need (W.I.N.)

program.

Under the leadership of Principal Amy Allen, the staff has been empowered to take risks and truly embrace innovation. The staff at Parker-Varney is engaged in Professional Learning Communities and Instructional Rounds, where they are highly collaborative and continually use data to drive their instruction. They view themselves as both leaders and learners, researching and implementing best practices to achieve their mission to "... provide an educational environment that empowers all students to recognize and optimize their potential."

Having faced many challenges, staff, families and the community have transformed



PARKER-VARNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

this school, so it is now referred to as "a hidden gem." A result of the efforts of the Parent Involvement Committee has been an

increase in parent participation in many school events.

Partnerships with the community and higher education have increased as well. City Year Corps members serve as tutors and role models for students, assisting students in developing leadership skills. Outcomes of the efforts and engagement of the entire Parker-Varney School community are increased student attendance rates and achievement scores.

Parker-Varney Elementary School is to be commended for creating a culture and climate to "reform the traditional educational boundaries" and to "authentically engage students while providing meaningful learning opportunities for students."

Ashland's tiers help students learn in different ways

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Excellence in Education K-8 Selection Committee has chosen Ashland Elementary School as the 2015 K-8 School of Excellence.

The Selection Committee, which consisted of EDies Board members and distinguished faculty from Northwood School (2009 K-8 winning school) reached a unanimous decision from a field of notable and extremely competitive applicants from across the state.

Ashland faculty, staff and community believe that students learn in different ways and in different time frames. As a result, they created three tiers of learning: Primary (Grades K-2/ages 5-8); Intermediate (Grades



ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3-5/ages 7-11); and Middle (Grades 6-8/ages 11-plus).

In the Primary and Intermediate tiers, assessment data and classroom observations are used to place students in flexible, multi-aged groups for mathematics and literacy skills, based

upon students' individual needs. These groupings allow teachers to target specific content and skills, and enable students to master the learning objectives necessary to move forward.

Personalization takes a completely different form in the

Middle tier, where students create their own schedules every six weeks, choosing from 32 high-interest learning modules.

These modules are uniquely designed by teachers to not only meet certain content and skill requirements, but to accommodate various learning styles and incorporate several methods of delivery.

The Middle School students have benefitted from having more personal choice and control over their education. It has greatly increased their engagement and motivation.

Ashland students of all abilities are acquiring skills and knowledge that will carry on to high school, higher education and the workplace.

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY COORDINATOR AWARD

Sheila Ward, Pittsfield School District: The Extended Learning Opportunities Network has selected Sheila Ward as its recipient for this year's Extended Learning Opportunity Coordinator Award. Ward is an outstanding educator worthy of receiving this N.H. Excellence in Education award in its inaugural year. Pittsfield Su-



SHEILA WARD

perintendent John Freeman is pleased and proud of the Extended Learning Opportunity Program that Ward has developed. He notes that she is "an outstanding model for ELO coordinators in New

Hampshire" and "her commitment and leadership are beyond question." Ward has been recognized regionally and nationally as a mentor, advisor and guest speaker. She is highly regarded by experts in her field. Ward credits her students as the ones who have helped push her beyond the structures of traditional education.

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE YEAR

Derry awarded for leadership excellence

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE School Boards Association has selected Derry Cooperative School Board as the 2015 School Board of the Year. This board has demonstrated unparalleled excellence in all areas of school board leadership.

Poignant examples include: instituting innovative curriculum and technology programs at all educational levels, developing a new public charter school to address the needs of non-traditional students and completing a comprehensive restructuring of school board policies reflecting a laser-like focus on student achievement.

Top NH educators honored for their teaching excellence

Amy Moskwa, Riddle Brook Elementary School, Bedford: The New Hampshire Society of Technology in Education has awarded Amy Moskwa the Pat Keyes Technology-Using Educator Award for this year. Moskwa has been a third- and fourth-grade teacher at the Riddle Brook School in Bedford for the past eight years. She has taken many opportunities to integrate technology across all content areas. She uses multiple technology tools to develop flipped classroom lessons for her elementary students. She has become a good resource for other teachers in the Bedford School District who are interested in implementing "Flipped Lessons" in their classrooms. She shares lessons and ideas she has created with her colleagues and has conducted workshops on creating Flipped Classrooms, using Web-tools and aligning Common Core Standards in Mathematics.



