



The 2014 NH Teacher of the Year, Teacher of the Year Finalists and Semi-Finalist, 2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools, and the 2013 NH Presidential Awards for Excellence In Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) recipients were joined by Governor Maggie Hassan and Commissioner Virginia Barry at the Leadership in Education Awards Ceremony.



The Emcee for the evening was Michael Kormisarek, a Senior at Pinkerton Academy



Governor Maggie Hassan congratulated the recipients.



Commissioner of Education,
Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D., welcomed the group.



Heidi Welch, 2013 NH Teacher of the Year, reflects on her year as the 2013 NH TOY. View Heidi's video at www.education.nh.gov/recognition/heidi-welch-video.htm.

JEANNE SHAHEEN
NEW HAMPSHIRE



United States Senate

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December 11, 2013

An educator's job is one of the most important professions in our society. It is important to recognize your impact's on student's education. Your passionate approach to teaching will help encourage a new generation of leaders, and as a former teacher, I appreciate your commitment to strengthening your community and the future of this country.

I want to thank you for your many efforts as an educator. While you should be proud of the special recognition you have received, you should feel equally proud of how you have impacted the lives of your students.

Thank you again for all you have done for your students. Congratulations once again, and best luck as you continue your good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Shaheen".

Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

Scott Merrik of Senator
Shaheen's Office relayed
greetings from the
Senator.





Congresswomen Carol Shea-Porter sent a representative on her behalf.

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for inviting me to attend the twelfth annual Celebrating Leadership in Education Awards Ceremony. I regret that I cannot be with you in person this afternoon. Commissioner Virginia Barry, thank you for your leadership and your deep dedication to New Hampshire's next generation.

Congratulations to both the schools chosen as 'Exemplary High Performing' schools and the school chosen as an 'Exemplary Improving School' by the Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Your institutions serve as examples for all others in New Hampshire.

I would also like to congratulate all of the recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists, and the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Finalists. Your commitment, dedication, and enthusiasm have both impressed and inspired your colleagues, school districts, and most importantly, your students.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Teacher of the Year, Joseph Lee.

As Christa McAuliffe said, teachers do indeed touch the future. I know how hard you all work each day to educate a new generation of leaders and thinkers. The high standards you set for your students and the broad worldview you encourage them to take prepare our kids and our country for a stronger future.

Thank you again for all that you do for your students and for our state and our nation's future.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Shea-Porter".

Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress



Congresswomen Ann Kuster also sent a representative on her behalf.

ANN McLANE KUSTER
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Dr. Virginia Barry
Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Barry:

I regret that I cannot be with you on this wonderful occasion. But please know that my thoughts are with you today as you celebrate the very best that New Hampshire schools have to offer.

Here in the Granite State, we are so proud to have one of the nation's strongest education systems. Our students are among the leaders in academic achievement, and our schools are always on the cutting edge of teacher evaluation, data assessment and other classroom strategies. This is all due to the hard work and dedication of our incredible teachers and administrators, like those that have joined you there this evening.

In New Hampshire, our teachers, our administrators, and our schools are at the heart of everything we value in our great state. They help build our economy and enhance our quality of life.

On behalf of all my constituents in New Hampshire's Second District, I want to congratulate all of tonight's award-winners and finalists. And I want to thank each of you for all you do each day to prepare our students, our state and our country for a better future.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress

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Representative Mary Stuart Gile presented the Blue Ribbon School Awards.



Elizabeth Allen accepted on behalf of Hollis Primary School.



Robert Nelson accepted on behalf of
Lin-Wood Public School.



Helen Rist accepted on behalf of
Newfields Elementary.



Dr. Scott Mantie and Jiffie Rannie presented the 2013 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Awards. Dr. Mantie is the Administrator for the Bureau of Accountability. Jiffie coordinates the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching selection.



Stephanie Burke
West Running Brook Middle School



Jennifer Deenik
Souhegan High School



Angela Lennox
Exeter High School



Emily Sherman
Longview School, Deerfield

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**Jean-Marie
Beauchemin,
Hannaford Retail
Operations
Support Specialist,
presented the
Teacher of the
Year Awards.**





Semi-Finalist, Nate Grove,
Oyster River Middle School, Durham
Social Studies



Semi-Finalist, Denise Lessard
Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton
Social Sciences



Semi-Finalist, Peter Willis
Londonderry High School
Social Studies



Finalist, Jane (Jennie) Calnan

Dr. George Emerson Elementary, Fitzwilliam
Reading Specialist



Finalist, Carrie Charette
Franklin High School
English



**Finalist, Janice Ellerin
Hollis Brookline Middle School
Life Science**

Finalist, Lori-Lyn Griffin
Hampstead Middle School
Science

(Picture not available)



2014 NH Teacher of the Year, Joey Lee
Pinkerton Academy
Social Studies



Joey speaks to the group. You can view Joey's video at www.education.nh.gov/recognition/joey-lee-video.htm.



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