



Presidential Awards for Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) 2012 Recognition Program



- PAEMST is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 mathematics and science teaching.
- Established by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. Awards alternate between elementary (kindergarten – 6th grade) and secondary (7th – 12th grade) teachers each year.
- Since the program's inception, nearly 4,200 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.
- Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.
- In 2012, PAEMST will recognize the winners of the 2011 competition—97 secondary mathematics and science teachers.
- Of the 97 selected, there are 46 mathematics teachers and 51 science teachers, representing 49 states and four U.S. jurisdictions. The jurisdictions are Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools; and the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Teachers are either nominated by students, parents, colleagues, supervisors, or they may apply directly. Each teacher completes an online application that includes a written narrative and a video recording of their class in action that demonstrate teaching excellence.
- Applications are reviewed at state and national levels by selection committees of outstanding scientists, mathematicians, education researchers, school and district administrators, and educators. Recommendations are sent to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) for final selection.
- Awardees receive a certificate signed by the President of the United States, a trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, and a \$10,000 award from NSF.
- NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) administers PAEMST on behalf of OSTP.

For more information on the 2012 Recognition Program for the 2011 Presidential Awardees, visit https://recognition.paemst.org/sites/all/themes/paemst/files/PAEMST_FactSheet_2012.pdf

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By Discipline (Mathematics)

Jaime Abreu Ramos, Puerto Rico
Jennifer Baker, Missouri
Sarah Bax, District of Columbia
Spencer Bean, DoDEA
Beatriz Camacho, US Territories
Stephanie Cronin, Alaska
Suzanne Culbreth, Alabama
Peter DeCraene, Illinois
Karla Digmann, Iowa
Alison Drake, Louisiana
Kathleen Erickson, Massachusetts
Cathy Estes, Vermont
Donna Forbes, Minnesota
David Hartman, Nebraska
Andrea Higdon, Kentucky
Phyllis Hillis, Tennessee
Kentaro Iwasaki, California
Elisabeth Jaffe, New York
Tammy Johnson, Montana
Kathleen Jones, Florida
Gary Mayers, Nevada
John McAllen, III, New Jersey
Angela Miller, Kansas
Ashley Moody, Oklahoma
Carole Morbitzer, Ohio
Stephanie Muckelberg, Arkansas
Brian Nelson, Rhode Island
Matthew Owens, South Carolina
Katie Pemberton, Idaho
Mary Pinkston, Delaware
Neil Reger, West Virginia
Kimberly Riddle, Virginia
Dixie Ross, Texas
Natalie Schneider, Indiana
Katherine Schwang, Pennsylvania
Vivian Shell, Utah
Nathan Shields, Washington
Deborah Snook, South Dakota
Charles Souza, Jr., Hawaii
Michael Tamblyn, Wisconsin
Carol Taylor, Georgia
Karen Thomas, Connecticut
Nancy Trollinger, North Carolina
Jennifer Wilson, Mississippi
Jayne Wingate, Wyoming
Andrea Wiseman, Colorado

By Discipline (Science)

Dean Baird, California
Katherine Baker, US Territories
Robert Becker, Missouri
Gina Bergskaug, New Hampshire
David Bonner, Illinois
Dennis Burkett, Jr., Kansas
Joan Christen, Nebraska
Anna Cole, Louisiana
Jacqueline Curley, Virginia
Chanda Davis, Alabama
Robert Ettinger, Washington
Stephen Fannin, Florida
Tami Fitzgerald, Ohio
Michael Frank, Arizona
Eric Grunden, North Carolina
Amy Hanson, Colorado
Barry Hopkins, Maryland
Tyler Hoxley, Connecticut
Joanna Hubbard, Alaska
James Jordan, Idaho
Michael Kaufmann, Delaware
Joy Killough, Texas
Mary Koike, Oregon
Paul Kuhlman, South Dakota
Ila LaChapelle, North Dakota
James Larson, Utah
Vickie Logan, Arkansas
Judith Martínez, Puerto Rico
David Mather, Rhode Island
Stacy McCormack, Indiana
Angela McDaniel, West Virginia
Jamin McKenzie, Minnesota
Lucy McKone, Mississippi
Rebecca McLelland-Crawley, New Jersey
Elizabeth Mirra, Vermont
Rebecca Morales, Oklahoma
Francesco Neal-Noschese, New York
Donald Pata, Michigan
Kara Pezzi, Wisconsin
Carol Pleninger, Montana
Richard Schmidt, Pennsylvania
Gail Schulte, Tennessee
Julia Segawa, Hawaii
Chad Sharpe, Wyoming
Kelly Stewart, Georgia
Jody Stone, Iowa
Holly Sullivan, South Carolina
Joshua Underwood, Kentucky
Kenneth Vencile, Maine
Naomi Volain, Massachusetts
William Wallace, District of Columbia