AMY MOSKWA

Janice Deleault, Pinkerton Academy, Derry: The New Hampshire School Counselor Association has selected Janice Deleault as the 2015 School Counselor of the Year. Deleault has been a member of the Pinkerton faculty for 32 years, including the past nine years as the director of counseling and guidance. During her career as guidance director, Deleault has developed a reputation as an empathetic, strong leader who handles her challenging position with grace, positivity and relative ease. Her ability to "think outside the box" and push past the status quo for the good of the students allows her to play a key role in the development of important and innovative student programming. Known as a "bridge builder" in the most challenging of times, Deleault's service and commitment to Pinkerton's community is commendable.



JANICE DELEAULT

Charles (Chuck) Bates, Freedom, Madison and Tamworth School Districts: The New Hampshire Business Education Association has named Charles (Chuck) Bates as the Business Educator of the Year. Prior to becoming a teacher, Bates worked in the high-tech industry for 27 years. During his first year of teaching at Inter-Lakes High School, Bates got involved in LifeSmarts, the Greater Meredith Career Partnership Program and Future Business Leaders of America. In his third year of teaching, Bates began offering Running Start courses in accounting, marketing and finance through a partnership with Lakes Region Community College, where he is currently on staff as an adjunct faculty member. Recently, Bates has accepted the position as business administrator for the Tamworth School District, which will take him out of the secondary classroom, but he plans to continue teaching at the college level and serving on the state Advisory Board for New Hampshire Future Business Leaders of America.



CHARLES BATES

Michelle Grau, Pembroke Academy, Pembroke: The New Hampshire Association of Family and Consumer Sciences has selected Michelle Grau to receive its Bonnie Simpson Teacher of the Year Award. Grau has been an educator for 14 years with a deep commitment to her profession and the Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She works in a program with a curriculum that provides techniques along with activities that support everyday life skills learned by her students. Grau has been very involved with Pembroke Academy activities, as well as organizing NHAFCSS conferences. Through her drive to introduce students to "real food," Grau has developed a relationship with Apple Hill Farm in Concord with her "Farm to Table" curriculum. This innovation has led to the farm donating vegetables, fruits and recipes to her school.



MICHELLE GRAU

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Frew on forefront of educational reform

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE School Administrators Association has selected **Jerome Frew** as the New Hampshire Superintendent of the Year.

Frew is the superintendent of the Kearsarge Regional School District that represents the towns of Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner

and Wilmot. His distinguished career encompasses many statewide positions, including the presidencies of NHSAA and the New Hampshire Association of School Principals.

He has also been the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and the James Desmarais Outstanding Service Award presented by the NHASP. Frew has been described

as one who has been at the forefront of educational reform, innovation and achievement, all while maintaining he is "just one member of the team."

Mark Joyce, executive director of the NHSAA, noted, "Jerry is a wonderful example of an outstanding educational leader and embodies our motto of being a 'Champion for Children.'"



JEROME FREW

SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Adamakos cares about teachers, students

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Association of School Principals has chosen **Arthur L. Adamakos** as the recipient of its Charles A. Napoli Award as the 2015 Secondary School Principal of the Year.

According to one of his staff members, Adamakos is the epitome of a high school principal. He is not afraid to get involved in students' lives. He listens to their problems and teaches them life lessons they often

do not receive at home. He makes school and learning fun for everyone at Manchester Memorial High School. He offers supportive advice to his staff members when they struggle with students and celebrates when they have memorable teaching moments, no matter how small.

Adamakos frequently reminds his staff members, "Students may not remember all that you taught them, but they will always remem-



ARTHUR L. ADAMAKOS

ber how you treated them." He cares about every teacher, each student and every member of the Manchester Memorial community.

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McDonald's honors NH educators and schools

McDONALD'S RESTAURANTS OF New Hampshire have been longtime dedicated sponsors of the N.H. Excellence in Education awards, or EDies. They began supporting the organization at the program's inception in 1993, according to Peter Napoli, local McDonald's owner/operator.

