



Thirteenth Annual Celebrating Leadership in Education Awards Ceremony

Honoring the:

- New Hampshire Blue Ribbon Schools
- New Hampshire Recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
 - New Hampshire Teacher of the Year
Semi-Finalists, Finalists
and the
2015 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year

December 10, 2014

Every day a New Hampshire teacher makes a difference in the life of a child. Every year the NH Department of Education honors outstanding educators who make their communities, profession, and the world a better place.



The Emcee for the evening was Mackenzie, a fifth grade student at Alton Central School



Cindy Chagnon, NH State Board of Education, welcomed the group and read a letter from Governor Hassan



MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
Governor

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends,

I regret that I cannot be with you today, but I would like to join you in congratulating the 13th Annual Leadership in Education Awards winners and thanking them for everything that they do to prepare our young people for success.

Providing our young citizens with a positive educational experience is essential to the future growth of New Hampshire. For 13 years now, the New Hampshire Department of Education, in partnership with Hannaford Supermarkets, has collaborated with educational leaders from across the state to recognize and honor schools, administrators, school board members and educators who meet high standards of education excellence that are crucial in establishing the foundation for the future success of our children.

Helping our young people develop the skills and innovative thinking needed for jobs in the 21st century economy is critical to our state's future, and I commend the schools, administrators and teachers honored for their commitment to helping our children learn, grow, and lead. My mom always said that what children need more than anything else is a grown up in their corner, and all of you have proven to be there for our young people.

Once again, congratulations to tonight's honorees. Your tireless commitment to our young people reaffirms our belief that when we care for each other, we all get stronger. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that all of our young people are prepared to thrive in the economy of the 21st century.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maggie Hassan".

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor



Judith Fillion, Director of the Division of Program Support, NH
Department of Education

Representatives from Senators
Shaheen and Ayottes' offices and
Congresswoman Ann Kuster's office read letters.



Joey Lee, a social studies teacher at Pinkerton Academy and the 2014 NH Teacher of the Year, spoke about the profession of learning, his experiences from this last year, and how it all connects to the efforts we wage to affect education in this state.

Blue Ribbon Schools

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students.



Chichester Central School, Brian Beaverstock, Principal
pictured with Cindy Chagnon (left) and
Roberta Tenney, NH Department of Education (right)



Hampton Centre School, Timothy Lannan, Principal
pictured with Cindy Chagnon (left) and
Roberta Tenney, NH Department of Education (right)



Thornton Central School, accepted by Anne Hunnewell
pictured with Cindy Chagnon (left) and
Roberta Tenney, NH Department of Education (right)



***2014 NH Recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in
Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)***

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Mary Earick, Administrator, Bureau of Integrated Programs; Rebecca Cummings, Pelham Elementary School, Science; Ann Gaffney, Londonderry Middle School, Mathematics; and Jiffi Rainie, NH PAEMST Coordinator



SMART Technologies of Canada sponsors State Teacher of the Year programs through the donation of interactive education technologies and professional development opportunities.
Randy Welch spoke on behalf of SMART



NH Teacher of the Year

The purpose of the program is to select a teacher who is worthy of speaking for and energizing the teaching profession, and representing the positive contributions of all teachers statewide. Jean-Marie Beauchemin of Hannafords presented these awards.



Amanda Eaton, Wilkins School, Amherst, First Grade
Semi Finalist



Kristina Peterson, Exeter High School, Science
Semi Finalist



Patricia Edson, Carpenter Elementary School,
Wolfeboro, Kindergarten
Finalist



Matthew Liebenow, Pine Tree School, Center Conway,
Physical Education
Finalist



Kirsten Werne, Hollis Brookline Middle School,
Mathematics
Finalist

Not pictured

Erica Ferland, Stevens High School,
Claremont, Science – Semi Finalist

Tina Mulleavay, Manchester High School
West, Social Studies - Finalist



Elizabeth Lichtenberg, Alton Central School, Fourth Grade Teacher and Gifted and Talented/Enrichment Coordinator
2015 NH Teacher of the Year



NH Teachers of the Year (TOY) joined the celebration.

(pictured from left to right: Roberta Banfield, 1970 NH TOY; Kim Kenney, 2006 NH TOY; Randy Wormald, 2005 NH TOY; Heidi Welch, 2013 NH TOY & National Finalist; Kim Carter, 1991 NH TOY; Joey Lee, 2014 NH TOY; Vicki Donovan, 1998 NH TOY; and Liz Lichtenberg, 2015 NH TOY)