

Celebrating Leadership in Education

And the presentation of the:
**Presidential Award for
Excellence in Mathematics and
Science Teaching (PAEMST)**
and the
**NH Teacher of the Year Semi-
Finalists**
**NH Teacher of the Year
Finalists**
and
NH Teacher of the Year



Allyssa Miner was the Emcee
for the evening.



Commissioner of Education,
Virginia Barry, welcomed everyone.



Governor Maggie Hassan addressed the group



She stated, “Tonight’s winners are helping build a brighter future for NH's children, which strengthens our communities and entire state.”



Pictured left to right: Nicole Canney, Finalist; Bonnie Painchaud, Semi-Finalist; Governor Hassan; Tate Aldrich, Teacher of the Year; Amy Steinberg, Semi-Finalist; and Liz Alexakos, Finalist



Pictured left to right: Stephanie Gleason, 2016 NH Recipient of the PAEMST; Governor Hassan; and Ann Gaffney, 2016 NH Recipient of the PAEMST

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



JEANNE SHAHEEN
NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUITE SH-506
HART BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20510
(202) 224-2841

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 15, 2016

New Hampshire Department of Education
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to attend this year's awards ceremony celebrating leadership in education. I wish I could be there as teachers throughout the state of New Hampshire are honored for their outstanding dedication to our students and their education.

As a former teacher, I understand the commitment that teaching requires. Educating goes beyond simply teaching students relevant skills and facts. It involves inspiring students to become bright leaders and critical thinkers, and teaching them to be passionate about gaining knowledge.

Through your hard work, students across our state are getting more than simply an excellent education; they are also gaining confidence, passion, and a sense of intellectual integrity that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Your efforts as educators are not only bettering their futures, but the future of our communities and of our entire nation.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees, and best wishes as you continue your excellent work.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

Congresswomen Ann Kuster sent Amy Slattery on her behalf.



ANN McLANE KUSTER
SECOND DISTRICT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
WWW.KUSTERHOUSE.GOV
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
RANKING MEMBER
SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION & FORESTRY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON BIOTECHNOLOGY,
HORTICULTURE, AND RESEARCH



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

WASHINGTON OFFICE
137 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-2902
P: (202) 225-5206

CONCORD OFFICE
18 NORTH MAIN STREET, 4TH FLOOR
CONCORD, NH 03301
P: (603) 226-1002

NASHUA OFFICE
70 EAST PEARL STREET
NASHUA, NH 03060
P: (603) 595-2006

NORTH COUNTRY OFFICE
33 MAIN STREET, SUITE 202
LITTLETON, NH 03561
P: (603) 444-7700

December 15, 2016

Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D.
Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Education
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to join you to celebrate the Granite State's leaders in education. I wish I could be with you in person, but please know that my thoughts are with you as you recognize exceptional teachers from classrooms across our state.

All around New Hampshire, teachers work to provide quality classroom learning, and instruction has a critical impact on Granite State students' future success. The awards tonight are a well-deserved acknowledgement of your devotion to your profession. Your efforts help ensure that New Hampshire continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family in the years to come.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank you for all that you do to serve the students across the Granite State. If I can support your efforts in any way, please don't hesitate to be in touch. I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress



Donna Dubey of the NH Department of Education presented the PAEMST Awards



Donna with Stephanie Gleason, Moultonborough School (center) and Ann Gaffney, Londonderry Elementary, (right)



NH TOY Committee Member and Hannaford Field Merchandiser, Jean-Marie Beauchemin spoke about Hannafords commitment to education and presented the NH Teacher of the Year Awards



Elizabeth Alexakos, Clark Wilkins School,
Amherst, First Grade



Nicole Canney, Pinkerton Academy, Derry,
English



**Bonnie Painchaud, Loudon Elementary
School, Fifth Grade**



Amy Steinberg, Lincoln Street School,
Exeter, Fifth Grade



Tate Aldrich, Laconia High School, English

Commissioner Barry with Tate Aldrich and NH Teacher of the Year Alumni



Pictured left to right: Nancy McIver, 2002 NH Teacher of the Year; Randy Wormald, 2005 NH Teacher of the Year, Tate Aldrich; Commissioner Barry; Ashley Preston, 2016 NH Teacher of the Year; Liz Lichtenberg, 2015 NH Teacher of the Year; Jane LaCasse, 1987 NH Teacher of the Year and Bill Murphy, 1988 NH Teacher of the Year



*The New Hampshire Department of Education
wishes to thank Hannaford Supermarkets for
their continued support of the New Hampshire
Teacher of the Year Program*



**And the Emcee for the evening
Allyssa Miner a Senior at Laconia
High School**