"At McDonald's, we pride ourselves on being

actively involved in the communities in which we live and work. Every year, McDonald's owner/operators in New Hampshire look forward to this opportunity to work with the New Hampshire EDies program to honor our community's enthusiastic and hard-working educators and students," Napoli said.

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Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards is crucial and the EDies Board of Directors continues to express deep gratitude to McDonald's Restaurants of New Hampshire as their primary financial sponsor. With McDonald's continued commitment to children and to the communities in which they do business, we work together in honoring N.H. educators.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Hoiriis balances empathy, accountability

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Association of School Principals has chosen **Paul Hoiriis** as the 2015 Assistant Principal of the Year. Hoiriis is a man of diverse talents, working as a lawyer and classroom teacher before taking on his administra-

tive duties at Newfound Regional High School.

His school principal, Mike O'Malley, describes Hoiriis as an authority figure who doesn't impose standards; he teaches them. He strikes the perfect balance between empathy and accountabil-

ity. These characteristics enable him to communicate authentically, which is recognized and respected by his staff and students.

Hoiriis is one of those special educators whose charitable spirit is not compromised by the challenges of leadership.

Recently he was honored by the Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) when he received the Carole J. Estes Community Leader Award, which is given to an individual who personifies leadership and humanitarian values.



PAUL HOIRIIS

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Parrill is an engaging leader

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Association of School Principals has chosen **Anna Parrill** as the 2015 Elementary Principal of the Year. Accord-

ing to Dr. Jennie Marshall, the district's director of literacy for the Salem School District, Parrill's leadership style is collaborative and affirming for teachers, students and families.

Her infectious sense of humor and positive outlook, together with her own internal drive for continuous improvement allow her to set the bar high for student learning, while also engaging the teachers, students and community members with whom she interacts to strive for excellence in an atmosphere that remains playful, positive and productive.

Students and staff in her building notice and applaud the success of each other because Parrill has established practices and routines to encourage collaboration and mutual support, and these practices are woven throughout the daily routine of the school.



ANNA PARRILL

MIDDLE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Southard-Stevens a strategic leader

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Association of School Principals has chosen **Paula Southard-Stevens** as the

2015 Middle School Principal of the Year. According to the Superintendent of Fall Mountain Regional School District, Lorraine Landry, Southard-Stevens is a strategic leader and always committed to improving the quality and rigor of education of her students. She is familiar with best global practices in education and uses them to improve the educational opportunities for all students. One of her schools, North Charlestown Community School, was recently awarded the Commissioner's Circle of Excellence Award. Southard-Stevens believes the vision for a school is the foundation of its work and success.



PAULA SOUTHARD-STEVENS

EDies winners

Rose Colby, Department of Education, Concord: Plymouth State University has selected Rose Colby as this year's recipient for the Dennise Maslakowski Education Award. Colby is currently a competency-based learning and assessment specialist assisting schools in designing high-quality competency assessment and grading systems in many states. As a consultant to the New Hampshire Department of Education, she is part of the planning team for the NH Next Generation Learning/Innovative Lab Network and PACE Accountability Pilot. NH Education Commissioner Virginia Barry remarks, "Rose Colby's experience over the last three decades as a New Hampshire science teacher, middle school principal, educational consultant, adjunct instructor and transformative educational leader has made her an invaluable asset to the State of New Hampshire, and, over the last five years, to the nation. In all of her work, she creates an environment of trust and confidence through a quiet certitude grounded in research that ensures success for her students and her partners. Her expertise has contributed to the enormous growth and development of new and promising K-12 competency-based learning environments across New Hampshire, as well as many other states."



ROSE COLBY

Pamela Murphy, Peterborough Elementary School, Peterborough: The New Hampshire School Nurses' Association has selected Pamela Murphy, R.N., as the 2015 School Nurse of the Year. Murphy has demonstrated outstanding abilities in her specialized role of school nursing for 18 years. She is the much-loved school nurse of Peterborough Elementary School, bringing much to the role with her nursing ability and knowledge, but also her deep and personal care for all those around her. Her accomplishments are many, including introducing "Monadnock Healthy Teeth" into the school district, serving her community with her involvement in such programs as Operation Santa, as well as her involvement in the development of the now well-established School Kids in Peterborough (SKIP) program, which is a before- and after-school program providing needed supervision and nutrition for students in the area.



