



**Sixteenth Annual
Celebrating Leadership in Education
Awards Ceremony**

Honoring the:

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

New Hampshire Teacher of the Year

December 7, 2017

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.

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Emcees for the evening Liam Bennett & Efli Shtino



Pictured left to right – Liam, Efli, and 2018 NH Teacher of the Year, Heidi Crumrine

Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut Welcomed the Group



Senator Jeanne Shaheen sent a letter of congratulations

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to join you this evening for the Celebration of Excellence in Education. I wish I could be in attendance to celebrate both the award recipients and everyone gathering here tonight for your commitment to providing Granite Staters with an exceptional education.

A quality education is one of the most important tools we can give our children. As facilitators of learning and discovery, teachers have an incredibly essential role in fostering lifelong curiosity and a thirst for knowledge in the future generation. Today's learners will become tomorrow's leaders and it is imperative that qualified, seasoned professionals like those in attendance today are recognized for their success.

Once again, congratulations to all of the award recipients. Your hard work is essential to our students and communities and I thank you for providing them with such excellent education.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

Congresswomen
Ann Kuster
and
Carol Shae-Porter
sent letters of congratulations

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Mr. Frank Edelblut
Commissioner
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Dear Friends,

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

Throughout our state, our educators work to provide high quality instruction enhancing students' future success. The awards tonight are a well-deserved acknowledgement of your devotion and dedication in your schools and classrooms. 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 support our state's students and schools. If I may be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to be in touch. I look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann McLane Kuster".

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New Hampshire Department of Education
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Dear Friends:

Thank you to the New Hampshire Department of Education for inviting me to this evening's Celebrating Leadership in Education Awards Ceremony. I regret that I cannot be there in person to celebrate the work of our exceptional educators in New Hampshire and recognize their significant contributions to our state.

Congratulations to those being honored tonight. As a social worker and founder of a social service agency, I have a deep appreciation for the individuals and organizations in our state who educate and care for our children. Those being honored tonight are a testament to the engagement, dedication, and leadership of teachers in our communities. I am grateful for their hard work and their efforts to help all students meet high standards and become future leaders in our state.

I would like to thank both the honorees and everyone here who serves as a role model for our schools and educators across the Granite State, for all they do to make New Hampshire a great place to live and learn. I wish them continued success for many years to come.

Best wishes,

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

Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress

Tate Aldrich, 2017 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.



National 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. The schools being recognized tonight are among New Hampshire's highest performing schools.

www.education.nh.gov/recognition/blue_ribbon.htm



The Academy for Science and Design, Nashua



Belmont Middle School



Riddle Brook School, Bedford



Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School

Glenda McFadden, Principal, was one of eight principals awarded the Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

The Presidential Awards program, funded by the National Science Foundation, identifies outstanding teachers who serve as role models for their colleagues. The 2017 PAEMST award recognizes seventh through twelfth grade teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession, as well as acknowledge educators who are models in both their classrooms and in their communities. In addition this award provides positive examples for pupils and peers alike.

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Elise Catalano, Mathematics,
Cooperative Middle School, Stratham



Kevin Conant, Mathematics
Sanborn Regional High School



Sarah Fichera, Mathematics
Hudson Memorial School



Scott Goelzer, Science
Coe-Brown Academy, Northwood



Matt Lane, Science
Ross A. Lurgio Middle School, Bedford



Angela Lennox, Science
Exeter High School

NH Teacher of the Year Program

Each year, New Hampshire schools take part in the State and National Teacher of the Year Program. Selecting a Teacher of the Year is an exceptional way to celebrate the many outstanding and dedicated people teaching in New Hampshire schools. This program recognizes excellent teachers of today, encourages aspiring teachers of tomorrow, and promotes lifelong learning.

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2018 NH Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists



Michele Croteau,
Adeline C. Marston School, Hampton
Third grade

Cynthia Hodgdon
Conval High School, Peterborough,
German

Not Pictured



Cynthia Najem

Ernest P. Barker Elementary, Derry,
Kindergarten

2018 NH Teacher of the Year Finalists



Brenda Barth

Bow High School, Social Studies



Maegan Jerr
Gonic School, First grade



Stephanie Masters
Gilford Middle School, World Language



Shauna Webber
Smyth Road School, Manchester,
Kindergarten

2018 NH Teacher of the Year



Heidi Crumrine
Concord High School, English



Congratulations to all of the educators honored tonight and thank you to all educators for what you do to provide the best educational opportunities for New Hampshire's children.