PAMELA MURPHY

Helen Burnham, Lincoln Street School, Exeter: The New Hampshire School Library Media Association has selected Helen Burnham as its recipient of the School Librarian of the Year award. As a leader in the school library community, Burnham has tirelessly served her school, fellow librarians and future school librarians. Burnham has fostered a love of reading and the development of 21st-century information literacy skills in her students at Lincoln Street School in Exeter. She has served the library profession as both vice president and president of the NH Library Media Association and is currently teaching prospective library media specialists at Plymouth State University. Burnham's dedication to school libraries and the library profession is to be commended.



HELEN BURNHAM

Diane Francoeur, Manchester High School West: The New Hampshire Music Educators Association has selected Diane Francoeur, the director of bands at Manchester High School West, as its recipient of the Distinguished Music Educator of the Year award. Throughout her 22 years as music educator, Francoeur continues to maintain high expectations for learning and student engagement. She is a great motivator, collaborator and dedicated to her students' growth as musicians and productive citizens. She is to be commended on her high level of teaching quality, service to the profession and drive to be a lifelong learner as evidenced by her certifications in K-12 Music Education, School Principal and her recent work at Plymouth State University focused on Educational Leadership. Francoeur is the former executive director for the NH Music Educators Association and currently holds a "director" position on the board. The following statement from Francoeur exemplifies her love of music and dedication to her students: "My hope is that every student that enters my band room will enjoy music, learning and life! May they have the courage to reach for new challenges that will bring them to their level of excellence."



DIANE FRANCOEUR

DORIS BARNES RETIRED EDUCATOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Pyszka honored for dedication, volunteer responsibilities

THE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION Board ("ED"ies) has selected **Margaret Pyszka** as this year's recipient of the Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement award.

Prior to her retirement, Pyszka taught English at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook, where she was selected as the Teacher of the Year by both the National Honor Society and Merrimack Valley Key Club.

During her teaching experience, the State of New Hampshire recognized Pyszka for Innovative Approach to Teaching Ninth

Grade English. Since her retirement in 2002, Pyszka has been an active member in the Merrimack Valley Retired Educators Association and the New Hampshire Retired Educators Association, where she serves on many committees as an officer and board member.

She has taught English to refugees at the Manchester Learning Center for which she spent hours of planning lessons and activities for her students. She also used her own funds to purchase items to enhance those lessons.

Her dedication to her volunteer responsibilities



MARGARET PYSZKA

is impressive and provides a strong reason why Pyszka is very deserving of the Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement award.

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE SABBATICAL AWARD

Bow's Heidi Pauer will bring creativity coaching to 14 schools

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Charitable Foundation has chosen **Heidi Pauer** to receive this year's Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Award. Pauer has taught in the Bow school district since 1997 and is currently teaching English/Humanities at Bow High School.

During her sabbatical, Pauer will be a creativity coach traveling to multiple schools in New Hampshire presenting workshops, providing one-on-one coaching and

alternative assessments for high school teachers of all subjects. Her plan is to reach more than 14 different schools and impact hundreds of students in each subject area.

Her enthusiasm is contagious but does not begin to describe the energy she brings to her classroom, and now she will be able to share her unique approach to better teaching and learning across the state. Her belief in Christa McAuliffe's "Reach for the Stars" mantra will serve



HEIDI PAUER

her well in expanding her own successes to others.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Pardy has been leader in special education community for decades

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Association of Special Education Administrators has selected **Dr. Preston Alan Pardy** as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Pardy has been an instrumental part of the special education community since its inception in the mid-70s.

He has served in the role of the executive director of the NHSEA based in Concord since the position was created in 2004.

Prior to taking this position, Pardy was a high school teacher, director of

Student Services in several New Hampshire school districts and served as a member of the Program Approval and Focused Monitoring Team for the NH Department of Education, contracted through the Southeastern Regional Education Services (SERESC), which is based in Bedford.

His contribution to the field of special education as demonstrated by the many ways he has impacted the students and professionals through his commitment and dedication is why he is being



DR. PRESTON ALAN PARDY

recognized for this Lifetime Achievement Award.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Heimarck recognized as a 'go-to' person

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE School Administrators Association has chosen **Nicole Heimarck** to receive its 2015 Outstanding Service Award from a group of distinguished nominees.

Heimarck is in her 10th year as director of Curriculum and Professional Development for SAU No. 39 serving the schools

in the towns of Amherst and Mont Vernon.

Heimarck's role as a leader in the community is reflected in the praises of her colleagues.

Her superintendent, Peter Warburton, states: "She contributes to workplace climate and high morale in our schools throughout the communities we serve."

"Nicole is the go-to person for many. Her contributions to our districts and communities are embedded in the fact that people believe in her."

"They know she'll have the answer to their questions and send them in the right directions. They trust her. They follow her. Her integrity is well known."



NICOLE HEIMARCK

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OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Tenney's work promotes innovation in teaching

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development is delighted to honor Roberta Tenney as its 2015 Outstanding Educational Leader of the Year. Tenney has dedicated her long professional life to developing more personalized, rigorous and relevant teaching in both public and independent school settings.



ROBERTA TENNEY

As an articulate and outspoken advocate for innovation, Tenney has worked tirelessly to support professional development that will inspire excellence in teaching, learning and leadership.

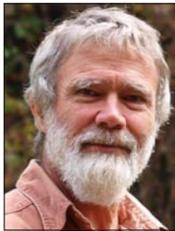
She has been deeply involved with high school redesign work, next generation learning, extended learning opportunities and the development of more engaging 21st-century classrooms.

Tenney has brought her extensive leadership work in New Hampshire's nonprofits to her tenure as president of NHASCD. She has increased NHASCD's outreach to state and national legislators, strengthened NHASCD's connection with the New Hampshire Department of Education and actively supported the association's presence online and throughout social media.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Trojano honored as successful administrator

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Association of School Business Officials has chosen to recognize Michael Trojano upon his retirement for his many years of service as a successful business administrator in Henniker, Milford and Sunapee school districts.



MICHAEL TROJANO

Since the beginning of his career, Trojano has been an active member of the N.H. Association of School Business Officials, serving on the executive board and on a variety of committees in the organization. He also served on the New Hampshire School Health Care Coalition for 10 years prior to his retirement.

He is well deserving of the Alexander J. Blastos Distinguished Service Award.

HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING AWARD

THE FOUNDATION for Healthy Communities is proud to announce that the 2015 Healthy Eating Active Living Award goes to Pleasant Street School for its exemplary efforts to create a healthy school environment for students and staff. Effective collaboration between an active wellness committee, school leaders, students, teachers, parents and community partners produced such innovative initiatives as Walk to School Wednesday, morning recess, averaging 100 students per day, Taste Test Tuesdays, student selection of school menu items, and integration of physical activity and nutrition education into the classroom. The school's



The Pleasant Street School creates a healthy environment for students and staff.

commitment to healthy eating and active living has encouraged students to adopt healthy behaviors and helped to dramatically reduce behavioral referrals.

Many educators honored for teaching excellence

Dr. Vicki V. May, Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College: The New Hampshire College and University Council has chosen

Dr. Vicki May, an instructional associate professor of engineering at Dartmouth College, to receive the 2015 Outstanding Teaching in Post-secondary Education Award. The selection committee cited her excellent teaching skills and her joy in the learning process that is picked up and amplified by her students. May is enthusiastic, energetic, thoughtful and creative. Each year, May identifies cooperative projects that have a direct benefit in the community and allow students to see the impact of their work. She has been a leader in implementing this type of innovative design challenge into the curriculum. May is a skilled undergraduate professor devoted to employing unique teaching methods and her impact on students both in and out of the classroom is profound.



DR. VICKI MAY

many attributes through which she has earned the respect of parents, staff and students in her role as school psychologist in the Raymond School District. Grieve is held in high regard by fellow professionals, and her involvement and leadership have contributed significantly to the improved outcomes of students. She firmly believes that building and maintaining relationships with students, parents and school teams through a collaborative consultation approach is the key in conducting effective and supportive student evaluations. She is commended for her dedication to the profession and serves as an example for others to follow.

Stephen T. Bartlett, Portsmouth School District, Portsmouth: The New Hampshire Association of School Business Officials has chosen Stephen T. Bartlett as its School Business Administrator of the Year. Bartlett has spent 23 years working as a public school business manager in both New Hampshire and Vermont. For the last 10 years, he has held a business management position in the Portsmouth School District. Bartlett was chosen for this award due to his demonstrated experience as a highly capable, dedicated and hardworking administrator who takes pride in his profession and holds himself to the highest professional standards. Over the past three years, he has had the responsibility of managing the very complex Portsmouth Middle School construction project, demonstrating his skill through all aspects of the technical and legal complexities of this massive project. He has handled this responsibility with great skill and poise.



STEPHEN T. BARTLETT

Denise Freeman, Campbell High School, Litchfield: The New Hampshire Art Educators' Association has chosen Denise Freeman as the New Hampshire Art Educator of the Year due to her outstanding dedication to and practice in visual arts education in the state of New Hampshire. Freeman has been recognized by administrators and colleagues for her curriculum and instructional practices and arts assessments, along with her many extracurricular activities that she devotes to the students of Campbell High School. Freeman has been a longtime member of the N.H. Art Educators' Association and has served on many committees that have provided staff development opportunities to other art educators throughout the state and scholarship opportunities for her students.



DENISE FREEMAN

Kate Grieve, Raymond School District: The New Hampshire Association of School Psychologists has selected Kate Grieve as the School Psychologist of the Year for 2015. Grieve was chosen for this award for her exemplary service as a school psychologist. Her compassion, dedication, skill and experience are some of the



KATE GRIEVE

Dr. Carmen Gilbert, Milford High School, Milford: The New Hampshire Association of World Language Teachers has selected Dr. Carmen Gilbert as the World Language Teacher of the Year due to her extensive efforts to incorporate world languages into the school and local community of Milford. Gilbert has reached out to struggling students by inspiring them with Spanish-speaking culture and by creating a tutoring program to assist those who needed help in Spanish. She was born in the Republic of Panama and was educated in American schools. In 1973, Gilbert returned to her native country to teach



CARMEN GILBERT

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM AWARD

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE School Library Media Association has recognized the Drew Library at Keene High School for its Outstanding School Library Program.

The resources and services of the Keene High School Library are integrated seamlessly into the daily life of its students. With a strong focus on literacy, the library works alongside teachers, developing lessons, creating rubrics, and putting together research guides and resource lists to support all learners. Technology also plays a strong role, as the library



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lends equipment, offers digital audiobooks and eBooks, and serves as a hub for technology integration.

special education. She also taught English in a private bilingual high school until returning to the United States. After moving to New Hampshire, Gilbert taught Spanish and ESOL at the middle and high school levels. Eleven years ago, she started the Spanish Club at Milford High School and has been involved in fundraising for college scholarships for club members and overseen many community service projects. These professional characteristics, coupled with her outstanding teaching methods, have earned her the title of World Language Teacher of the Year.

Jennifer Carbonneau, Daisy Bronson Middle School and Littleton High School: The Granite State Reading Council of the International Literacy Association is pleased to announce that Jennifer Carbonneau has been selected as Reading Teacher of the Year for 2015. Carbonneau's English classroom is a dynamic setting with students ever engaged in literacy projects. She has always understood the intimate connection between writing and reading. Carbonneau's focus has been on a more expansive and inclusive view of literacy, which encompasses reading and writing of all kinds of texts and genres. In addition, she works beyond the classroom to establish the "NH Family Literacy Day" at Littleton High School in conjunction with the Granite State Reading Council to promote and support literacy throughout the state by giving away books to all children who attend and to provide exciting activities that support reading and learning.



JENNIFER CARBONNEAU

William Carozza, Harold Martin School, Hopkinton: The New Hampshire Society of Technology in Education has selected William Carozza as the recipient of its Susan Janosz Technology Impact Award for 2015. Carozza was a classroom teacher at the elementary and secondary levels for 13 years before becoming an elementary school principal 17 years ago. Since 2000, he has been the principal of the Harold Martin School in Hopkinton. He also has served as an adjunct faculty member of the University of New Hampshire and New England College. Carozza is past president of the New Hampshire Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and during his term, the organiza-



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Karyn L. Misenheimer, Hills Garrison Elementary School, Hudson: The N.H. Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance has chosen Karyn Misenheimer for its Meritorious Achievement Award because she is an excellent teacher who has a clear understanding of the developmental needs of her students. She instructs lessons that challenge yet allow for students' success. Misenheimer's creativity and caring attitude makes her a model of what a true professional should be. From her initial innovative teaching tools she instituted during her student teaching to her university faculty responsibilities at Plymouth State University to her current full-time position at Hills Garrison Elementary School in Hudson, she spreads her best practices of educational outcomes throughout the state. Misenheimer also has been heavily involved with Special Olympics New Hampshire and has served in varying capacities within that organization from general volunteer to paid employee.

tion won the 2013 ASCD Affiliate Excellence Award. He has also served as president of the N.H. Council for the Social Studies and was recently appointed to serve on the U.S. Department of Education's NAEP Principals' Panel. Carozza has conducted many workshops at regional and national conferences on integrating music within the curriculum, utilizing technology in the classroom, social media, productivity and Understanding by Design.

Kyla Roche, Memorial School, Hudson: The Council for Exceptional Children - New Hampshire selected Kyla Roche as the Special Education Teacher of the year. Roche is the special education teacher in the autism program at Hudson Memorial School. She has worked in special education for 19 years — 14 of them in Hudson. Each year, Roche's students demonstrate gains not only in academics, but also in social skills, self-advocacy and in organization skills. Roche has ensured that each and every one of the students in the program makes gains by creating thoughtful, data-driven individualized programs for each and every student. Her program is flawless. Strong collaboration with teachers, para-educators, specialists and parents is key to each student's success.



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Here's who presented the awards at last night's EDies ceremony

Dr. Virginia Barry
Commissioner of Education,
N.H. Department of Education

Holly Blanchard
Miss New Hampshire 2015

Cindy Chagnon
N.H. State Board of Education

Debra Clayton
Benefits Coordinator,
Health Trust

Leslie Couse
Education Department Chair, UNH

John Falconer
President,
N.H. School Boards Association.

Dr. Mary J. Ford
School of Education Dean,
Granite State College

Kim Grace
Area Supervisor-McDonald's
The Napoli Group, LLC

Elizabeth Hockmeyer-Williams
Chief Operating Officer,
Hockmeyer Studios

Susan Hodgdon
Director Southwest Center,
Keene State College

Helen G. Honorow
N.H. State Board of Education;
Barry & Honorow PLLC

Bob Howard
President, GovConnection, Inc.

Larry Johnston
Brand Ambassador-McDonald's,
The Napoli Group, LLC

Dr. Mark V. Joyce
Executive Director,
N.H. School Administrators Association

Jane Lacasse
Professional Development,
Plymouth State University

Paul Leather
Deputy Commissioner,
N.H. Department of Education

Dr. Marcel Lebrun
Department Chair Educational Leadership
Learning & Curriculum, PSU

Joseph Lee
Social Studies Teacher,
Pinkerton Academy

Stephen F. Martin
Executive Director,
N.H. Association of School Business
Officials

Peggy McAllister
Executive Director,
N.H. Association of School Principals

Raymond McNulty
School of Education Dean,
Southern NH University

Gail Mears
Dean of College of Education, Health
and Human Services,
Plymouth State University

Dr. Ellen Nuffer
Education Department Chair,
Keene State College

Jennifer Pomykato
Executive Board Treasurer,
N.H. Association of Special Education

Tom Raffio
Chair, N.H. Department of Education;
President, Northeast Delta Dental

Andy Soucy
Historian/Librarian,
N.H. Music Educators Association

Dr. Sara Jayne Steen
President,
Plymouth State University

Lisa Trisciani
Senior Director of Sales,
GovConnection, Inc.

Dr. Marianne True
Professor/Chair of Elementary Education
and Childhood Studies Department,
Plymouth State University